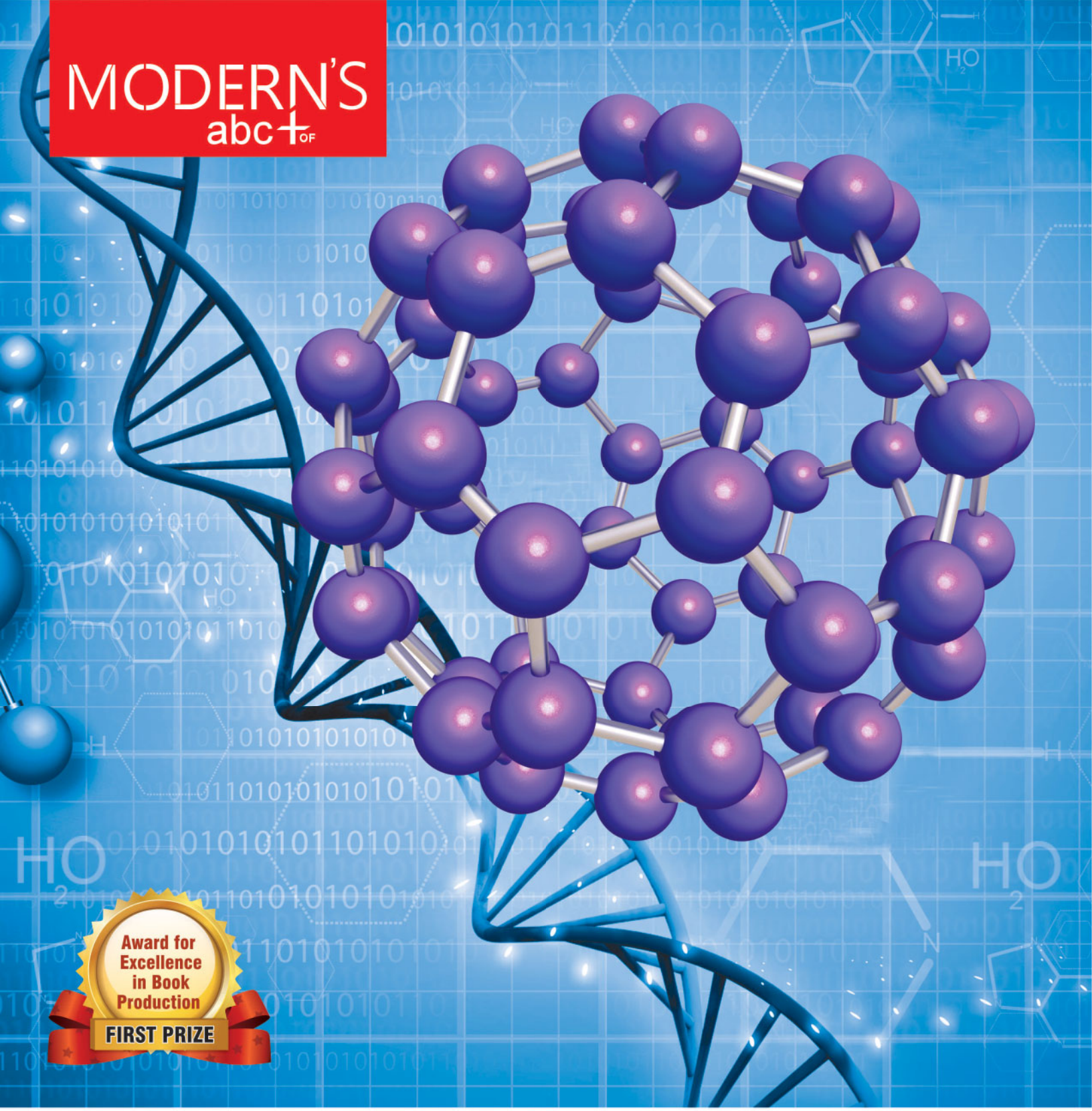
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Preface & Acknowledgement

I feel pleasure in presenting the revised edition of the book "Modern's abc + of Chemistry" for Class XII students. The book has been prepared strictly according to the new syllabus proposed by C.B.S.E. New Delhi and Education Boards of Indian States.

Salient Features of the Book

- Text matter has been planned giving emphasis on fundamental concepts in a simple, clear and systematic method. The text has been presented in an interesting style with a large number of illustrative examples and numerical problems. The text also has special features : Key Point, Watch Out, Learning Plus, In Focus, Competition Plus and Additional Useful Informations.
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I hope that the present book will be warmly received by the students and the teachers.

– Dr. S.P. Jauhar

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Modern group No. →	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Old group No. →	I A	II A	III B	IV B	V B	VI B	VII B		VIII

Period

s-BLOCK (ns^{1-2})

Period	I A	II A	III B	IV B	V B	VI B	VII B		VIII
1	1 1.0079 **H** Hydrogen $1s^1$								
2	3 6.941 **Li** Lithium $2s^1$	4 9.0122 **Be** Beryllium $2s^2$							
3	11 22.990 **Na** Sodium $3s^1$	12 24.305 **Mg** Magnesium $3s^2$							
4	19 39.098 **K** Potassium $4s^1$	20 40.078 **Ca** Calcium $4s^2$	21 44.956 **Sc** Scandium $3d^14s^2$	22 47.88 **Ti** Titanium $3d^24s^2$	23 50.942 **V** Vanadium $3d^34s^2$	24 51.996 **Cr** Chromium $3d^54s^1$	25 54.938 **Mn** Manganese $3d^54s^2$	26 55.845 **Fe** Iron $3d^64s^2$	27 5 **Co** Cobalt 3d
5	37 85.468 **Rb** Rubidium $5s^1$	38 87.62 **Sr** Strontium $5s^2$	39 88.906 **Y** Yttrium $4d^15s^2$	40 91.224 **Zr** Zirconium $4d^25s^2$	41 92.906 **Nb** Niobium $4d^45s^1$	42 95.94 **Mo** Molybdenum $4d^55s^1$	43 *98.906 **Tc** Technetium $4d^55s^2$	44 101.07 **Ru** Ruthenium $4d^75s^1$	45 **Rh** Rhodium 4d
6	55 132.905 **Cs** Cesium $6s^1$	56 137.33 **Ba** Barium $6s^2$	57 to 71 **La-Lu**	72 178.49 **Hf** Hafnium $4f^{14}5d^26s^2$	73 180.95 **Ta** Tantalum $4f^{14}5d^36s^2$	74 183.84 **W** Tungsten $4f^{14}5d^46s^2$	75 186.21 **Re** Rhenium $4f^{14}5d^56s^2$	76 190.23 **Os** Osmium $4f^{14}5d^66s^2$	77 **Ir** Iridium $4f^{14}5d$
7	87 *223.02 **Fr** Francium $7s^1$	88 *226.03 **Ra** Radium $7s^2$	89 to 103 **Ac-Lr**	104 261.11 **Rf** Rutherfordium $5f^{14}6d^27s^2$	105 261.11 **Db** Dubnium $5f^{14}6d^37s^2$	106 263.12 **Sg** Seaborgium $5f^{14}6d^47s^2$	107 262.12 **Bh** Bohrium $5f^{14}6d^57s^2$	108 **Hs** Hassium $5f^{14}6d^67s^2$	109 **Mt** Meitnerium $5f^{14}6d$

Rn (Period 6) · Xe (Period 5) · Kr (Period 4) · Ne (Period 3) · He (Period 2) · Ar (Period 4)

REPRESENTATIVE ELEMENTS

KEY

Atomic Number — 25 — 54.938 — Relative Atomic Mass

Symbol — Mn — Name: Manganese

Electronic Configuration: $3d^54s^2$

Alkali metals

Alkaline earth

Transition me

Lanthanides

d-BLOCK [$(n-1)\ d^{1-10}ns^{0-2}$]

TRANSITION ELEMENTS

LANTHANIDES ($4f^{1-14}5d^{0-1}6s^2$)	57 138.91 **La** Lanthanum $5d^16s^2$	58 140.12 **Ce** Cerium $4f^26s^2$	59 140.91 **Pr** Praseodymium $4f^36s^2$	60 144.24 **Nd** Neodymium $4f^46s^2$	61 *146.92 **Pm** Promethium $4f^56s^2$	62 1 **Sm** Samarium 4f
ACTINIDES ($5f^{1-14}6d^{0-1}7s^2$)	89 *227.03 **Ac** Actinium $6d^17s^2$	90 *232.04 **Th** Thorium $6d^27s^2$	91 *231.04 **Pa** Protactinium $5f^26d^17s^2$	92 *238.03 **U** Uranium $5f^36d^17s^2$	93 *237.05 **Np** Neptunium $5f^46d^17s^2$	94 *2 **Pu** Plutonium 5f

C Solid

Br Liquid

H Gas

Tc Synthetic

* Most stable isotope (discovery claimed)

ABLE OF THE ELEMENTS

9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
I B		I B	II B	III A	IV A	V A	VI A	VII A	VIII A

p – BLOCK (ns^2np^{1-6})

- Actinides
- Other metals
- Non-metals
- Noble gases

									2 4.0026 **He** Helium $1s^2$
				5 10.811 **B** Boron $2s^22p^1$	6 12.011 **C** Carbon $2s^22p^2$	7 14.007 **N** Nitrogen $2s^22p^3$	8 15.999 **O** Oxygen $2s^22p^4$	9 18.998 **F** Fluorine $2s^22p^5$	10 20.18 **Ne** Neon $2s^22p^6$
				13 26.982 **Al** Aluminium $3s^23p^1$	14 28.086 **Si** Silicon $3s^23p^2$	15 30.974 **P** Phosphorus $3s^23p^3$	16 32.066 **S** Sulphur $3s^23p^4$	17 35.453 **Cl** Chlorine $3s^23p^5$	18 39.948 **Ar** Argon $3s^23p^6$
58.933 ... $d^7 4s^2$	28 58.693 **Ni** Nickel $3d^8 4s^2$	29 63.546 **Cu** Copper $3d^{10} 4s^1$	30 65.39 **Zn** Zinc $3d^{10} 4s^2$	31 69.723 **Ga** Gallium $3d^{10} 4s^2 4p^1$	32 72.61 **Ge** Germanium $3d^{10} 4s^2 4p^2$	33 74.992 **As** Arsenic $3d^{10} 4s^2 4p^3$	34 78.96 **Se** Selenium $3d^{10} 4s^2 4p^4$	35 79.904 **Br** Bromine $3d^{10} 4s^2 4p^5$	36 83.80 **Kr** Krypton $3d^{10} 4s^2 4p^6$
102.91 ... $d^8 5s^1$	46 106.42 **Pd** Palladium $4d^{10}$	47 107.87 **Ag** Silver $4d^{10} 5s^1$	48 112.41 **Cd** Cadmium $4d^{10} 5s^2$	49 114.82 **In** Indium $4d^{10} 5s^2 5p^1$	50 118.71 **Sn** Tin $4d^{10} 5s^2 5p^2$	51 121.76 **Sb** Antimony $4d^{10} 5s^2 5p^3$	52 127.60 **Te** Tellurium $4d^{10} 5s^2 5p^4$	53 126.90 **I** Iodine $4d^{10} 5s^2 5p^5$	54 131.29 **Xe** Xenon $4d^{10} 5s^2 5p^6$
192.22 ... $d^7 6s^2$	78 195.08 **Pt** Platinum $4f^{14} 5d^9 6s^1$	79 196.97 **Au** Gold $4f^{14} 5d^{10} 6s^1$	80 200.59 **Hg** Mercury $4f^{14} 5d^{10} 6s^2$	81 204.38 **Tl** Thallium $4f^{14} 5d^{10} 6s^2 6p^1$	82 207.2 **Pb** Lead $4f^{14} 5d^{10} 6s^2 6p^2$	83 208.98 **Bi** Bismuth $4f^{14} 5d^{10} 6s^2 6p^3$	84 209.98 **Po** Polonium $4f^{14} 5d^{10} 6s^2 6p^4$	85 209.99 **At** Astatine $4f^{14} 5d^{10} 6s^2 6p^5$	86 222.02 **Rn** Radon $4f^{14} 5d^{10} 6s^2 6p^6$
... $d^7 7s^2$	110 269 **Ds** Darmstadtium $5f^{14} 6d^8 7s^2$	111 272 **Rg** Rontgenium $5f^{14} 6d^{10} 7s^1$	112 285 **Cn** Copernicium $5f^{14} 6d^{10} 7s^2$	113 286 **Nh** Nihonium $5f^{14} 6d^{10} 7s^2 7p^1$	114 289 **Fl** Flerovium $5f^{14} 6d^{10} 7s^2 7p^2$	115 289 **Mc** Moscovium $5f^{14} 6d^{10} 7s^2 7p^3$	116 293 **Lv** Livermorium $5f^{14} 6d^{10} 7s^2 7p^4$	117 294 **Ts** Tennessine $5f^{14} 6d^{10} 7s^2 7p^5$	118 294 **Og** Oganesson $5f^{14} 6d^{10} 7s^2 7p^6$

f-BLOCK $[(n-2)f^{1-14}(n-1)d^{0-1}ns^2]$ ← REPRESENTATIVE ELEMENTS →

INNER TRANSITION ELEMENTS

150.36 ... $f^6 6s^2$	63 151.96 **Eu** Europium $4f^7 6s^2$	64 157.25 **Gd** Gadolinium $4f^7 5d^1 6s^2$	65 158.93 **Tb** Terbium $4f^9 6s^2$	66 162.50 **Dy** Dysprosium $4f^{10} 6s^2$	67 164.93 **Ho** Holmium $4f^{11} 6s^2$	68 167.26 **Er** Erbium $4f^{12} 6s^2$	69 168.93 **Tm** Thulium $4f^{13} 6s^2$	70 173.04 **Yb** Ytterbium $4f^{14} 6s^2$	71 174.97 **Lu** Lutetium $4f^{14} 5d^1 6s^2$
244.06 ... $f^7 7s^2$	95 *243.06 **Am** Americium $5f^7 7s^2$	96 *247.07 **Cm** Curium $5f^7 6d^1 7s^2$	97 *247.07 **Bk** Berkelium $5f^9 7s^2$	98 *251.08 **Cf** Californium $5f^{10} 7s^2$	99 *252.08 **Es** Einsteinium $5f^{11} 7s^2$	100 *257.18 **Fm** Fermium $5f^{12} 7s^2$	101 *258.10 **Md** Mendelevium $5f^{13} 7s^2$	102 *259.10 **No** Nobelium $5f^{14} 7s^2$	103 *262.11 **Lr** Lawrencium $5f^{14} 6d^1 7s^2$

Atomic Masses (C^{12} = 12.00) and Electronic Configurations of Elements				
Element	**Symbol**	**Atomic Number**	**Atomic Mass**	**Electronic Configuration**
Actinium	Ac	89	227	$[Rn]^{86}\ 6d^1\ 7s^2$
Aluminium	Al	13	26.9	$[Ne]^{10}\ 3s^2\ 3p^1$
Americium	Am	95	243	$[Rn]^{86}\ 5f^7\ 7s^2$
Antimony	Sb	51	121.75	$[Kr]^{36}\ 4d^{10}\ 5s^2\ 5p^3$
Argon	Ar	18	39.94	$[Ne]^{10}\ 3s^2\ 3p^6$
Arsenic	As	33	74.92	$[Ar]^{18}\ 3d^{10}\ 4s^2\ 4p^3$
Astatine	At	85	210	$[Xe]^{54}\ 4f^{14}\ 5d^{10}\ 6s^2\ 6p^5$
Barium	Ba	56	137.3	$[Xe]^{54}\ 6s^2$
Berkelium	Bk	97	247	$[Rn]^{86}\ 5f^9\ 7s^2$
Beryllium	Be	4	9.01	$[He]^2\ 2s^2$
Bismuth	Bi	83	208.98	$[Xe]^{54}\ 4f^{14}\ 5d^{10}\ 6s^2\ 6p^3$
Boron	B	5	10.81	$[He]^{54}\ 2s^2\ 2p^1$
Bromine	Br	35	79.90	$[Ar]^{18}\ 3d^{10}\ 4s^2\ 4p^5$
Cadmium	Cd	48	112.40	$[Kr]^{36}\ 4d^{10}\ 5s^2$
Calcium	Ca	20	40.02	$[Ar]^{18}\ 4s^2$
Californium	Cf	98	251	$[Rn]^{86}\ 5f^{10}\ 7s^2$
Carbon	C	6	12	$[He]^2\ 2s^2\ 2p^2$
Cerium	Ce	58	140.12	$[Xe]^{54}\ 4f^1\ 5d^1\ 6s^2$
Cesium	Cs	55	132.90	$[Xe]^{54}\ 6s^1$
Chlorine	Cl	17	35.45	$[Ne]^{10}\ 3s^2\ 3p^5$
Chromium	Cr	24	51.99	$[Ar]^{18}\ 3d^5\ 4s^1$
Cobalt	Co	27	58.93	$[Ar]^{18}\ 3d^7\ 4s^2$
Copernicium	Cn	112	285	$[Rn]^{86}\ 5f^{14}\ 6d^{10}\ 7s^2$
Copper	Cu	29	63.54	$[Ar]^{18}\ 3d^{10}\ 4s^1$
Curium	Cm	96	245	$[Rn]^{86}\ 5f^7\ 6d^1\ 7s^2$
Dysprosium	Dy	66	162.50	$[Xe]^{54}\ 4f^{10}\ 6s^2$
Einsteinium	Es	99	254	$[Rn]^{86}\ 5f^{11}\ 7s^2$
Erbium	Er	68	167.26	$[Xe]^{54}\ f^{12}\ 6s^2$
Europium	Eu	63	151.96	$[Xe]^{54}\ 4f^7\ 6s^2$
Fermium	Fm	100	257	$[Rn]^{86}\ 5f^{12}\ 7s^2$
Flerovium	Fl	114	289	$[Rn]^{86}5f^{14}6d^{10}7s^27p^2$
Fluorine	F	9	18.99	$[He]^2\ 2s^2\ 2p^5$
Francium	Fr	87	223	$[Rn]^{86}\ 7s^1$
Gadolinium	Gd	64	157.25	$[Xe]^{54}\ 4f^7\ 5d^1\ 6s^2$
Gallium	Ga	31	69.72	$[Ar]^{18}\ 3d^{10}\ 4s^2\ 4p^1$
Germanium	Ge	32	72.59	$[Ar]^{18}\ 3d^{10}\ 4s^2\ 4p^2$
Gold	Au	79	196.99	$[Xe]^{54}\ 4f^{14}\ 5d^{10}\ 6s^1$
Hafnium	Hf	72	178.48	$[Xe]^{54}\ 4f^{14}\ 5d^2\ 6s^2$
Hanium	Ha	105	260	$[Rn]^{86}\ 5f^{14}\ 6d^3\ 7s^2$
Helium	He	2	4	$1s^2$
Holmium	Ho	67	164.93	$[Xe]^{54}\ 4f^{11}\ 6s^2$
Hydrogen	H	1	1	$1s^1$
Indium	In	49	114.82	$[Kr]^{36}\ 4d^{10}\ 5s^2\ 5p^1$
Iodine	I	53	126.90	$[Kr]^{36}\ 4d^{10}\ 5s^2\ 5p^5$
Iridium	Ir	77	192.2	$[Xe]^{54}\ 4f^{14}\ 5d^7\ 6s^2$
Iron	Fe	26	55.84	$[Ar]^{18}\ 3d^6\ 4s^2$
Krypton	Kr	36	83.80	$[Ar]^{18}\ 3d^{10}\ 4s^2\ 4p^6$
Lanthanum	La	57	138.91	$[Xe]^{54}\ 5d^1\ 6s^2$
Lawrencium	Lr	103	257	$[Rn]^{86}\ 5f^{14}\ 6d^1\ 7s^2$
Lead	Pb	82	207.19	$[Xe]^{54}\ 4f^{14}\ 5d^{10}\ 6s^2\ 6p^2$
Lithium	Li	3	6.93	$[He]^2\ 1s^1$
Livermorium	Lv	116	293	$[Rn]^{86}5f^{14}6d^{10}7s^27p^4$
Lutetium	Lu	71	174.97	$[Xe]^{54}\ 4f^{14}\ 5d^1\ 6s^2$
Magnesium	Mg	12	24.31	$[Ne]^{10}\ 3s^2$
Manganese	Mn	25	54.93	$[Ar]^{18}\ 3d^5\ 4s^2$

Element	Symbol	Atomic Number	Atomic Mass	Electronic Configuration
Mendelevium	Md	101	256	$[Rn]^{86}\ 5f^{13}\ 7s^2$
Mercury	Hg	80	200.50	$[Xe]^{54}\ 4f^{14}\ 5d^{10}\ 6s^2$
Molybdenum	Mo	42	95.94	$[Kr]^{36}\ 4d^5\ 5s^1$
Moscovium	Mc	115	289	$[Rn]^{86}\ 5f^{14}\ 6d^{10}\ 7s^2\ 7p^3$
Neodymium	Nd	60	144.24	$[Xe]^{54}\ 4f^4\ 6s^2$
Neon	Ne	10	20.18	$[He]^2\ 2s^2\ 2p^6$
Neptunium	Np	93	237	$[Rn]^{86}\ 5f^4\ 6d^1\ 7s^2$
Nickel	Ni	28	58.71	$[Ar]^{18}\ 3d^8\ 4s^2$
Nihonium	Nh	113	286	$[Rn]^{86}\ 5f^{14}\ 6d^{10}\ 7s^2\ 7p^1$
Niobium	Nb	41	92.90	$[Kr]^{36}\ 4d^4\ 5s^1$
Nitrogen	N	7	14	$[He]^2\ 2s^2\ 2p^3$
Nobelium	No	102	254	$[Rn]^{56}\ 5f^{14}\ 7s^2$
Oganesson	Og	118	294	$[Rn]^{86}\ 5f^{14}\ 6d^{10}\ 7s^2\ 7p^6$
Osmium	Os	76	190.2	$[Xe]^{54}\ 4f^{14}\ 5d^6\ 6s^2$
Oxygen	O	8	15.99	$[He]^2\ 2s^2\ 2p^4$
Palladium	Pd	46	106.4	$[Kr]^{36}\ 4d^{10}$
Phosphorus	P	15	30.97	$[Ne]^{10}\ 3s^2\ 3p^3$
Platinum	Pt	78	195.09	$[Xe]^{54}\ 4f^{14}\ 5d^9\ 6s^1$
Plutonium	Pu	94	244	$[Rn]^{86}\ 5f^6\ 7s^2$
Polonium	Po	84	210	$[Xe]^{54}\ 4f^{14}\ 5d^{10}\ 6s^2\ 6p^4$
Potassium	K	19	39.102	$[Ar]^{18}\ 4s^1$
Praseodymium	Pr	59	140.907	$[Xe]^{54}\ 4f^3\ 6s^2$
Promethium	Pm	61	145	$[Xe]^{54}\ 4f^5\ 6s^2$
Protactinium	Pa	91	231	$[Rn]^{86}\ 5f^2\ 6d^1\ 7s^2$
Radium	Ra	88	226	$[Rn]^{86}\ 7s^2$
Radon	Rn	86	222	$[Xe]^{54}\ 4f^{14}\ 5d^{10}\ 6s^2\ 6p^6$
Rhenium	Re	75	186.2	$[Xe]^{54}\ 4f^{14}\ 5d^5\ 6s^2$
Rhodium	Rh	45	102.90	$[Kr]^{36}\ 4d^8\ 5s^1$
Rubidium	Rb	37	85.47	$[Kr]^{36}\ 5s^1$
Ruthenium	Ru	44	101.07	$[Kr]^{36}\ 4d^7\ 5s^1$
Rutherfordium	Rf	104	257	$[Rn]^{86}\ 5f^{14}\ 6d^2\ 7s^2$
Samarium	Sm	62	150.35	$[Xe]^{54}\ 4f^6\ 6s^2$
Scandium	Sc	21	44.95	$[Ar]^{18}\ 3d^1\ 4s^2$
Selenium	Se	34	78.96	$[Ar]^{18}\ 3d^{10}\ 4s^2\ 4p^4$
Silicon	Si	14	28.08	$[Ne]^{10}\ 3s^2\ 3p^2$
Silver	Ag	47	107.87	$[Kr]^{22}\ 4d^{10}\ 5s^1$
Sodium	Na	11	22.98	$[Ne]^{10}\ 3s^1$
Strontium	Sr	38	87.62	$[Kr]^{36}\ 5s^2$
Sulphur	S	16	32.06	$[Ne]^{10}\ 3s^2\ 3p^4$
Tantalum	Ta	73	180.94	$[Xe]^{54}\ 4f^{14}\ 5d^{\ 3}\ 6s^2$
Technetium	Tc	43	99	$[Kr]^{36}\ 4d^5\ 5s^2$
Tellurium	Te	52	127.60	$[Kr]^{36}\ 4d^{10}\ 5s^2\ 5p^4$
Tennessine	Ts	117	294	$[Rn]^{86}\ 5f^{14}\ 6d^{10}\ 7s^2\ 7p^5$
Terbium	Tb	65	158.92	$[Xe]^{54}\ 4f^9\ 6s^2$
Thallium	Tl	81	204.37	$[Xe]^{54}\ 4f^{14}\ 5d^{10}\ 6s^2\ 6\ p^1$
Thorium	Th	90	232.03	$[Rn]^{86}\ 6d^2\ 7s^2$
Thulium	Tm	69	168.93	$[Xe]^{54}\ 4f^{13}\ 6s^2$
Tin	Sn	50	118.69	$[Kr]^{36}\ 4d^{10}\ 5s^2\ 5p^2$
Titanium	Ti	22	47.90	$[Ar]^{18}\ 3d^2\ 4s^2$
Tungsten	W	74	183.85	$[Xe]^{54}\ 4f^{14}\ 5d^4\ 6s^2$
Uranium	U	92	238.02	$[Rn]^{86}\ 5f^2\ 6d^1\ 7s^2$
Vanadium	V	23	50.94	$[Ar]^{18}\ 3d^3\ 4s^2$
Xenon	Xe	54	131.04	$[Kr]^{36}\ 4d^{10}\ 5s^2\ 5p^6$
Ytterbium	Yb	70	173.04	$[Xe]^{54}\ 4f^{14}\ 6s^2$
Yttrium	Y	39	88.90	$[Kr]^{36}\ 4d^1\ 5s^2$
Zinc	Zn	30	63.37	$[Ar]^{18}\ 3d^{10}\ 4s^2$
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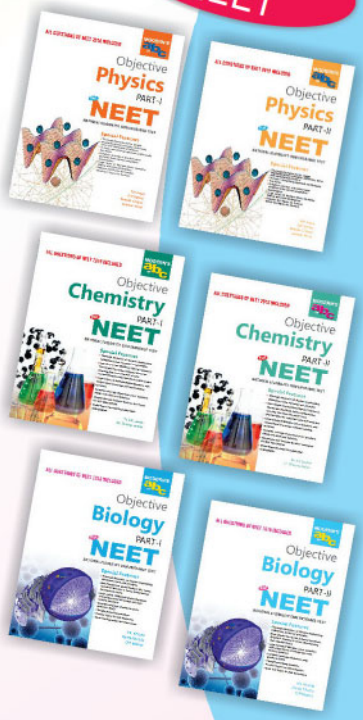
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$\pi = 3.1416$	$\ln X = 2.303 \log X$	$2.303\ RT/F = 0.05916\ V$
$e = 2.71828$	$2.303\ RT = 5709\ J\ mol$ (at 25°C)	(at 25°C)

Selected Greek letters

α	alpha	ξ	xi
β	beta	ν	nu
γ	gamma	Π, π	pi
Δ, δ	delta	ρ	rho
ε	epsilon	Σ, σ	sigma
η	eta	τ	tau
θ	theta	Φ, ϕ	phi
κ	kappa	χ	chi
Λ, λ	lambda	ψ	psi
μ	mu	Ω, ω	omega

Some Useful Conversion Factors

1 kg	=	1000 gram
1 gram	=	10 decigram
	=	100 centigram
	=	1000 milligram
1 litre	=	$1\ dm^3 = 10^3\ cm^3$
1eV	=	$1.6022 \times 10^{-19}\ J$
1 cal	=	$4.184\ J = 4.184 \times 10^7\ erg$
1 J	=	$10^7\ erg$
1 L. atm	=	24.217 cal = 101.32 J
1 Å	=	$10^{-8}\ cm = 10^{-10}\ m = 0.1\ nm$
1 atm	=	760 mm Hg
	=	1.013×10^5 pascals
1 bar	=	10^5 pascals

Prefixes

f	p	n	μ	m	c	d	k	M
femto	pico	nano	micro	milli	centi	deci	kilo	mega

USEFUL PHYSICAL CONSTANTS

Quantity	Symbol	Value
Speed of light	c	$2.9979 \times 10^8\ ms^{-1}$
Atomic mass unit	amu or u	$1.6606 \times 10^{-27}\ kg$
Avogadro constant	N_A	$6.022 \times 10^{23}\ mol^{-1}$
Planck constant	h	$6.6262 \times 10^{-34}\ J\ s$
Faraday constant	F	$9.64846 \times 10^4 C\ mol^{-1}$
Boltzmann constant	k	$1.3807 \times 10^{-23}\ JK^{-1}$
Charge-to-mass ratio of electron	e/m	$1.7588 \times 10^{11}\ C\ kg^{-1}$
Electronic charge	e	$1.60219 \times 10^{-19}\ C$
Gas constant	R	$8.314\ J\ mol^{-1}\ K^{-1}$
Molar volume (STP)	V_m	$22.414 \times 10^{-3}\ m^3\ mol^{-1}$ $22.414\ dm^3\ mol^{-1}$
Mass of electron	m_e	$9.10953 \times 10^{-31}\ kg$
Mass of proton	m_p	$1.67265 \times 10^{-27}\ kg$
Mass of neutron	m_n	$1.67495 \times 10^{-27}\ kg$
Rydberg constant	R	$1.096 \times 10^7\ m^{-1}$

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Unit I : Solid State **(Periods 10)**

- Classification of solids based on different binding forces: molecular, ionic, covalent and metallic solids, amorphous and crystalline solids (elementary idea). Unit cell in two dimensional and three dimensional lattices, calculation of density of unit cell, packing in solids, packing efficiency, voids, number of atoms per unit cell in a cubic unit cell, point defects, electrical and magnetic properties.
  Band theory of metals, conductors, semiconductors and insulators, and *n*-and *p*-type semiconductors

Unit II : Solutions **(Periods 10)**

- Types of solutions, expression of concentration of solutions of solids in liquids, solubility of gases in liquids, solid solutions, colligative properties – relative lowering of vapour pressure, Raoult's law, elevation of boiling point, depression of freezing point, osmotic pressure, determination of molecular masses using colligative properties, abnormal molecular mass, Van't Hoff factor.

Unit III: Electrochemistry **(Periods 12)**

- Redox reactions; conductance in electrolytic solutions, specific and molar conductivity variations of conductivity with concentration, Kohlrausch's Law, electrolysis and laws of electrolysis (elementary idea), dry cell – electrolytic cells and Galvanic cells; lead accumulator, EMF of a cell, standard electrode potential, Nernst equation and its application to chemical cells, relation between Gibb's energy change and emf of a cell, fuel cells, corrosion.

Unit IV : Chemical Kinetics (Periods 10)

- Rate of a reaction (average and instantaneous), factors affecting rates of reaction: concentration, temperature, catalyst; order and molecularity of a reaction; rate law and specific rate constant, integrated rate equations and half-life (only for zero and first order reactions); concept of collision theory (elementary idea, no mathematical treatment) Activation energy, Arrhenius equation.

Unit V : Surface Chemistry (Periods 8)

- Adsorption – physisorption and chemisorption; factors affecting adsorption of gases on solids; catalysis, homogeneous and heterogeneous activity and selectivity, enzyme catalysis, colloidal state distinction between true solutions, colloids and suspensions; lyophillic, lyophobic, multi-molecular and macromolecular colloids; properties of colloids; Tyndall effect, Brownian movement, electrophoresis, coagulation; emulsions – types of emulsions.

Unit VI : General Principles and Processes of Isolation of Elements (Periods 8)

- Principles and methods of extraction–concentration, oxidation, reduction : electrolytic method and refining; occurrence and principles of extraction of aluminium, copper, zinc and iron.

Unit VII : Some *p*-Block Elements (Periods 12)

- **Group 15 elements :** General introduction, electronic configuration, occurrence, oxidation states, trends in physical and chemical properties; Nitrogen preparation properties and uses; compounds of nitrogen, preparation and properties of Ammonia and Nitric Acid, Oxides of Nitrogen (Structure only); Phosphorus–allotropic forms; compounds of Phosphorus: Preparation and Properties of phosphine , halides and Oxoacids (elementary idea only).
- **Group 16 elements :** General introduction, electronic configuration, oxidation states, occurrence, trends in physical and chemical properties, Dioxygen: preparation, properties and uses; classification of oxides; Ozone. Sulphur-dioxide, Sulphur – allotropic forms; compounds of sulphur: preparation, properties and uses of sulphuric acid: industrial process of manufacture, properties and uses; Oxoacids of Sulphur (Structures only).
- **Group 17 elements :** General introduction, electronic configuration, oxidation states, occurrence, trends in physical and chemical properties; compounds of halogens: Preparation, properties and uses of Chlorine and hydrochloric acid, interhalogen compounds, Oxoacids of halogens (structures only).
- **Group 18 elements :** General introduction, electronic configuration, occurrence, trends in physical and chemical properties, uses.

Unit VIII : *d* and *f*-Block Elements (Periods 12)

- General introduction, electronic configuration, occurrence and characteristics of transition metals, general trends in properties of the first row transition metals – metallic character, ionization enthalpy, oxidation states, ionic radii, colour, catalytic property, magnetic properties, interstitial compounds, alloy formation. Preparation and properties of $K_2Cr_2O_7$ and $KMnO_4$.
- **Lanthanoids –** Electronic configuration, oxidation states, chemical reactivity and lanthanoid contraction and its consequences.
- **Actinoids –** Electronic configuration, oxidation states and comparison with lanthanoids.

Unit IX : Coordination Compounds (Periods 12)

- Coordination compounds – Introduction, ligands, coordination number, colour, magnetic properties and shapes, IUPAC nomenclature of mononuclear coordination compounds, bonding; Werner's theory, VBT, CFT, structure and stereoisomerism, importance of coordination compounds (in qualitative analysis, extraction of metals and biological systems).

Unit X : Haloalkanes and Haloarenes (Periods 10)

- **Haloalkanes:** Nomenclature, nature of C-X bond, physical and chemical properties, mechanism of substitution reactions, optical rotation.
- **Haloarenes:** Nature of C-X bond, substitution reactions (Directive influence of halogen for monosubstituted compounds only).
- Uses and environmental effects of dichloromethane, trichloromethane, tetrachloromethane, iodoform, freons, DDT.

Unit XI : Alcohols, Phenols and Ethers (Periods 10)

- **Alcohols :** Nomenclature, methods of preparation, physical and chemical properties (of primary alcohols only); identification of primary, secondary and tertiary alcohols; mechanism of dehydration, uses, with special reference to methanol and ethanol.
- **Phenols :** Nomenclature, methods of preparation, physical and chemical properties, acidic nature of phenol, electrophillic substitution reactions, uses of phenols.
- **Ethers :** Nomenclature, methods of preparation, physical and chemical properties, uses.

Unit XII : Aldehydes, Ketones, Carboxylic Acids (Periods 10)

- **Aldehydes and Ketones :** Nomenclature, nature of carbonyl group, methods of preparation, physical and chemical properties, mechanism of nucleophilic addition, reactivity of alpha hydrogen in aldehydes, uses.

  Carboxylic acids : Nomenclature, acidic nature, methods of preparation, physical and chemical properties; uses.

Unit XIII : Organic Compounds Containing Nitrogen (Periods 10)

- **Amines :** Nomenclature, classification, structure, methods of preparation, physical and chemical properties, uses, identification of primary, secondary and tertiary amines.
- **Cyanides and Isocyanides-**will be mentioned at relevant places in text.
- **Diazonium salts :** Preparation, chemical reactions and importance in synthetic organic chemistry.

Unit XIV : Biomolecules (Periods 12)

- **Carbohydrates –** Classification (aldoses and ketoses), monosaccharides (glucose and fructose), D - L configuration oligosaccharides (sucrose, lactose, maltose), polysaccharides (starch, cellulose, glycogen) importance of carbohydrates.
- **Proteins** – Elementary idea of - amino acids, peptide bond, polypeptides, proteins, structure of proteins - primary, secondary, tertiary structure and quaternary structure (qualitative idea only), denaturation of proteins, enzymes, Hormones - Elementary idea excluding structure.
- **Vitamins** – Classification and functions.
- **Nucleic Acids:** DNA and RNA.

Unit XV : Polymers (Periods 8)

- Classification – Natural and synthetic, methods of polymerization (addition and condensation), copolymerization. Some important polymers: natural and synthetic like polythene, nylon, polyesters, bakelite, rubber; Biodegradable and non-biodegradable polymers.

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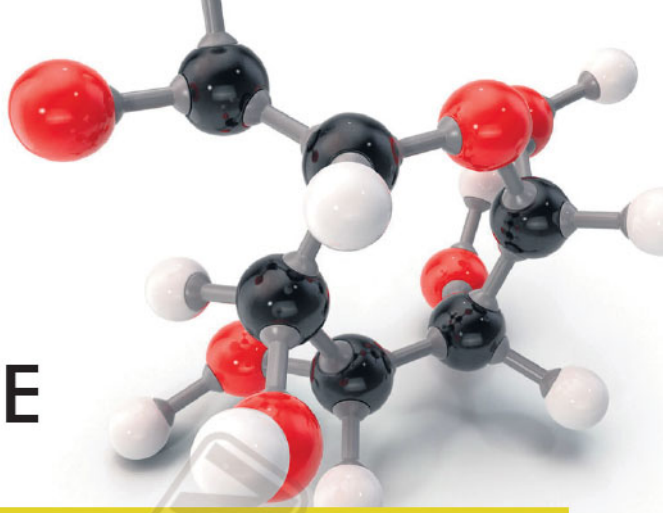
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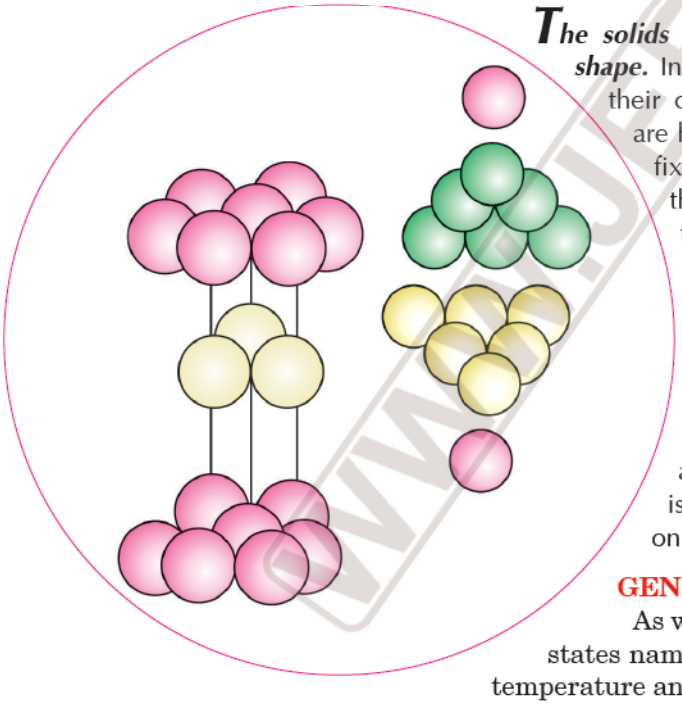
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The solids are the substances which have definite volume and definite shape. In terms of kinetic molecular model, solids have regular order of their constituent particles (atoms, molecules or ions). These particles are held together by fairly strong forces, therefore, they are present at fixed positions. The properties of the solids not only depend upon the nature of the constituents but also on their arrangements and the types of forces which hold the constituent particles together in a tightly packed arrangement.

The solids are **rigid** and maintain their own shape when subjected to outside force. On the other hand, liquids and gases change their shapes in response to outside forces. Therefore, liquids and gases are called **fluids** because of their ability to flow. The fluidity of liquids and gases is due to the fact that their constituent particles are free to move about. On the other hand, the rigidity of the solids is because their constituent particles have fixed positions and can only oscillate about their mean positions.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF SOLID STATE

As we have learnt that matter can exist in three different physical states namely **solid, liquid,** and **gas**. Under a given set of conditions of temperature and pressure, the most stable state of a substance depends upon the net effect of two opposing forces; **intermolecular forces** and **thermal energy.** Intermolecular forces tend to keep the constituent particles (atoms, ions or molecules) closer whereas thermal energy tends to keep them apart by making them move faster. The competition between molecular interaction energy due to intermolecular forces and thermal energy determines whether a given substance under given set of conditions is a gas, a liquid or a solid. At sufficiently low temperature, the thermal energy is low and molecular forces are very strong. As a result, the intermolecular forces keep the constituents so close that they cling to one another and occupy fixed positions and the substance exists in solid state.

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Three states of matter arise due to competition between

● **Intermolecular forces :** The forces of attraction and repulsion between particles (atoms or molecules).

● **Thermal energy :** Energy possessed by the particles due to temperature which tend to make them move.

Predominance of intermolecular forces results into change of gaseous to liquid to solid state

Gas ➡ Liquid ➡ Solid

Predominance of thermal energy results into change of solid to liquid to gas

Solid ➡ Liquid ➡ Gas

The constituent particles in the solid state have no translatory motion and can only oscillate about their mean positions. Therefore, **the solids can have only vibratory motion.**

Some of the important **characteristic properties** of solids are :

(*i*) Solids have definite mass, volume and shape.

(*ii*) The intermolecular distances in solids are short and intermolecular forces are strong.

(*iii*) The constituent particles (atoms, ions or molecules) of solids have fixed positions and can only oscillate about their mean positions.

(*iv*) Solids are almost incompressible and rigid.

(*v*) The density of solids is greater than that of liquids and gases.

(*vi*) Solids diffuse very slowly as compared to liquids and gases.

(*vii*) Most solids become liquids when heated. This process is known as **melting** and the temperature at which a solid changes into a liquid is called the **melting point**. The melting point of a solid depends upon the nature of the solid and melting points of solids vary widely.

CLASSIFICATION OF SOLIDS

Solids can be classified on the basis of nature of order present in the arrangement of constituent particles (atoms, ions or molecules) into two types as:

1. Crystalline solids
2. Amorphous solids

1. Crystalline solids

The substances whose constituent particles (atoms, ions or molecules) are arranged in a definite geometric pattern in three dimensional space *are called* **crystalline solids.**

X-ray diffraction studies of crystalline solids reveal that in these solids, the constituents (atoms, ions or molecules) are arranged in a definite orderly arrangement. The regular arrangement of the constituents extends throughout the three dimensional network of crystals. In other words, the crystalline substances are said to have **long range order**. This means that in crystalline solids, there is a regular pattern or arrangement of particles which repeats itself periodically over the entire crystal. In fact, a crystalline solid consists of a large number of small crystals, each of them having a definite characteristic geometrical shape.

Most of the substances (elements and compounds) form crystalline solids. For example, the elements like copper, silver, iron, sulphur, phosphorus and iodine and common compounds such as sodium chloride, potassium nitrate, zinc sulphide, quartz, etc. all form crystalline solids.

2. Amorphous solids

The substances whose constituent particles are not arranged in any regular arrangement *are called* **amorphous solids** (Greek *amorphos* meaning no form).

The amorphous solids have a random, disordered arrangement of constituents. Therefore, they do not have definite shape or form like crystalline solids. It is observed that some amorphous solids have some orderly arrangement but it is not extended to more than a few Angstrom units. Thus, the amorphous solids are said to have **short range order.** This means that in amorphous solids, a regular and periodically repeating pattern is observed over short distances only. These regular patterns are scattered and in between, the arrangement is disordered.

The common examples of amorphous solids are glass, rubber, plastic, coal etc.

Differences between Crystalline and Amorphous solids

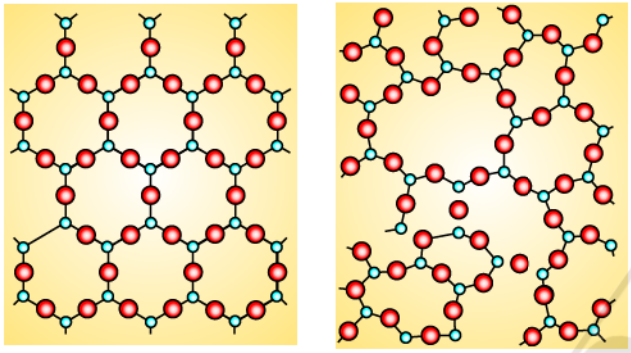
The important differences between crystalline and amorphous solids are :

1. Characteristic geometry. *The crystalline solids have definite regular geometry because of orderly arrangement of constituents (atoms, molecules or ions) in three dimensional space.* On the other hand, amorphous solids do not possess any regular arrangement of constituent particles and therefore, do not have any definite geometric shape.

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Structure of quartz (crystalline) and quartz glass (amorphous)

Quartz is a form of SiO_2 (silica). It has tetrahedral SiO_4 units which are orderly arranged in crystalline quartz as shown in Fig. 1 (*a*). In this arrangement, SiO_4 tetrahedra are connected to one another such that oxygen atom of each SiO_4 tetrahedral is shared with another atom. When SiO_2 is melted and the melt is cooled, it forms quartz glass which is amorphous. In this state, the SiO_4 units are randomly joined [Fig 1 (*b*)]. Thus, in quartz (crystalline), SiO_4 units are orderly arranged while in quartz glass (amorphous), the SiO_4 units are randomly arranged. While the two structures are almost identical, yet in case of amorphous quartz glass, there is no long range order. The structure of amorphous solids is similar to that of liquids.



(*a*) Crystalline quartz (*b*) Amorphous quartz glass

Fig.1. Two dimensional structure of (*a*) crystalline quartz and (*b*) quartz glass.

2. Melting points. *The crystalline solids have sharp melting points.* On the other hand, amorphous solids do not have sharp melting points. Therefore, crystalline solids have definite enthalpies of fusion whereas amorphous solids do not have definite enthalpies of fusion. The amorphous solids, in fact, on heating first soften and then melt over a range of temperature. Therefore, amorphous solids can be moulded and blown into various shapes. For example, when glass is heated gradually, it softens and starts to flow without undergoing a definite and abrupt change into liquid state. Therefore, glass can be moulded and given any desired shape.

It has been observed that on heating and then cooling slowly (*i.e.*, annealing) some amorphous solids become crystalline at some temperature. It is for this reason that **some glass objects from ancient civilizations are found to become milky in appearance.** Milkiness of glass is due to the fact that it undergoes heating during the day and cooling at night (i.e., annealing) over a number of years. As a result, it acquires some crystalline character.

3. Isotropy and anisotropy. In crystalline substances, some of the physical properties such as electrical conductivity or refractive index have different values when measured along different directions in the same crystals. **Such substances which have physical properties different in different directions** are called **anisotropic.** Thus, *crystalline substances are anisotropic.*

On the other hand, **amorphous substances have physical properties same in all directions** and are called **isotropic.** For example, the velocity of light passing through a crystal varies with the direction in which it is measured. Thus, anisotropy is a strong evidence for the existence of orderly arrangement in crystalline solids. This is shown in Fig 2. In this figure, a simple two dimensional arrangement of two different kinds of atoms is shown. It is clear from the figure that if the properties are measured along two different directions AA′ and BB′, different types of particles come on the way. Along AA′ direction only one type of particles come on the way while

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Pseudo solids or Super cooled liquids

Like liquids, amorphous solids have a tendency to flow. Therefore, sometimes these are also called **pseudo solids** or **super cooled liquids.** Glass is a common example of pseudo solid. It softens on heating to a certain temperature. It behaves more or less like a fluid. Pitch is another example of pseudo solid.

Thus, the pseudo solids possess the following characteristics :

(*i*) They do not have sharp melting point but soften over a range of temperature.

(*ii*) They can be easily distorted by applying force.

(*iii*) They can flow slowly under their own weight and lose shape.

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❑ ***Glass window panes of very old buildings are found to be slightly thicker at the bottom than at the top.***

▸ Glass is an amorphous solid which is super cooled liquid of very high viscosity and behaves more or less like a liquid. The glass flows down very slowly and hence makes the bottom portion slightly thicker.

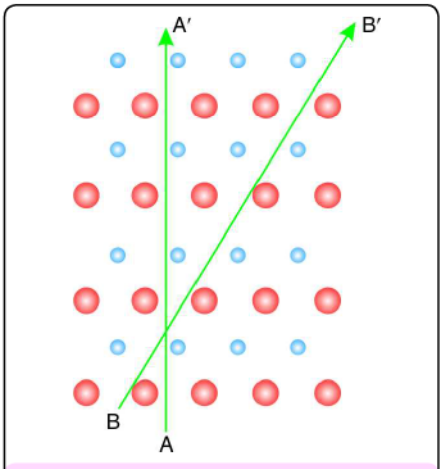


Fig. 2. Anistropy in crystalline substances.

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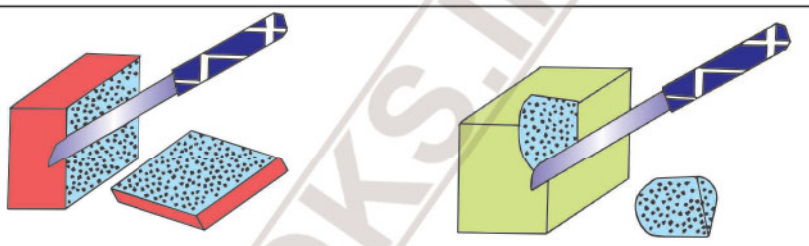
- The substances which show same physical properties (electrical conductivity, thermal conductivity, refractive index, etc.) in all directions are called **isotropic substances**.
- The substances which show different physical properties (electrical conductivity, thermal conductivity, refractive index, etc.) in different directions are called **anisotropic substances**.

⇒ **Crystalline substances exhibit anisotropy while amorphous substances exhibit isotropy.**

⇒ **Liquids and gases are also isotropic.**

along BB′ direction, alternate types of particles come on the way. Hence, the crystalline solids have different physical properties in different directions. In amorphous solids, the constituent particles are arranged at random and in disorderly manner and therefore, all directions are identical and all properties are same in all directions.

4. Cleavage. *Crystalline solids can be cleaved along definite planes.* When cut with a sharp edged tool *(e.g.* knife) they split into two pieces and the newly generated surfaces are plain and smooth. On the other hand, amorphous solids cannot be cleaved along definite planes. When cut with a sharp edged tool (*e.g.*, knife) they undergo irregular breakage and split into two pieces with irregular surfaces. This is shown in Fig 3.



(*a*) Crystalline solid undergoes a clean cleavage

(b) Amorphous solid undergoes irregular cleavage

Fig. 3. Cleavage of (*a*) crystalline and (*b*) amorphous solid

The important differences between crystalline solids and amorphous solids are summed up below :

Table 1. Distinction between crystalline and amorphous solids.

Property	Crystalline solids	Amorphous solids
1. Shape	The crystalline solids have definite characteristic shape.	The amorphous solids have irregular shapes.
2. Order in arrangement of constituent particles.	They have regular arrangement of the constituent particles. They are said to exhibit long range order.	They donot have any regular arrangement of the constituent particles. They may have short range order.
3. Melting point	They have sharp and characteristic melting point.	They donot have sharp melting point. They gradually soften over a range of temperature.
4. Enthalpy of fusion	They have a definite and characteristic enthalpy of fusion.	They donot have definite enthalpy of fusion.
5. Cleavage property	When cut with a sharp edged tool, they split into two pieces and the newly generated surfaces are plain and smooth.	When cut with a sharp edged tool they cut into two pieces with irregular surfaces.
6. Anisotropy	They are anisotropic and have different physical properties in different directions.	They are isotropic and have same physical properties in all directions.
7. Nature	They are true solids	They are pseudo solids and supercooled liquids.
Common examples	Copper, silver, iron, common salt, zinc suphide, potassium nitrate, etc.	Glass, rubber, plastics, etc.

Uses of Amorphous Solids

Amorphous solids such as glass, rubber, plastic, etc. find many uses in our daily lives because of their unique characteristics. For example,

(*i*) The most widely used amorphous solids are *inorganic glasses* which are used in construction, houseware, laboratoryware, etc.

(*ii*) Amorphous silicon is the best photovoltaic material for converting the sunlight into electricity (in photovoltaic cells).

(*iii*) Rubber is also an amorphous solid which is used in making tyres, shoe soles, etc.

(*iv*) A large number of plastics which are amorphous solids are used in making articles of daily use.

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CLASSIFICATION OF CRYSTALLINE SOLIDS

The crystalline solids can be classified into following four types depending upon the nature of intermolecular forces operating in them.

1. *Molecular solids* 2. *Ionic solids*
3. *Metallic solids* 4. *Covalent or network solids*

1. Molecular solids

These are crystalline substances in which the constituent particles are molecules. The molecules are held together by dispersion forces or London forces, dipole-dipole forces or hydrogen bonds. These are further subdivided into the following categories :

(*a*) Non-polar molecular solids. *These are those crystalline substances in which the constituent particles are either atoms like those of noble gases (helium, neon, argon, etc.) or non-polar molecules.* For example, solid helium, solid argon, solid hydrogen, solid carbon dioxide, iodine, etc. In these solids, the atoms or molecules are held by weak dispersion forces or London forces. These solids have the following characteristics:

(*i*) They are generally soft.
(*ii*) They have low melting points.
(*iii*) They are usually in liquid or gaseous state at room temperature and pressure.
(*iv*) They are non-conductors of electricity because they consist of neutral molecules in solid as well as in dissolved state.

(*b*) Polar molecular solids. *These comprise of molecules of substances formed by polar covalent bonds.* For example, solid HCl, solid SO_2, solid NH_3, etc. The molecules in such solids are held together by relatively stronger dipole- dipole forces. They have characteristics similar to non-polar covalent molecules as given below :

(*i*) These solids are also soft.
(*ii*) They are non-conductors of electricity.
(*iii*) They have low melting and boiling points. But their melting and boiling points are higher than those of non-polar molecular **solids**.
(*iv*) Because their melting and boiling points are not very high, most of these are gases or liquids under room temperature and pressure conditions.

(*c*) Hydrogen bonded molecular solids. *The molecules of such solids contain hydrogen bonds between them.* For example, in case of solid water (ice), the negative end of one molecule ($O^{\delta-}$) attracts the positive end of a neighbouring molecule ($H^{\delta+}$) forming hydrogen bond between O and H. These solids contain hydrogen bonds between H and highly electronegative elements; F, O or N. These solids have the following characteristics :

(*i*) They are generally volatile liquids or soft solids under room temperature and normal pressure conditions.
(*ii*) They are non-conductors of electricity.
(*iii*) Their melting and boiling points are generally higher than those of non polar molecular solids and polar molecular solids.

2. Ionic Solids

Ionic solids consist of positively and negatively charged ions arranged in a regular manner throughout the solid. The ions are held together by strong coulombic (or electrostatic) forces. Thus, in ionic solids, the constituent particles are **ions.**

The regular arrangement of ions extends continuously throughout the crystal. For example, in sodium chloride, Na^+ and Cl^- ions have a definite regular arrangement as shown in Fig. 4. In this arrangement, each Na^+ is surrounded by six Cl^- ions and each Cl^- is surrounded by six Na^+ ions. Similar regular arrangements are also observed in other ionic solids. The main characteristics of ionic crystals are :

(*i*) Ionic solids are very hard and brittle.
(*ii*) They have very high melting and boiling points.

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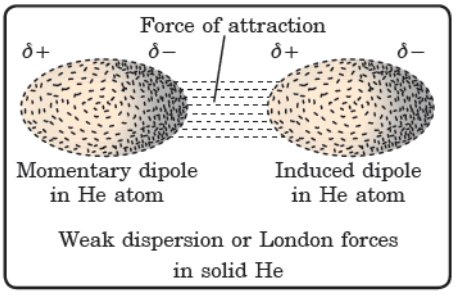
- It may be noted that some substances adopt different structural arrangements under different conditions. Such arrangements are called **polymorphs** (meaning *many forms*). For example, diamond and graphite are two different polymorphic forms of carbon.

  Polymorphic forms are also called **allotropes**. These different structures have different properties such as melting point, density, etc. For example, as we know, graphite is soft and a good conductor of electricity while diamond is hard and a poor conductor of electricity.

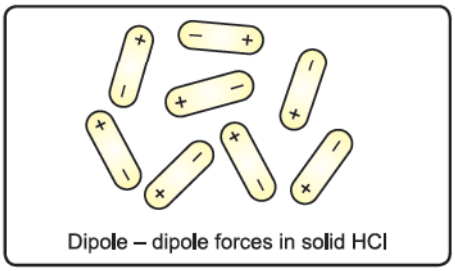
Isomorphism and Polymorphism

- The existence of two or more crystalline solids having similar chemical composition in the same crystalline form or structure is called isomorphism (*iso*–same, *morphous*–form). For example, Na_3PO_4 and Na_3AsO_4 are isomorphs.
- The existence of a particular substance in more than one crystalline forms is called **polymorphism.** For example, calcium carbonate exists in two crystalline forms known as **calcite** and **aragonite.**

❑ In case of elements, polymorphism is also called **allotropy.**



Weak dispersion or London forces in solid He


Dipole – dipole forces in solid HCl

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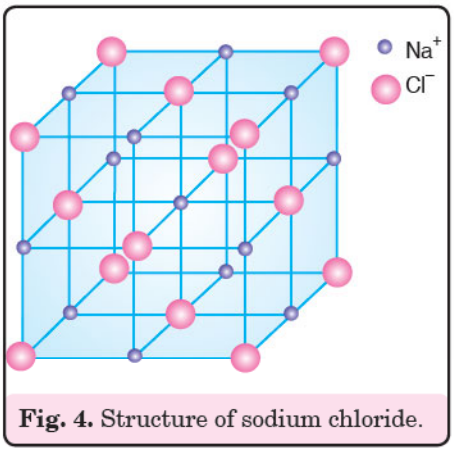


Fig. 4. Structure of sodium chloride.

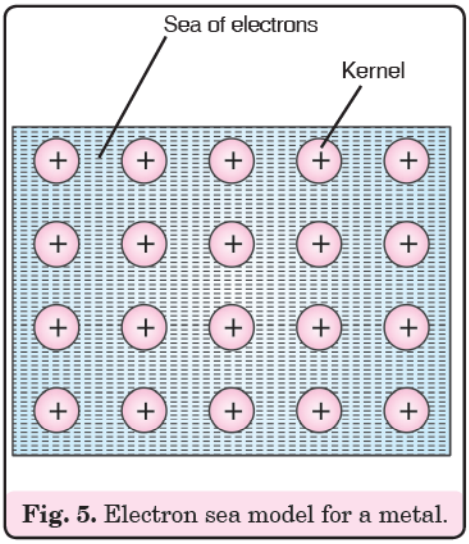


Fig. 5. Electron sea model for a metal.

(*iii*) They are poor conductors of electricity and, therefore, are insulators in solid state. This is because in the solid state, the ions are not free to move about. However, in the molten state or when dissolved in water (aqueous solution), the ions become free to move about and they conduct electricity.

(*iv*) They have high enthalpies of vaporisation.

(*v*) Ionic crystals are soluble in water and also in other polar solvents. They are insoluble or very slightly soluble in non-polar solvents such as benzene, carbon tetrachloride, carbon disulphide.

The common examples of ionic crystals are : salts like NaCl, KNO_3, LiF, Na_2SO_4, etc.

3. Metallic solids or crystals

In metallic crystals, the constituent particles are positive ions (called kernels) immersed in a sea of mobile electrons. This is shown in Fig. 5. The electrons in metallic crystals are mobile and are evenly spread throughout the crystal. Each metal atom contributes one or more electrons towards this sea of mobile electrons. These free mobile electrons are responsible for high electrical and thermal conductivities of metals. When electric field is applied, these electrons flow through the network of positive ions (called kernels). Similarly, when heat is supplied to one portion of a metal, the thermal energy is uniformly spread throughout the crystal by free electrons. **The forces present between the metal ions** are **metallic bonds**. The main characteristics of metallic crystals are :

(*i*) Metallic crystals may be hard as well as soft.

(*ii*) They are good conductors of heat and electricity.

(*iii*) They have metallic lustre and colour in certain cases.

(*iv*) They are malleable and ductile. Due to malleable nature, they can be beaten into sheets and drawn into wires.

(*v*) They have moderate enthalpies of fusion.

The examples of metallic crystals are **common metals such as nickel, copper and alloys.**

4. Covalent or network solids or crystals

In covalent crystals, the constituent particles are non-metal atoms which are linked to the adjacent atoms by covalent bonds throughout the ***crystal.*** In other words, there is a continuous network of covalent bonds forming a giant three dimensional structure. They are also called **giant molecules.** Covalent bonds are strong and directional in nature and therefore, atoms in these solids are held very strongly at their positions. The important characteristics of covalent crystals are :

(*i*) The covalent crystals are hard.

(*ii*) They have extremely high melting points and may even decompose before melting.

(*iii*) They are poor conductors of electricity and are insulators.

The common examples of covalent crystals are : diamond, carborundum (silicon carbide), quartz (SiO_2), boron nitride (BN), etc.

Diamond is a typical example of covalent crystal. It has a network structure consisting of a very large number of carbon atoms bonded to each other. Each carbon atom is bonded to four other carbon atoms by single covalent bonds. It is clear from Fig. 6 *(a)*, that each carbon atom lies at the centre of a regular tetrahedron and the other four carbon atoms are present at the corners of the tetrahedron. Therefore, there is a three dimensional network of strong covalent bonds. *This makes diamond an extremely hard crystal with very high melting point (3843 K).* Since all the valence electrons of carbon are strongly held in carbon-carbon bonds, *diamond is a poor conductor of electricity.*

Graphite is also a covalent solid but it is *soft and a good conductor of electricity.* Its **exceptional properties** are due to its typical structure as shown in Fig. 6 (*b*).

In graphite, carbon atoms are arranged in different layers consisting of hexagonal rings. In these layers, each carbon atom is covalently bonded to three

other neighbouring carbon atoms by single covalent bonds in the same layer. The fourth valence electron of each carbon atom is present between different layers and is free to move about. Because of the presence of free electrons, *graphite is a good conductor of electricity*. Further, the different layers are separated by a large distance (340 pm), which is greater than carbon-carbon bond length. This suggests that only weak van der Waals forces are present between these layers and therefore, these layers can slide one over the other. This makes *graphite a soft solid and a good solid lubricant*.

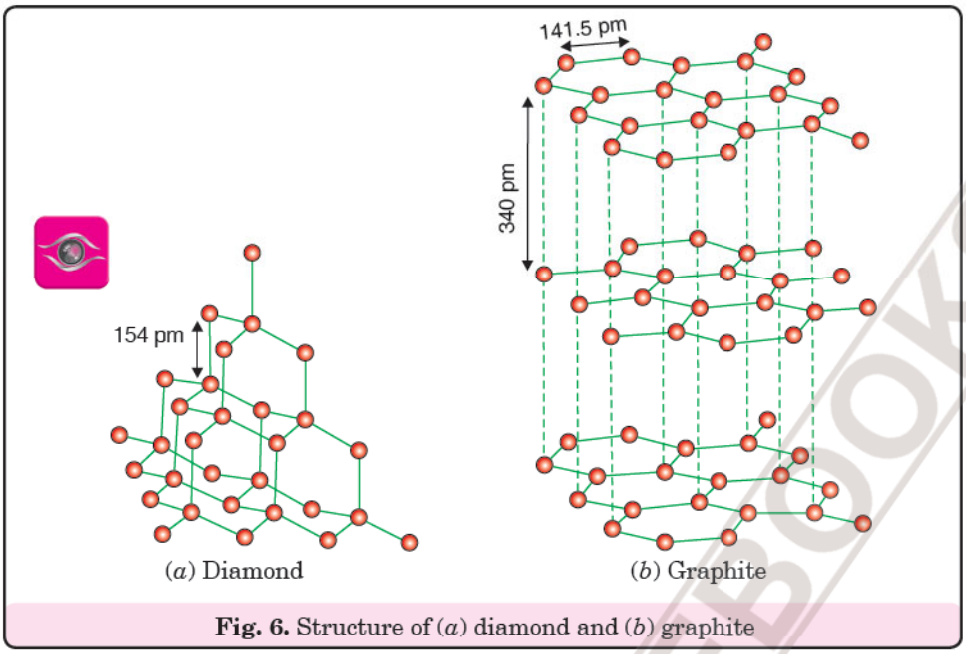


Fig. 6. Structure of (*a*) diamond and (*b*) graphite

The main characteristics of various types of crystals are summed up in Table 2.

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- ***Graphite is a good conductor of electricity, though it is a non-metal.***

❑ Graphite is a covalent solid but it is soft and a good conductor of electricity. Its exceptional behaviour is because of its typical structure having π-delocalised electrons in hexagonal rings which are free to move.

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- In **diamond,** each carbon atom is ***sp*³ hybridised.**
- In **graphite,** each carbon atom is ***sp*² hybridised.**

Table 2. Summary of the characteristics of various types of solids

Type of Solid	Constituent particles	Bonding/ attractive forces	Examples	Physical properties			
				Physical nature	Melting point	Approx binding energy (kJ mol^{-1})	Electrical conductivity
1. Molecular	Small covalent molecules					Less than 40	Insulators
(i) Non-polar	Non polar molecules or atoms of noble gases	Dispersion or London forces	Solid CO_2, argon, H_2, I_2, CCl_4, CH_4	Soft	Very low		
(ii) Polar	Polar molecules	Dipole- dipole interactions	HCl, SO_2	Soft	Low		
(iii) Hydrogen bonded	Molecules containing H bonded to F, O or N	Hydrogen bonding	Ice (H_2O)	Hard	Low		
2. Ionic solids	Positive and negative ions	Strong electrostatic or coulombic forces	NaCl, MgO, BaO, CaF_2, ZnS, KCl, $BaSO_4$, LiF	Hard but brittle	Very high (~ 1500K)	400–4000	Insulators in solid state but conductors in molten state and in aqueous solution.
3. Metallic solids	Positive ions in a sea of delocalized electrons	Metallic bonding [electric attraction between kernels (positive ions) and electrons]	Common metals (Cu, Ag, Fe, Mg) and some alloys	Hard but malleable and ductile	Moderate to high m pt. (800–1000 K)	70–1000	Good conductors of heat and electricity
4. Covalent or network solids	Atoms	Covalent (electron sharing) bonding	Quartz (SiO_2) SiC, diamond (C) AlN	Hard	Very high	150–500	Insulators (except graphite which is conductor)
			graphite (C)	Soft	(~ 4000K)		

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Example 1.

Classify the following as amorphous or crystalline solids :

(i) Naphthalene (ii) Teflon (iii) Polyurethane (iv) Benzoic acid (v) Potassium nitrate (vi) Cellophane (vii) Polyvinyl chloride (viii) Fibre glass (ix) Copper (x) Zinc sulphide **N.C.E.R.T.**

Solution :

Amorphous solids : (*ii*) Teflon (*iii*) Polyurethane (*vi*) Cellophane (*vii*) Polyvinyl chloride (*viii*) Fibre glass

Crystalline solids : (*i*) Naphthalene (*iv*) Benzoic acid (*v*) Potassium nitrate (*ix*) Copper (*x*) Zinc sulphide.

Example 2.

Classify the following solids as ionic, metallic, molecular, network (covalent) or amorphous :

(i) Tetraphosphorus decaoxide (P_4O_{10}) (ii) Graphite (iii) SiC (iv) Brass (v) Rubidium (vi) I_2 (vii) Ammonium phosphate, $(NH_4)_3PO_4$ (viii) LiBr (ix) Si (x) Plastics (xi) P_4 (xii) Solid CO_2. **N.C.E.R.T.**

Solution : The solids are classified as :

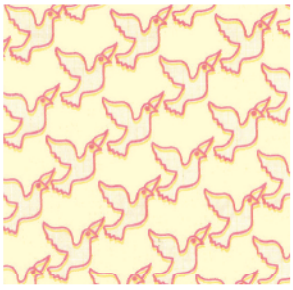
Ionic : $(NH_4)_3PO_4$, LiBr

Metallic : Brass, Rubidium

Molecular : P_4O_{10}, I_2, P_4, solid CO_2

Network (covalent) : Graphite, SiC, Si

Amorphous : Plastics.



(*a*) Pattern

(*b*) Lattice points

Fig. 7. Two dimensional pattern

CRYSTAL LATTICE OR SPACE LATTICE AND UNIT CELL

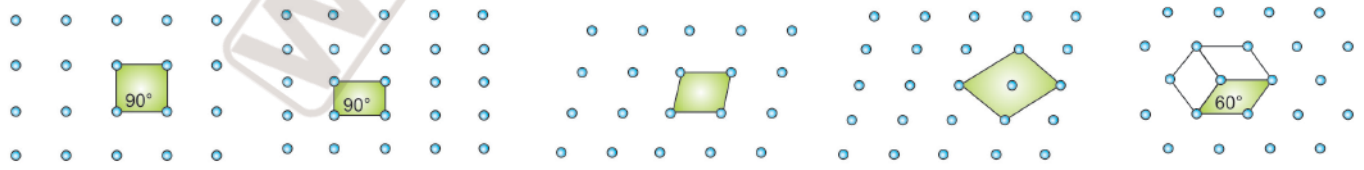
The crystalline solids have definite orderly arrangement of their constituent particles in three dimensions. The positions of these particles in a crystal, relative to one another, are usually shown by points. The arrangement of an infinite set of these points is called **space lattice**. The positions which are occupied by the atoms, ions or molecules in the crystal lattice are called **lattice points** or **lattice sites.**

To understand space lattice, let us first learn about two dimensional lattices and then three dimensional lattices.

A. Two Dimensional Lattices

A **two dimensional lattice** *is a regular arrangement of constituent particles (atoms, ions or molecules) in a plane.* A two dimensional pattern is shown in Fig. 7 (*a*) and the lattice is shown by points in Fig. 7 (*b*)

There are **five types of two dimensional lattices.** These are, square, rectangular, parallelogram, rhombic and hexagonal lattice as shown in Fig. 8. These differ in symmetry of the arrangement of points. *The hexagonal lattice has the most symmetrical arrangement of points while parallelogram lattice has the least symmetrical arrangement* of points.



(a) Square lattice (b) Rectangular lattice (c) Parallelogram lattice (d) Rhombic lattice, Rectangular with interior point (e) Hexagonal lattice

Fig. 8. Five different two dimensional lattices.

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Because of the regular repeating arrangement of the points in a two dimensional lattice, we need only to describe a small part of the lattice (called **motif**) in order to specify it completely. For example, we select four points in two dimensional lattice and connect them to give a parallelogram. This smallest part is known as **unit cell.** We can generate the complete lattice by repeatedly moving the unit cell in the direction of its edges by a distance equal to the cell edge as shown in Fig. 9.

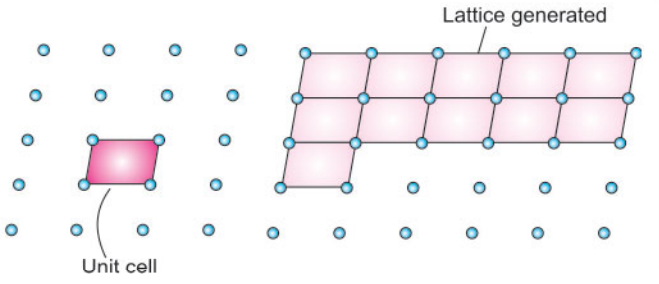


Fig. 9. (*a*) A unit cell (*b*) The complete lattice generated by repeatedly moving the unit cell in the direction of its cell edges by distance equal to cell edge.

Thus, **the unit cell gives the shape of the entire lattice.** However, it may be noted that for any given lattice, the unit cells may be chosen in many different ways. This is because a lattice contains a very large number of atoms and numerous identical points may be found. Naturally, a question arises. "What are the characteristics of this unit cell?" The most convenient cell is the smallest unit cell which has the full symmetry of the lattice. For the square, rectangular and parallelogram lattices, the unit cells chosen are the square, the rectangle and the parallelogram respectively. However, for the hexagonal lattice the unit cell is a rhombus with an angle of 60°.

For the rhombic lattices, a rectangular unit cell with an interior point is generally selected. A cell with an interior point is called a **centered unit cell.** The unit cells which do not contain any interior point are called **primitive unit cells.**

Thus, we see that for describing a two dimensional lattice, we must specify the unit cell by the lengths of the edges and the angles between them.

Thus, the five two dimensional lattices and their unit cells are :

Two dimensional lattice	Unit cell
(*a*) Square lattice	Square
(*b*) Rectangular lattice	Rectangle
(*c*) Parallelogram lattice	Parallelogram
(*d*) Rhombic lattice	Rectangular with an interior point
(*e*) Hexagonal lattice	Rhombus with an angle of 60°

B. Three Dimensional Crystal Lattice

The crystalline solids have definite three dimensional arrangement of constituent particles (atoms, ions or molecules). If the three dimensional arrangement of constituent particles in a crystal is represented diagrammatically by depicting each particle by a point, the arrangement is called crystal lattice or space lattice. Thus, **a crystal lattice** is a

regular arrangement of the constituent particles (atoms, ions or molecules) of a crystalline solid in three dimensional space.

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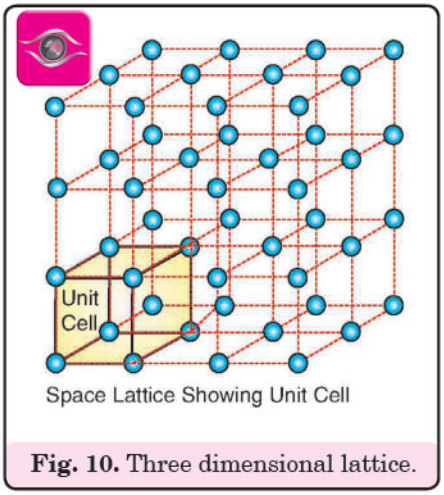


Fig. 10. Three dimensional lattice.

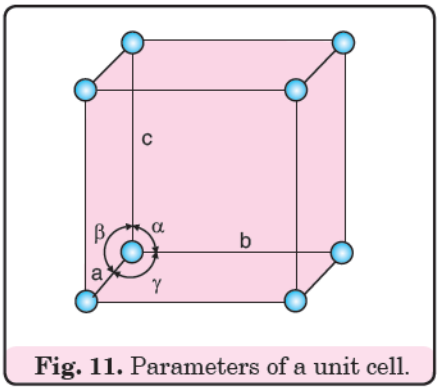


Fig. 11. Parameters of a unit cell.

A three dimensional crystal lattice is shown in Fig. 10. Like two dimensional lattice, if we carefully look a crystal lattice, it is observed that we can select a group of lattice points (a smallest three dimensional portion) which is repeated over and over again in the whole crystal lattice. This smallest repeating pattern (motif) is called the unit cell. Thus, a **unit cell** may be defined as :

the smallest three dimensional repeating portion of a space lattice which when repeated over and again in different directions produces the complete crystal lattice.

This smallest repeating pattern (unit cell) represents the shape of the entire crystal. We can generate the complete lattice by repeatedly moving the unit cell in the direction of its edges by a distance equal to the cell edge. In fact, the crystal may be considered to consist of an infinite number of unit cells. The unit cell in the above crystal lattice is shown by solid lines.

Parameters of a Unit cell

A unit cell is characterized by

(*i*) its dimensions (lengths) along the three edges as a, b and c. These edges may or may not be mutually perpendicular.

(*ii*) angles α, β and γ between the pair of edges. The angle α is between the edges b and c, angle β is between the edges c and a and angle γ is between the edges a and b. Thus, a unit cell is characterized by six parameters, a, b, c, α, β and γ. The parameters of a unit cell are shown in Fig. 11. The complete crystal lattice can be obtained by extending the unit cell in all the three directions.

Characteristics of a Crystal Lattice

Let us sum up the characteristics of a crystal lattice. The following are the characteristics of a crystal lattice.

(*i*) Each point in a crystal lattice is called lattice point or lattice site.

(*ii*) Each point in a crystal lattice represents one constituent particle which may be an atom, a molecule (group of atoms) or an ion.

(*iii*) The three dimensional arrangement of lattice points represents a crystal lattice.

(*iv*) Lattice points are joined by straight lines to bring out the geometry of the lattice.

Types of Unit Cells

There are basically two types of unit cells constituting different crystal systems. These are :

(*i*) *Primitive or simple unit cells*

(*ii*) *Non primitive or centred unit cells.*

(*i*) Primitive unit cells. *These are unit cells which have points (or particles) only at the corners.* These are also called **simple unit cells**.

(*ii*) Non-primitive *or* **centred unit cells.** *These are unit cells which have points (or particles) at the corners as well as at some other positions.*

The centred unit cells are of three types :

(*a*) **Face centred unit cells** *in which the points are present at the corners as well as at the centre of each face.*

(*b*) **Body centred unit cells** *in which the points are present at all the corners as well as at the body centre of the unit cell.*

(*c*) **End centred unit cells** *in which the points are present at all the corners and at the centre of two opposite faces.*

Seven Crystal Systems

When a unit cell in a crystal lattice has lattice points only at its corners it is called a **simple** or **primitive unit cell.** In all, there are **seven types** of *simple or primitive* unit cells among crystals. These unit cells are characterised

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by the axial lengths a, b and c and the angles α, β and γ. These are called **seven crystal systems** or **crystal habits.** These are shown in Fig. 12. All crystals can be placed in one of these seven crystal systems. These are :

1. Cubic. All the three axes are of equal length and are at right angles to each other ($a = b = c$, all angles = 90°).

2. Tetragonal. The three axes are at right angles to each other but only the two axes are equal ($a = b \neq c$, all angles = 90°).

3. Orthorhombic. It has three unequal axes which are at right angles to each other ($a \neq b \neq c$, all angles = 90°).

4. Monoclinic. The three axes are of unequal length and two angles are of 90° ($a \neq b \neq c$, two angles = 90° and one angle ≠ 90°).

5. Hexagonal. It has two edges of equal length ($a = b$) and two angles of 90° and one angle of 120° ($a = b \neq c$, two angles of 90° and one angle of 120°).

6. Rhombohedral or trigonal. The three axes are of equal length which are inclined at the same angle but the angle is not equal to 90° ($a = b = c$, all three angles equal but not equal to 90°).

7. Triclinic. The three axes are of unequal length, and all angles are different but none is perpendicular to any of the others ($a \neq b \neq c$, all angles different and none equal to 90°).

These seven crystal systems are shown in Fig. 12 and are summed up in Table 3.

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It may be noted that among the seven crystal systems :

⇒ **Cubic is the most symmetrical while**

⇒ **Triclinic is the most unsymmetrical system**

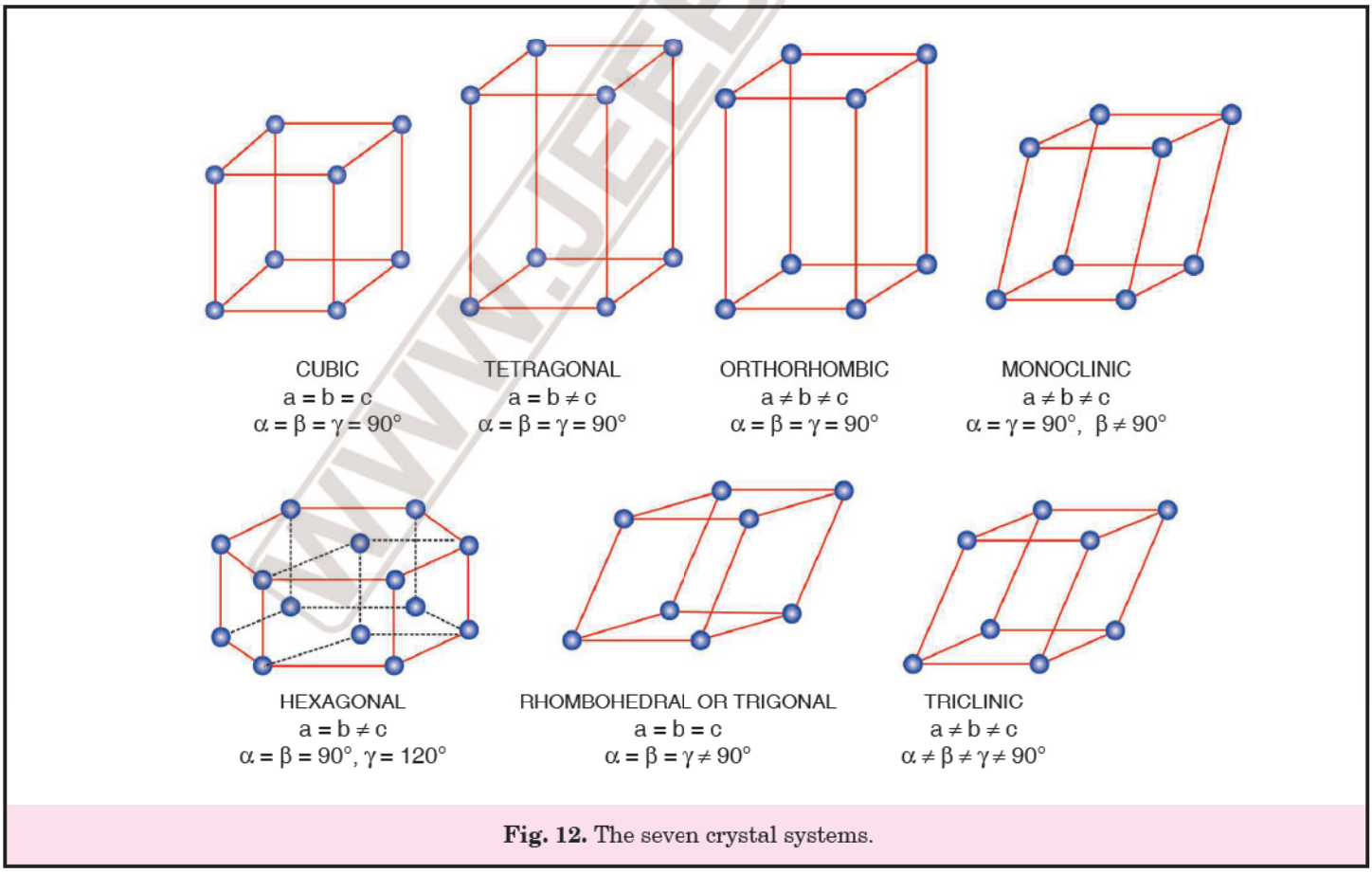


Fig. 12. The seven crystal systems.

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The characteristics of the seven crystal systems are summed up in Table 3.

Table 3. The seven crystal systems.

System	Possible Variations	Axial distances	Axial angles	Examples
Cubic	Primitive Body-centred Face-centred	$a = b = c$	$\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90°$	NaCl, KCl, Zinc blende, Cu, Ag
Tetragonal	Primitive Body-centred	$a = b \neq c$	$\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90°$	White tin, SnO_2, TiO_2, $CaSO_4$
Orthorhombic	Primitive Body-centred Face-centred End-centred	$a \neq b \neq c$	$\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90°$	Rhombic sulphur, KNO_3, $PbCO_3$, $BaSO_4$
Monoclinic	Primitive End-centred	$a \neq b \neq c$	$\alpha = \gamma = 90°$, $\beta \neq 90°$	Monoclinic sulphur, $PbCrO_4$, $Na_2SO_4 \cdot 10H_2O$
Hexagonal	Primitive	$a = b \neq c$	$\alpha = \beta = 90°$, $\gamma = 120°$	Graphite, ZnO, BeO, CdS,
Rhombohedral or Trigonal	Primitive	$a = b = c$	$\alpha = \beta = \gamma \neq 90°$	Calcite ($CaCO_3$), $NaNO_3$, cinnabar (HgS), quartz, Sb
Triclinic	Primitive	$a \neq b \neq c$	$\alpha \neq \beta \neq \gamma \neq 90°$	$CuSO_4 \cdot 5H_2O$, $K_2Cr_2O_7$, H_3BO_3.

It may be noted that all crystals do not have simple lattices *i.e.,* having lattice points only at the corners. In addition, there are some lattices which are different from the simple lattice. For example, if we consider a cubic system, which is simplest of all these seven systems, it is observed that a cube has three types of lattices.

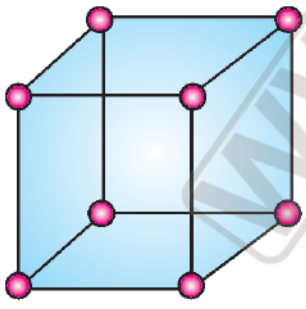
Types of Cubic Lattices

There are three types of cubic unit cells or lattices. These are :

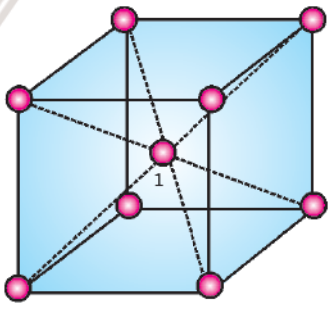
1. Simple or Primitive. *It has points at all the corners of the unit cell.* A primitive cubic unit cell is shown in Fig. 13 (*a*). It consists of one atom at each of the eight corners.

2. Body centred cubic unit cell (*bcc*). *It has points at all the corners as well as at the body centre of the cube* [Fig. 13 (*b*)]. It is labelled as ***bcc***. As shown in the figure, in a body centred cubic unit cell, there are eight atoms at the corners and one at the centre.

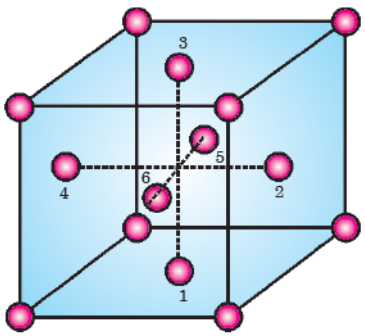
3. Face centred cubic unit cell (*fcc*). In this case, *there are points at all the corners as well as at the centre of each face.* It is shown in Fig 13 (*c*). It is labelled as ***fcc***. As shown in the figure, it has eight atoms at the corners and six atoms at the centre of faces.



(*a*) **Simple or primitive cubic:** Atoms at eight corners only.



(*b*) **Body centred cubic:** Atoms at the corners and at the body centre of the cube. Atom 1 is at the body centre of the cube.



(*c*) **Face centred cubic:** Atoms at the corners and centre of each face. Atoms 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 are present at the centres of six faces (atom 5 corresponds to atom at the centre of back face and atom 6 corresponds to the centre of front face.)

Fig. 13. Three types of cubic lattices.

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Similarly, if we consider the other lattices, in addition to simple lattices for other systems, it is observed that there are 14 different types of space lattices. These are known as **14 Bravais lattices** after the name of French mathematician who first described them. These are given in Fig. 14.

NOTE

It may be noted that there is another type of non-primitive unit cell known as **end centred unit cell**. In this case, there are points (or atoms) at all the corners and at the centres of any two opposite faces.

- There is no end centred cubic unit cell.
- Only orthorhombic and monoclinic crystal systems have end centred unit cells.

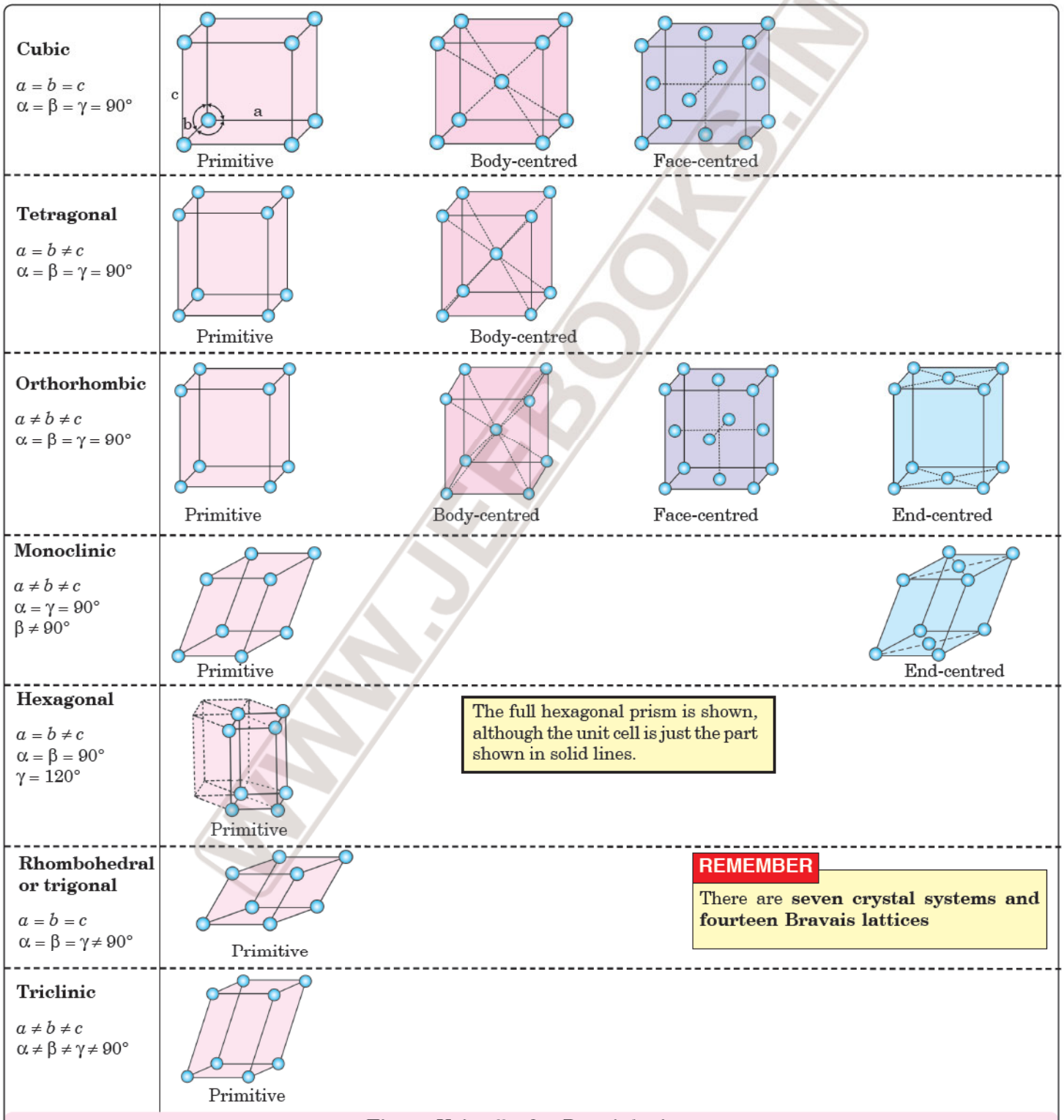


Fig. 14. Unit cells of 14 Bravais lattices.

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There are **seven crystal systems and fourteen Bravais lattices**

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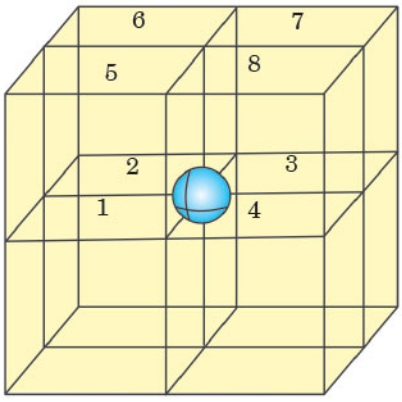


Fig. 15. A corner atom in cubic unit cell is shared by 8 unit cells.

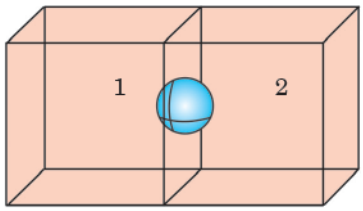


Fig. 16. A face centred atom in a cubic unit cell is shared by two unit cells.

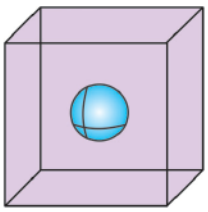


Fig. 17. A body centred atom in any cubic unit cell is not shared by any other unit cell.

TYPES OF CUBIC CRYSTALS AND NUMBER OF ATOMS PER UNIT CELL

We know that a crystal lattice is made up of a very large number of unit cells and every lattice point is occupied by one constituent particle (atom, molecule or ion). In different types of unit cells, the particles may be at the corners, at the body centre or, at the centre of faces. Since every unit cell in a crystalline solid is adjacent to other unit cells, most of the atoms (or constituent particles) are shared by neighbouring unit cells. As a result, only some portion of each atom belongs to a particular unit cell. For example, in all types of cubic cells, each corner atom belongs to eight adjacent unit cells as shown in Fig 15, four unit cells in the same layer and four unit cells of the upper layer. Therefore, only **1/8th of an atom** (or molecule or ion) actually belongs to a particular unit cell.

Similarly, each face centred atom is shared by two unit cells (shown in Fig. 16) and only **1/2 of an atom** (or molecule or ion) belongs to a particular unit cell.

An atom at the body centre of a unit cell is not shared by other unit cells and it **completely belongs to the unit cell** (Fig. 17).

Thus, the contribution of each atom to the unit cell is :

at corner = $\frac{1}{8}$; at the face = $\frac{1}{2}$; within the body = 1

For simplicity assume that the constituent particle is an atom. The unit cell may be represented in **three different ways.**

(*a*) Each small sphere in figure represents only the centre of the particle occupying that position and not its actual size. Such type of structures are called **open structures**. It is easier to follow the arrangement of particles in open structures [Fig. 18 (*a*)].

(*b*) **Space filling representation** of the unit cell with actual particle size [Fig. 18 (*b*)]. This gives a more realistic picture showing how the particles actually pack within the solid.

(*c*) **Actual portion** of different atoms present in a unit cell [Fig. 18 (c)].

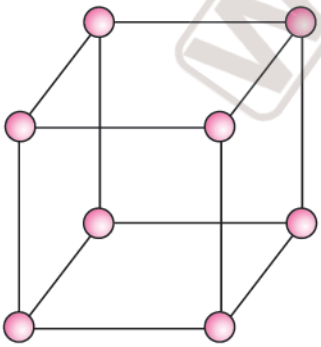
Let us now **calculate number of atoms** in different types of cubic unit cells.

(*i*) **Simple** or **primitive cubic unit cell**

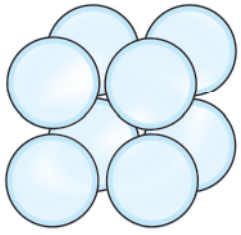
In this unit cell, *the points (atoms, ions or molecules) are present at all the corners of a cube.* This is shown in Fig. 18 (*a*). It is clear from Fig. 18 (*c*) that atom present at each corner contributes 1/8 to each cube because it is shared by 8 cubes. Now, there are 8 atoms at the corners.

Thus, the number of atoms present in each unit cell =

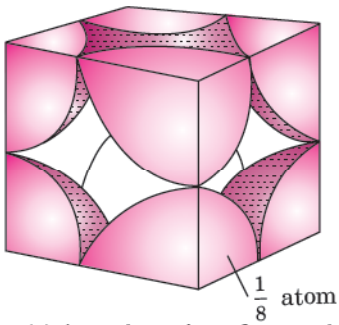
8 corner atoms × $\frac{1}{8}$ atom per unit cell = **1 atom.**



(*a*) Open structure



(*b*) Space filling structure



(*c*) Actual portion of atoms belonging to one unit cell

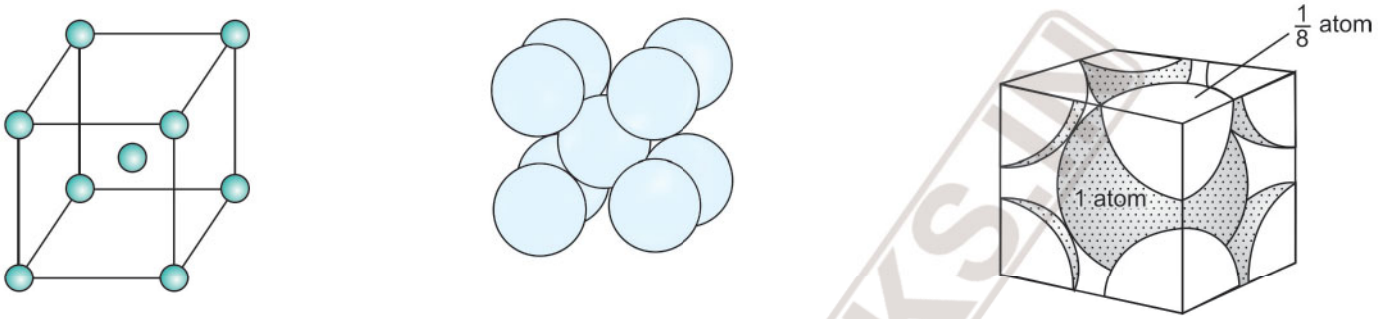
Fig. 18. Simple cubic arrangement and number of spheres per unit cell.

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Thus, **simple or primitive cubic unit cell has one atom per unit cell.**

(*ii*) **Body centred cubic unit cell**

It has points at all the corners as well as at the body centre of the cube. It is shown in Fig. 19. It is clear from the figure that there are eight atoms at the corners and each is shared by 8 unit cells so that the contribution of each atom at corner is 1/8. In addition, there is one atom in the body of the cube as shown in Fig. 19 (*c*) which is not shared by any other cube.



(*a*) Open structure (*b*) Space filling structure (*c*) Actual portion of atoms belonging to one unit cell

Fig. 19. Body centred cubic unit cell.

Thus, the number of atoms present at the corners per unit cell

$$= 8 \text{ corner atoms} \times \frac{1}{8} \text{ atom per unit cell} = 1$$

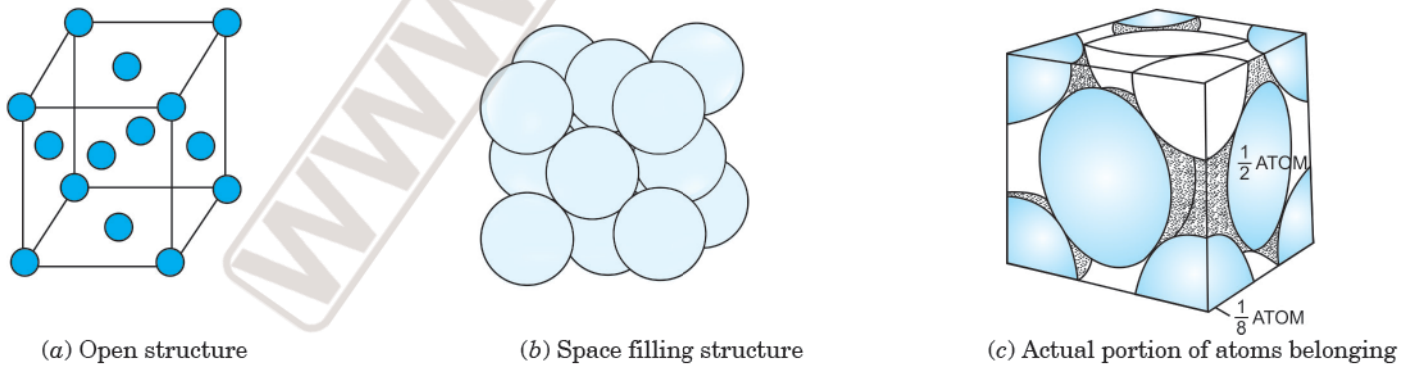
The number of atoms present at the centre of the cube = 1

$\therefore$ Total number of atoms in *bcc* arrangement = 1 + 1 = **2.**

Thus, **a body centred cubic unit cell has two atoms per unit cell.**

(*iii*) **Face centred cubic unit cell.**

This is also called cubic close packed unit cell. *It has points at all the corners as well as at the centre of each of the six faces.* It is shown in Fig. 20. In this arrangement, there is one atom at each of the eight corners. It is clear from Fig. 20 (*c*) that atom present at each corner contributes 1/8 to each cube because it is shared by 8 cubes. In addition, there are six atoms at the faces of the cube and each is shared by two unit cells. Therefore, the contribution of each atom at the face per unit cell is 1/2 [Fig. 20 (*c*)].



(*a*) Open structure (*b*) Space filling structure (*c*) Actual portion of atoms belonging to one unit cell

Fig. 20. Cubic close packed or face centred cubic arrangement and share of each atom per unit cell.

Thus, the number of atoms present at corners per unit cell =

$$8 \text{ corner atoms} \times \frac{1}{8} \text{ atom per unit cell} = 1$$

The number of atoms present at faces per unit cell =

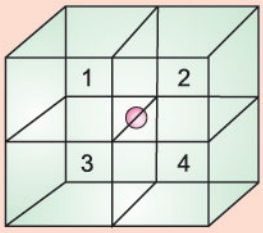
$$6 \text{ atoms at the faces} \times \frac{1}{2} \text{ atom per unit cell} = 3$$

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Learning Plus

- **Can you guess the contribution of an atom at the edge centre?**

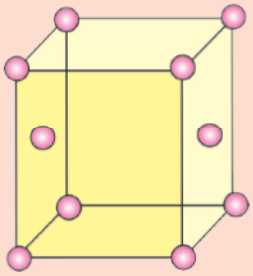
An atom present on the edge is shared by four unit cells as shown below:



Therefore, **contribution of each atom on the edge** = 1/4

- **How many atoms will be present in an end centred orthorhombic unit cell?**

An edge centred orthorhombic unit cell has eight atoms at the corners and two atoms at the centres of two end faces.



Therefore, total number of atoms per unit cell in end centred unit cell is

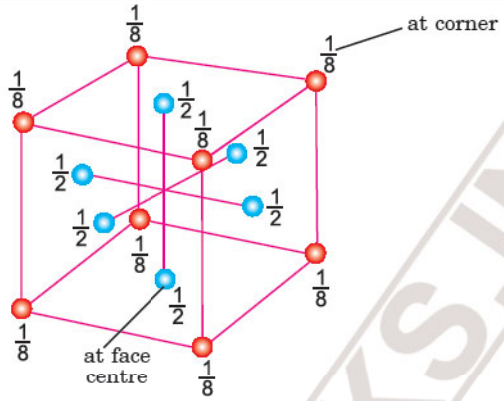
$$8 \text{ (corners)} \times \frac{1}{8} + 2 \text{ (end centres)} \times \frac{1}{2} = 2 \text{ atoms.}$$

▸ It may be noted that there is **no end centred cubic unit cell.**

∴ Total number of atoms in ccp or fcc arrangement = 1+ 3 = 4

Thus, **a face centred cubic unit cell has four atoms per unit cell.**

The contribution of atoms and total number of atoms in different types of cubic unit cells are summarized below :



Contribution $\frac{1}{8}$ at corners and $\frac{1}{2}$ at face centres of the atoms in a face centred cell

Contribution of 1 at the body centre

Fig. 21. Contribution of atoms in a cubic unit cell.

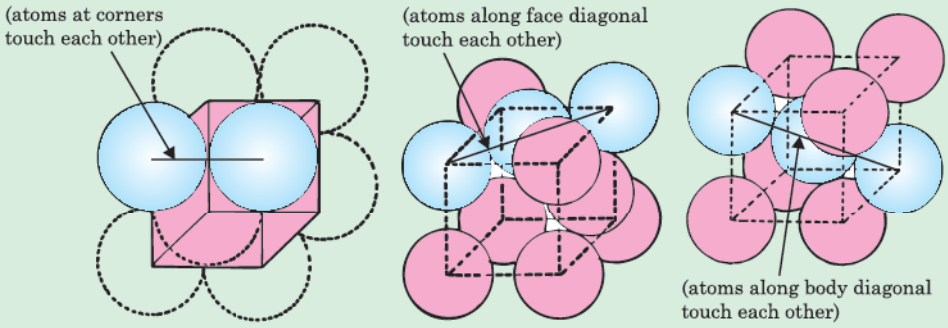
Unit cell	No. of atoms at corners	No. of atoms at faces	No. of atoms in centre	Total
Simple cubic or primitive cell	$8 \times \frac{1}{8}$	0	0	1
Body centred cubic	$8 \times \frac{1}{8}$	0	1	2
Face centred cubic	$8 \times \frac{1}{8}$	$6 \times \frac{1}{2}$	0	4

NOTE

It is important to remember that the **atoms (or spheres) at the corners of a simple cube touch each other** [Fig. 22 (*a*)]. However, the atoms at the corners of face centred cube and body centred cube donot touch each other. It may be seen that

- in the face centred cube, the **atoms along the face diagonal of the cube touch each other** [Fig. 22(*b*)].
- in the body centred cube, the **atoms along the body diagonal of the cube touch each other** [Fig. 22(*c*)].

However, for simplicity, the atoms (or spheres) are shown only at the corners in the figures.



The blue coloured spheres represent the spheres which are touching each other.

(a) Simple cubic (b) Face centred cubic (c) Body centred cubic

Fig. 22

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RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE NEAREST NEIGHBOUR DISTANCE (d) AND RADIUS OF ATOM (r) AND THE EDGE OF UNIT CELL (a) FOR PURE ELEMENTS

1. Simple cubic

In a simple cubic arrangement, the atoms at the corners touch each other [Fig. 23]. Therefore,

Distance between the nearest neighbours,

$$d = AB = a$$

Radius, $r = d/2 = a/2$

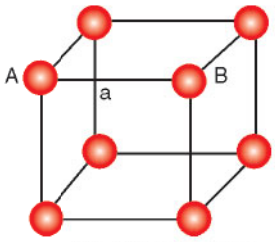


Fig. 23 Simple cubic.

2. Face centred cubic

In a face centred cubic arrangement, the three atoms along the face diagonal touch each other [Fig. 24]. Therefore,

Distance between the nearest neighbours, $d = \frac{AC}{2}$

Now in right angled ΔABC

$$AC^2 = AB^2 + BC^2$$

$$AC^2 = a^2 + a^2 = 2a^2 \quad \text{or} \quad AC = \sqrt{2}\,a$$

$$\therefore \quad d = \frac{\sqrt{2}\,a}{2} = \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Radius, $r = \frac{d}{2} = \frac{a}{2\sqrt{2}}$

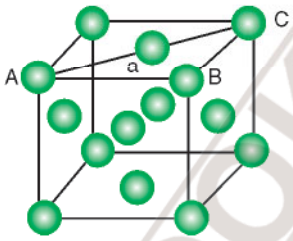


Fig. 24 Face centred cubic.

3. Body centred cubic

In a body centred cubic arrangement, three atoms along the body diagonal touch each other [Fig. 25]. Therefore,

Distance between nearest neighbours, $d = \frac{AD}{2}$

In right angled ΔABC

$$AC^2 = AB^2 + BC^2$$

$$AC^2 = a^2 + a^2 \text{ or } AC = \sqrt{2}\,a$$

Now in right angled ΔADC,

$$AD^2 = AC^2 + DC^2$$

$$AD^2 = \left(\sqrt{2}\,a\right)^2 + a^2 = 3a^2 \text{ or } AD = \sqrt{3}\,.a$$

$$\therefore \quad d = \frac{\sqrt{3}a}{2}$$

Radius, $r = \frac{d}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}a.$

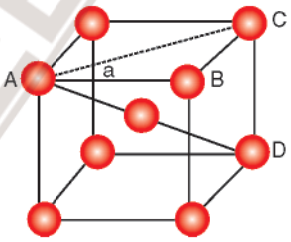


Fig. 25 Body centred cubic.

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The relationship between the nearest neighbour distance and radius of atom (for crystals of pure elements) and the edge of unit cell (a) is summed up below :

Unit cell	Distance between nearest neighbour (d)	Radius (r)
Simple cubic	a	$\frac{a}{2}$
Face centred cubic	$\frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}$ or $0.707\,a$	$\frac{a}{2\sqrt{2}}$ or $0.3535\,a$
Body centred cubic	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}a$ or $0.866\,a$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}a$ or $0.433\,a$

It may be noted that for pure elements, $r = \frac{d}{2}$.

SOLVED EXAMPLES

❑ Example 3.

A cubic unit cell is made up of X and Y elements. If X are present on the corners of the cube and Y are present on centres of faces of cube, then find the formula of the compound. *(Hr. S.B. 2018)*

Solution : In a cube, X atoms are at the 8 corners, each shared by 8 cubes. Therefore,

The number of X atoms in the unit cell is 8/8 = 1.

Y atoms are at the centres of 6 faces and each face is shared by two cubes. Therefore,

The number of Y atoms = 6/2 = 3

The formula of the compound = XY_3.

❑ Example 4.

If three elements P, Q and R crystallise in a cubic solid lattice with P atoms at the corners, Q atoms at the cube centres and R atoms at the centre of the edges, then write the formula of the compound. *(Pb. S.B. 2002)*

Solution : As P atoms are present at the 8 corners of the cube. Therefore,

No. of P atoms in the unit cell = $8 \times \frac{1}{8} = 1$

Q atoms are present at the cube centres,

No. of Q atoms in the unit cell = 1

R atoms are present at the edges. Since there are 12 edges and atom at each edge is shared by four atoms.

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Therefore,

No. of R atoms in the unit cell = $12 \times \frac{1}{4} = 3$

$\therefore$ The formula of the compound = $\mathbf{PQR_3}$.

❑ Example 5.

Calculate the number of unit cells in 8.1 g of aluminium if it crystallizes in a face-centred cubic (f c c) structure. (Atomic mass of Al = 27 g mol^{-1}). *(A.I.S.B. 2017, D.S.B. 2017)*

Solution :

$$\text{Moles of aluminium} = \frac{8.1}{27}\text{mol}$$

$$\text{No. of atoms of Al in 8.1 g} = \frac{8.1}{27} \times 6.022 \times 10^{23}$$

No. of atoms in one unit cell = 4(*fcc*)

$$\text{No. of unit cells} = \frac{8.1}{27} \times \frac{6.022 \times 10^{23}}{4}$$

$$= \mathbf{4.5 \times 10^{22}}.$$

❑ Example 6.

Tungsten crystallizes in body centred cubic unit cell. If edge of the unit cell is 316.5 pm, what is the radius of the tungsten atom ?

(D.S.B. 2012, CBSE Sample Paper 2017-18)

Solution : If a is the edge length of *bcc* unit cell, then radius of an atom,

$$r = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}a$$

Here, $a = 316.5$ pm

$$\therefore \quad r = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \times 316.5 \text{ pm}$$

$$= \mathbf{137.04 \text{ pm}}$$

❑ Example 7.

Aluminium crystallizes in a fcc structure. Atomic radius of the metal is 125 pm. Calculate the edge length of the unit cell of the metal?

(A.I.S.B. 2013, Karnataka S.B.2014)

Solution : In a face centred cubic structure, radius (r), is related to length of the side (a) as:

$$r = \frac{a}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

or $\quad a = 2r\sqrt{2}$

$$r = 125 \text{ pm}$$

$$\therefore \quad a = 2 \times 125 \times 1.414$$

$$= \mathbf{353.3 \text{ nm}}.$$

Practice Problems

1. A cubic solid is made up of two elements X and Y. Atoms Y are present at the corners of the cube and atoms X at the body centre. What is the formula of the compound ? *(D.S.B.2006, CBSE Sample Paper 2008)*
2. When atoms are placed at the corners of all 12 edges of a cube, how many atoms are present per unit cell ?
3. A unit cell consists of a cube in which there are A atoms at the corners and B atoms at the face centres and A atoms are missing from 2 corners in each unit cell. What is the simplest formula of the compound ? *(Pb. S.B. 2011)*
4. A compound of X and Y crystallizes in the cubic structure in which Y atoms are at the corners and X atoms are at the alternate faces of the cube. Find the formula of the compound. *(Pb. S.B. 2011, Meghalaya S.B. 2013)*
5. Gold crystallizes in the face centred cubic lattice. Calculate the approximate number of unit cells in 2 mg of gold. (atomic mass of gold = 197 u).
6. Xenon crystallizes in the face centred cubic lattice and the edge of the unit cell is 620 pm. What is the nearest neighbour distance and radius of xenon atom ?
7. The length of the unit cell edge of a body centred cubic metal crystal is 352 pm. Calculate the radius of an atom of the crystal. *(Nagaland S.B. 2013)*
8. Calculate the atomic radius of elementary silver which crystallises in face centred cubic lattice with unit cell edge length 4.086×10^{-10}m. *(Assam S.B. 2016)*
9. A solid has a structure in which W atoms are present at the corners of the cubic unit cell, O atoms are located at the cube edges and Na atoms are present at cube centres. What is the formula of the compound ?
10. CsCl crystallizes in cubic structure in which Cl^- ions are at the corners and Cs^+ ions occupy centre of the unit cell. If radii of Cs^+ and Cl^- ions are 1.69Å and 1.81Å respectively, calculate the edge length of the unit cell.
11. Tungsten crystallizes in body centred cubic lattice. Calculate the number of unit cells in 1.5 g of tungsten (Atomic mass of tungsten = 184 u). *(Pb. S.B. 2013)*
12. Sodium crystallizes in a *bcc* unit cell. Calculate the approximate number of unit cells in 9.2 g of sodium (Atomic mass of Na = 23 u). *(C.B.S.E. Sample Paper 2011, Assam S.B. 2013)*
13. Gold (atomic radius = 0.144 nm) crystallizes in face centred unit cell. What is the length of the side of the cell? *(Meghalaya S.B. 2017)*
14. In a face centred cubic arrangement of A and B atoms, A atoms occupy the corners and B atoms occupy the face centres of the unit cell. If one of the atoms is missing from the corner in each unit cell, what is the simplest formula of the compound?

Answers to Practice Problems

1. XY
2. 1
3. AB_4
4. XY
5. 1.528×10^{18} unit cells
6. 438.5 pm, 219.25 pm
7. 152.416 pm
8. 1.44×10^{-10} m
9. $NaWO_3$
10. 4.04 Å
11. 2.45×10^{21} unit cells
12. 1.2044×10^{23} unit cells
13. 0.407 mm
14. A_7B_{24}

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CLOSE PACKED STRUCTURES

In the formation of crystals, the constituent particles (atoms, ions or molecules) get *closely packed together*. The closely packed arrangement is that in which *maximum available space is occupied leaving minimum vacant space*. This corresponds to a state of maximum possible density. The closer the packing, the greater is the stability of the packed system.

We know that the constituent particles of crystals may be of varying shapes and, therefore, the mode of closest packing of particles will vary according to their shapes and sizes. However for understanding, we can use identical hard spheres of equal size to represent atoms in a metal in terms of closest packing of identical spheres.

We can build up the three dimensional structure in three steps :

(*a*) Close Packing in one Dimension

There is only one way of arranging spheres in one dimensional close packed structure in which the spheres are placed in a horizontal row touching each other. This is shown in Fig. 26.

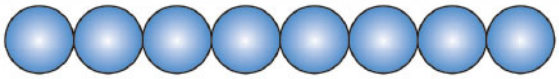


Fig. 26. Close packing of spheres in one dimension.

As can be seen in this arrangement, each sphere is in contact with two of its neighbours.

The *number of nearest neighbours of a particle* is called **its co-ordination number.**

Thus, in one dimensional close packed arrangement, **the coordination number is 2.**

(*b*) Close Packing in two Dimensions

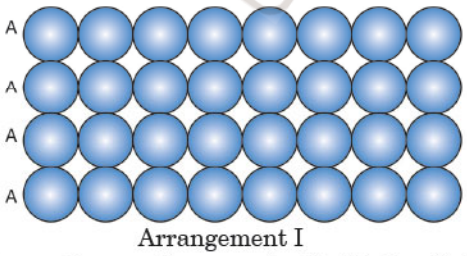
Two dimensional close packed structure can be generated by placing the rows of close packed spheres. The rows can be combined in the following **two ways** with respect to the first row to build a crystal plane.

(*i*) Square close packing or AAA... type arrangement in two dimensions.

The spheres are packed in such a way that the rows have a horizontal as well as vertical alignment. In this arrangement, the spheres of second row are exactly above those of the first row. The second row is exactly same as the first one. If we label the first row as 'A' type, the second row is also 'A' type. Similarly, we may place more rows to get AAA.... ..... type arrangement as shown in Fig. 27 (*a*). In this arrangement, the spheres are found to form squares. This type of packing is also called ***square close packing in two dimensions***.

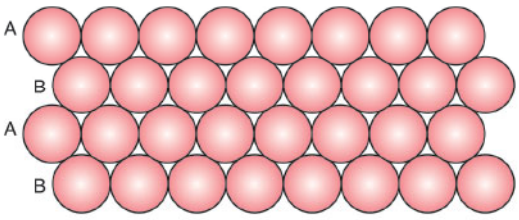
(*ii*) Hexagonal close packing or ABABA... type arrangement in two dimensions.

The spheres are packed in such a way that the spheres in the second row are placed in the depressions between the spheres of the first row. Similarly, the spheres in the third row are placed in the depressions between the spheres of the second row and so on. In this arrangement, the second row is different from the first row. But the spheres in third row are aligned with those of the first row. Similarly, the spheres of fourth row are aligned with those of second row. If the arrangement of spheres in first row is called 'A' type, the one in the second row is different and may be called 'B' type. Now, the arrangement of spheres of third row is same as that of first row, and therefore, it is also called 'A' type. Similarly, fourth row is called 'B' type. Hence the arrangement is



Arrangement I

(*a*) Square close packing occupies 52.4% of available space



Arrangement II

(*b*) Hexagonal close packing occupies 60.4% of available space

Fig. 27. Packing of spheres in two dimensions.

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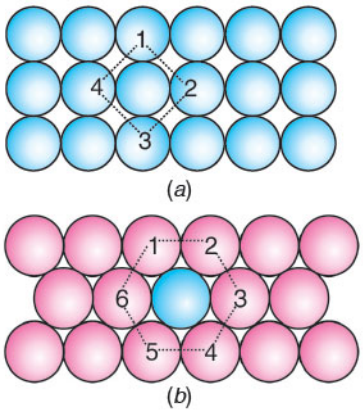


Fig. 28. (*a*) A sphere in square close packing is in contact with four spheres. (*b*) A sphere in hexagonal close packing is in contact with six spheres.

called ABAB..... type. This type of arrangement is also called *hexagonal close packing of spheres in two dimensions* and is shown in Fig. 27.(*b*) (arrangement II).

A comparison of two ways of packing of spheres shows that in arrangement I, the spheres are less closely packed than in arrangement II. It has been calculated that in arrangement I, only 52.4% of the available space is occupied by the spheres. In the second arrangement, 60.4% of the space is occupied. Therefore, the arrangement II is more efficient and leaves less space unoccupied by spheres. Thus, arrangement II is more economical and it represents a close packing of spheres.

It can be seen that in arrangement I, each sphere is in contact with four other spheres as shown in Fig. 28 (*a*). On the other hand, each sphere is in contact with six other similar spheres in arrangement II as shown in Fig. 28 (*b*).

Thus, in two dimensional close packing, the co-ordination number of each sphere in arrangement I (square close packing) is **four** and in arrangement II (hexagonal close packing) is **six**. Thus, the arrangement II represents closest packing of spheres in a layer.

(*c*) Close Packing in Three Dimensions

We can now build other layers over the first layer to extend the packing in three dimensions. This can be done by building layers on square packed and hexagonal close-packed arrangement of first layer. Let us see what types of three dimensional close packing can be obtained from these two types of arrangements. Let us mark the sphere in the first layer as A.

(*i*) Three dimensional close packing from two dimensional square close packed layers

For placing the second square close packed layers above the first row, follow the same procedure that was followed when one row was placed adjacent to the other row. The second layer is placed over the first layer such that these spheres of the second layers are exactly above those of first layer. In this arrangement, spheres of both layers are perfectly aligned horizontally as well as vertically. Similarly, we may place more layers one above the other. This is shown in Fig. 29 (*a*). If the arrangement of spheres in the first layer is called 'A' type, the other layers will also be 'A' type because they have same arrangement. This type of packing is referred to as AAA.....type. This type of packing is also called **simple cubic packing** and its unit cell is the primitive unit cell as shown in Fig. 29 (*b*).

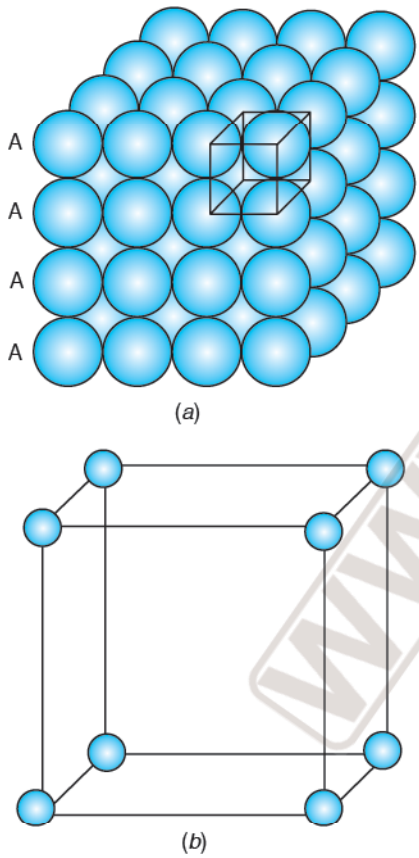


Fig. 29. Simple cubic lattice formed by AAA.... arrangement.

(*ii*) Three dimensional close packing from two dimensional hexagonal close packed layers.

As we have already seen that for two dimensional packing, hexagonal close packing is more efficient packing. Let us consider a three dimensional packing above this layer.

Let us mark the spheres in the first layer as A. It is clear from Fig. 30(*a*) that in the first layer there are some empty spaces or hollows called **voids.** These are triangular in shape. These triangular voids are of two types marked as *a* and *b*. All the hollows are equivalent but the spheres of second layer may be placed either on hollows which are marked *a* or on other set of hollows marked *b*. It may be noted that it is not possible to place spheres on both types of hollows. Let us place the spheres on hollows marked *b* to make the second layer which may be labelled as *B* layer. Obviously the holes marked *a* remain unoccupied while building the second layer. The second layer is indicated as dotted circles in Fig. 30 (*b*).

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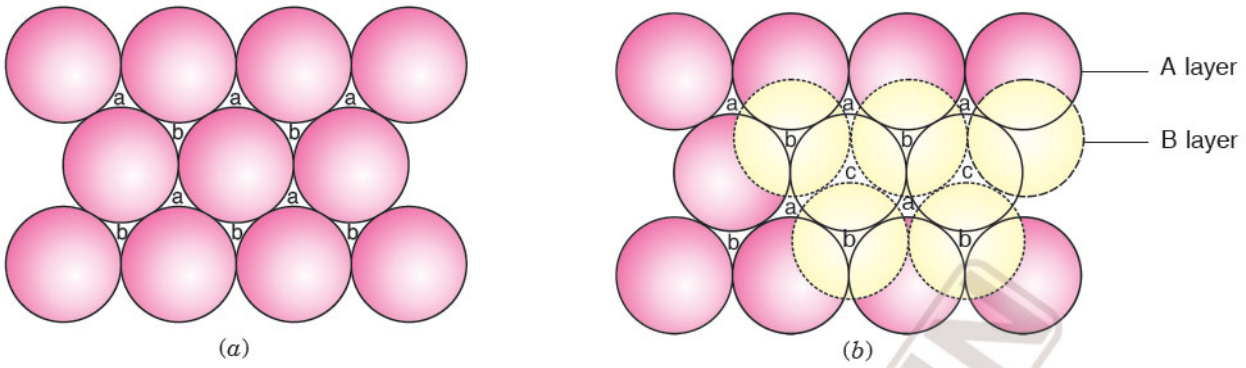


Fig. 30. Packing of second layer (*b*) on first layer (*a*).

It is clear from Fig. 30 (*b*) that the two types of voids are not similar. The '*c*' type of voids are triangular but '*a*' type of voids of the second layer are a combination of two triangular voids (one each of first layer and second layer) with the vertex of one triangle upwards and the vertex of other triangle downwards.

Whenever a sphere of second layer is placed above the void of first layer, a tetrahedral void is formed. These voids are called **tetrahedral voids** because a tetrahedron is formed when the centres of these four spheres are joined. **The voids '*c*' represent tetrahedral voids.**

The voids '*a*' are double triangular voids. The triangular void in the second layer are above the triangular voids in the first layer and the triangular shapes of these voids donot overlap. Such voids are surrounded by six spheres and are called **octahedral voids.**

Now the third layer can be build up by placing spheres above tetrahedral voids marked (*c*) or octahedral voids marked (*a*).

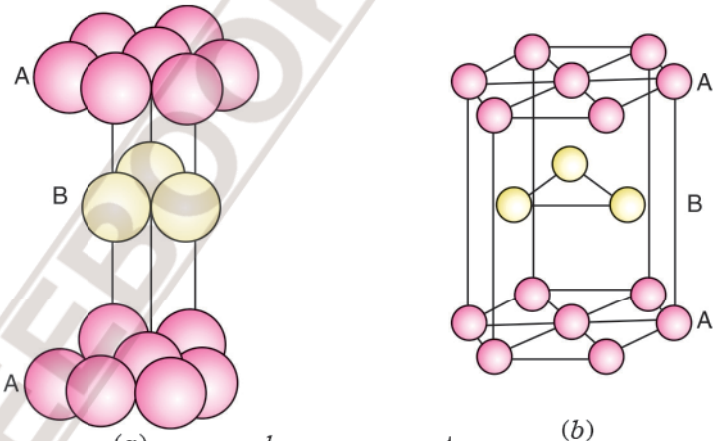


Fig. 31. ABABA... or *hcp* arrangement of spheres. Metals like magnesium, zinc, etc. adopt this type of arrangement.

(*i*) Covering tetrahedral voids

When a third layer is to be added, again there are two types of hollows available. One type of hollows marked '*a*' are unoccupied hollows of the first layer. The other type of hollows are hollows in the second layer (marked *c*). Thus, there are **two alternatives** to build the third layer.

The third layer of spheres may be placed on the tetrahedral voids marked (*c*) of the second layer. In this arrangement, the spheres of the third layer lie directly above those in the first layer. In other words, *third layer becomes exactly identical to the first layer* (labelled A). This is shown in Fig. 31. This type of packing is referred to as ABABA.... arrangement. This type of packing is also known as **hexagonal close packing.** It is abbreviated as ***hcp***. For simplicity, *hcp* arrangement can be drawn as shown in Fig. 31 (*b*).

Metals like magnesium, molybdenum, beryllium, zinc, etc. adopt this type of arrangement.

(*ii*) **Covering octahedral voids**

The second way to pack spheres in the third layer is to place them over octahedral voids marked '*a*' (unoccupied hollows of first layer). This gives rise to a new layer labelled as C. However, it can be shown that the spheres in the fourth layer will correspond to those in the first layer. This is shown in Figs. 32 (*a*) and 32 (*b*). This gives the ABCABCA.....type of

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Number of atoms per unit cell in *hcp*.

In *hcp* arrangement, Fig. 31 (*b*), there are 12 atoms at the corners, 2 at face centres and 3 atoms are present in the body. In *hcp*, each corner is shared by six unit cells, therefore, contribution of atom at the corner is 1/6; each atom at the face centre is shared by 2 unit cells and therefore, contribution of atom at the face centre is 1/2; the atom within the body contributes to that unit cell only. Thus,

No. of atoms per unit cell =

$$12 \text{ (at corners)} \times \frac{1}{6} + 2 \text{ (face)} \times \frac{1}{2} + 3 \text{ (body)} \times 1$$

$$= 2 + 1 + 3 = 6 \text{ atoms/unit cell.}$$

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arrangement. It is also known as **cubic close packing** and is abbreviated as ***ccp.*** For simplicity ccp arrangement can be drawn as shown in Fig. 32(*c*). It is clear from Fig. 32 (*c*) that there is *a* sphere at the centre of each face of the cube. Therefore, this arrangement is also known as **face centred cubic arrangement** and is abbreviated as ***fcc.*** Metals like copper, iron, nickel, aluminium, gold and silver crystallise in this type of structure.

It may be noted that both types of packing are equally economical though these have different forms. In both cases, 74% of the available volume is occupied by the spheres.

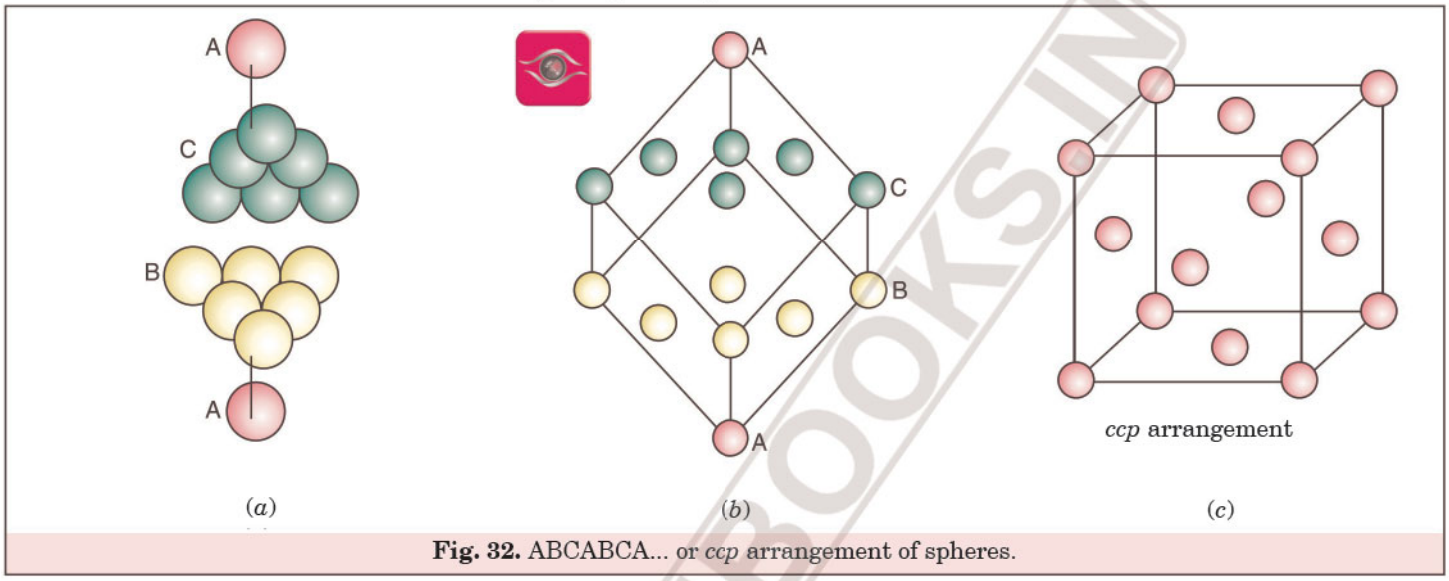


Fig. 32. ABCABCA... or *ccp* arrangement of spheres.

INTERSTITIAL VOIDS OR INTERSTITIAL SITES

In the close packing of spheres, certain hollows or voids are left vacant. These holes or voids in the crystals are called **interstitial voids** or **interstitial sites.** Two important interstitial voids are (*i*) *tetrahedral* (*ii*) *octahedral.*

We have learnt during packing of spheres that after arranging two layers (A and B) we find two types of voids (marked *a* and *c*). The void '*c*' is created by four spheres and is called tetrahedral void. The void '*a*' is created by six spheres in contact and is called octahedral void. These are shown in Fig. 33 marking them as *t* and *o*. These are discussed below :

(*i*) **Tetrahedral void or site .** A sphere in the second layer is placed above three spheres touching one another in the first layer. This is shown in Fig.34. The centres of these spheres lie at the apices of a tetrahedron. It may be noted that the shape of the void is not tetrahedral, but the arrangement around this void is tetrahedral. Thus, *the vacant space among four spheres having tetrahedral arrangement* is called **tetrahedral void** or **tetrahedral site.**

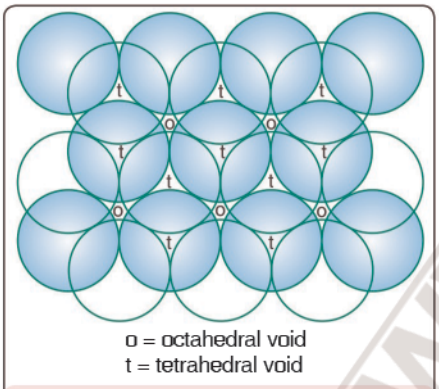


Fig. 33. Tetrahedral and octahedral voids in close packing arrangement.

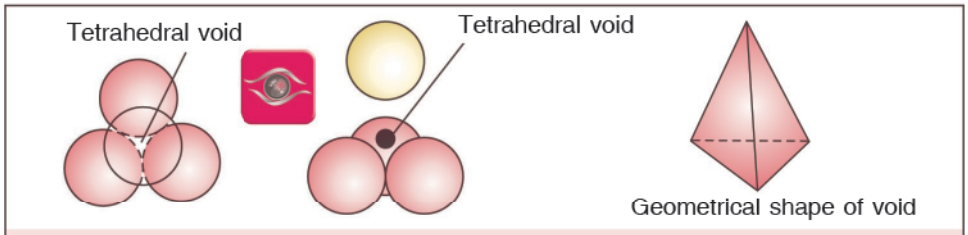


Fig. 34. Tetrahedral void.

(*ii*) **Octahedral void or site.** This type of void or site is formed at the centre of six spheres. It is shown in Fig. 35. From the figure, it is clear that each octahedral void is produced by two sets of equilateral triangles which point in opposite directions. Thus, *the void formed by two equilateral triangles with*

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The presence of interstitial voids or interstitial sites play an important role in chemistry of transition metals. The transition metals can easily accommodate the small non-metallic atoms such as hydrogen, boron, carbon and nitrogen because of spaces between the metal atoms. These compounds are called **interstitial compounds.**

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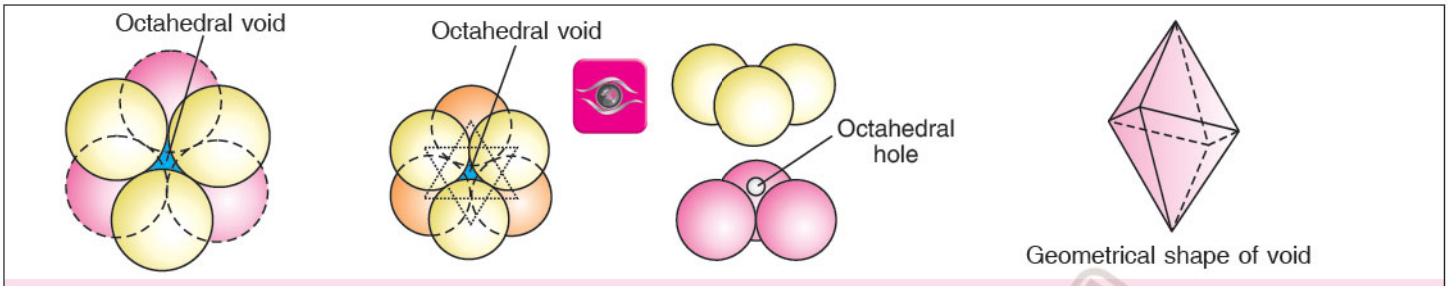


Fig. 35. Octahedral void.

apices in opposite direction is called **octahedral void** or **octahedral site**. This void is, therefore, surrounded by 6 spheres lying at the vertices of a regular octahedron.

Number of octahedral and tetrahedral voids or sites. There are two tetrahedral voids for each sphere and there is only one octahedral void for each sphere. Thus, in a close packed structure of N spheres, there are :

tetrahedral voids = 2N
octahedral voids = N
total number of tetrahedral and octahedral voids = 3N

Coordination Number

The number of spheres which are touching a given sphere is called **the coordination number.** Thus, **coordination number** is

the number of closest (or nearest) neighbours of any constituent particle in the crystal lattice.

As already discussed in *hcp* and *ccp* arrangements, a sphere is in direct contact with 6 other spheres in the same plane of the central atom. It touches three spheres in the layer above it and three spheres in the layer below it. Thus, its coordination number in *hcp* and *ccp* arrangements is 12 as shown in Fig. 36.

It may be noted that coordination numbers of 4, 6, 8 and 12 are very common in various types of crystals.

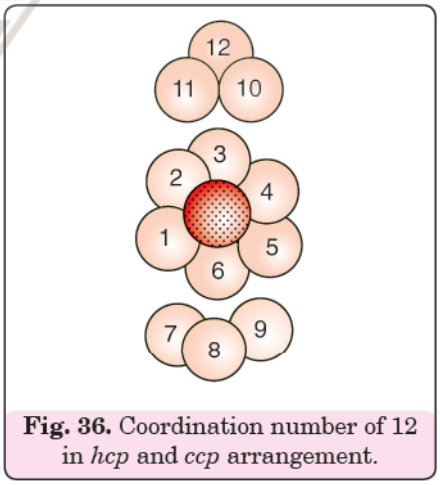


Fig. 36. Coordination number of 12 in *hcp* and *ccp* arrangement.

EFFICIENCY OF PACKING OR PACKING EFFICIENCY

In whatever way, the constituent particles (atoms, molecules or ions) are packed, there is always some free space left in the form of voids. The **packing efficiency** is

the percentage of total space filled by the particles.

Alternatively, it may also be expressed as **packing fraction. It is the fraction of total space filled by the particles.** Both types of close packing (*hcp* and *ccp*) are equally efficient and occupy 74% of the available volume. On the other hand, in body centred cubic structure, the efficiency is 68% while in simple cubic structure, it is only 52.4%.

Let us calculate the packing efficiencies in different structures.

(a) In cubic close packing or face centred cubic arrangement

Suppose the edge length of the unit cell = a

and radius of each sphere = r

It is clear from the figure that there are 8 spheres at the corners and six spheres at the faces.

$$\text{No. of spheres in unit cell} = 8 \times \frac{1}{8} + 6 \times \frac{1}{2} = 4$$

As spheres along face diagonal are touching, it is evident from the figure,

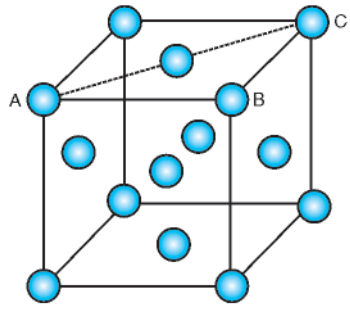
$$AC = 4r$$

Consider ΔABC. Since it is right angled triangle,

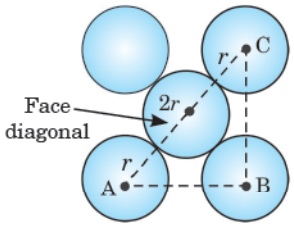
$$AC^2 = AB^2 + BC^2 = a^2 + a^2 = 2a^2$$

$$\therefore \quad \text{Face diagonal, } AC = \sqrt{2}\,.\,a$$

$$\therefore \quad \sqrt{2}\,.a = 4r \text{ or } a = \frac{4r}{\sqrt{2}} = 2\sqrt{2}\,r$$



ccp arrangement



top view of *ccp* arrangement (spheres along face diagonal are touching)

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Volume of a unit cell = $a^3 = (2\sqrt{2}\,r)^3 = 16\sqrt{2}\,r^3$

Total volume of 4 spheres = $4 \times \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 = \frac{16}{3}\pi r^3$

$$\text{Packing efficiency} = \frac{\text{Volume of four spheres in the unit cell}}{\text{Total volume of unit cell}} \times 100$$

$$= \frac{\frac{16}{3}\pi r^3}{16\sqrt{2}\,r^3} \times 100$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{3\times\sqrt{2}} \times 100 = \frac{3.142}{3\times 1.414} \times 100 = 74\%$$

∴ **Volume occupied in *fcc* or *ccp* arrangement = 74%**

(*b*) In hexagonal close packing (*hcp*) arrangement

Suppose radius of each sphere = r

From the figure, it is clear, that $a = 2r$

Volume of unit cell can be calculated as:

Volume of unit cell = Base area × Height (h)

Base area of regular hexagon = 6 × Area of equilateral triangle

$$= 6 \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}a^2$$

$$= 6 \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}(2r)^2 = 6 \times \sqrt{3}\,r^2$$

Height of unit cell = $4r.\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$

Volume of unit cell = $6\sqrt{3}\,r^2 \times 4r.\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} = 24\sqrt{2}\,r^3$

No. of atoms in *hcp* unit cell = $12 \times \frac{1}{6}$(corners) + $2 \times \frac{1}{2}$(face centres) + 3 (in body) = 6

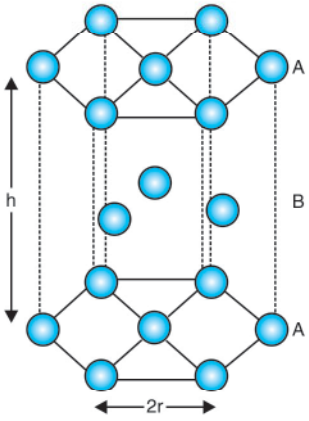
Volume of 6 spheres = $6 \times \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 = 8\pi r^3$

$$\text{Packing efficiency} = \frac{\text{Volume occupied by spheres in unit cell}}{\text{Volume of } hcp \text{ unit cell}} \times 100$$

$$= \frac{8\pi r^3}{24\sqrt{2}\,r^3} \times 100 = \frac{\pi}{3\sqrt{2}} \times 100 = \frac{3.142}{3\times 1.414} \times 100$$

$$= 0.74 \times 100 = 74\%$$

∴ **Volume occupied in hcp arrangement = 74%**



hexagonal close packed arrangement

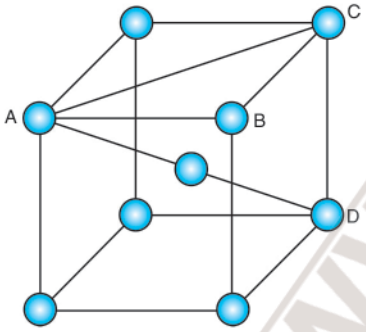
(*c*) In body centred cubic (*bcc*) arrangement

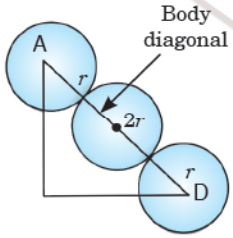
Suppose the edge length = a

Radius of each sphere = r

It is clear from figure that there are 8 spheres at the corners and one in the body of the unit cell.

No. of spheres per unit cell = $8 \times \frac{1}{8} + 1 = 2$





view of AD

bcc arrangement (spheres along body diagonal are touching)

It is evident from the figure that spheres along body diagonal are touching so that,

AD = $4r$

Consider right angled ΔABC,

$AC^2 = AB^2 + BC^2 = a^2 + a^2$

∴ $AC^2 = 2a^2$

Similarly in right angled ΔACD,

Body diagonal, $AD^2 = AC^2 + CD^2$

$AD^2 = 2a^2 + a^2 = 3a^2$

∴ $AD = \sqrt{3}.a$

∴ $\sqrt{3}.a = 4r$

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or $$a = \frac{4r}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\text{Volume of unit cell} = a^3 = \left(\frac{4r}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^3 = \frac{64r^3}{3\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\text{Volume of a sphere} = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$$

$$\text{Total volume of two spheres} = 2 \times \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 = \frac{8}{3}\pi r^3$$

$$\text{Packing efficiency} = \frac{\text{Volume of two spheres in the unit cell}}{\text{Total volume of unit cell}} \times 100$$

$$= \frac{\frac{8}{3}\pi r^3}{\frac{64}{3\sqrt{3}} r^3} \times 100 = \frac{\pi\sqrt{3}}{8} \times 100$$

$$= \frac{3.142 \times 1.732}{8} \times 100 = 68\%$$

∴ **Volume occupied in *bcc* arrangement = 68%**

(*d*) In a simple cubic unit cell

Suppose the edge length of the unit cell = a

Radius of the sphere = r

Since the spheres are touching each other along the edge, $a = 2r$

Now, there are eight spheres at the corners of the cube.

Each sphere at the corner is shared by eight unit cells and the contribution per unit cell is 1/8 so that

$$\text{Number of spheres per unit cell is } 8 \times \frac{1}{8} = 1$$

$$\text{Volume of sphere} = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$$

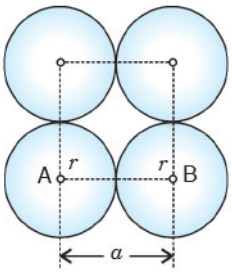
$$\text{Volume of cube} = a^3 = (2r)^3 = 8r^3$$

$$\text{Packing efficiency} = \frac{\text{Volume of one sphere}}{\text{Total volume of cubic unit cell}} \times 100$$

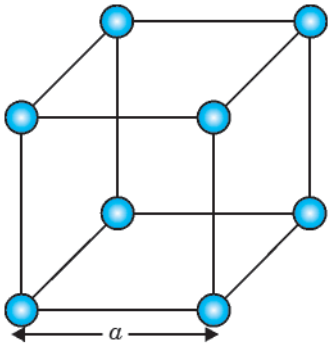
$$= \frac{\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3}{8\,r^3} \times 100 = \frac{\pi}{6} \times 100 = \frac{3.142 \times 100}{6}$$

$$= 52.37\% \quad \text{or} \quad 52.4\%$$

∴ **Volume occupied in simple cubic arrangement = 52.4%**



(spheres along the edge are touching)



simple cubic arrangement

SIZES OF TETRAHEDRAL AND OCTAHEDRAL VOIDS

As we have already learnt, in the close packed structures (*hcp* or *ccp*), there are two common types of voids :

(*i*) octahedral voids

(*ii*) tetrahedral voids

The radii of the voids in these close packed structures are related to the sizes of the spheres present in the packing. Let us calculate the radii of these voids in relation to the radii of the atoms in close packing.

Relationship between radius of octahedral void and radius of atoms in close packing.

An octahedral void is shown in Fig. 37. Though an octahedral void is surrounded by six spheres, only four are shown. The spheres present above and below the void are not shown. Let us assume that the length of the unit cell is a cm and radius of octahedral void (shown by sphere) is r and the radius of sphere is R.

If the length of the unit cell is a cm, then

In right angled ΔABC,

AB = BC = a cm

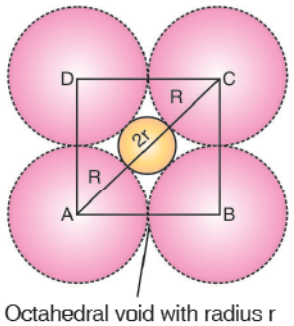


Fig. 37. A cross-section of an octahedral void.

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The diagonal AC is :

$$AC = \sqrt{AB^2 + BC^2} = \sqrt{a^2 + a^2} = \sqrt{2}\ a$$

also $$\frac{AC}{AB} = \frac{\sqrt{2}\ a}{a} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{1}$$

Now, $$AB = 2R$$

$$AC = R + 2r + R = 2R + 2r$$

$$\therefore \quad \frac{2R + 2r}{2R} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{1}$$

or $$1 + \frac{r}{R} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{1}$$

or $$\frac{r}{R} = \sqrt{2} - 1 = 1.414 - 1 = 0.414$$

or $$r = 0.414\ R$$

Thus, *for an atom to occupy an octahedral void, its radius must be 0.414 times the radius of the sphere.*

Relationship between radius of the tetrahedral void and radius of atoms in close packing.

A tetrahedral void may be represented by placing four spheres at the alternate corners of a cube as shown in Fig. 38. It may be noted that a stable tetrahedral arrangement has four spheres at the corners touching each other. However, for simplicity, the spheres are shown by distant circles. Actually all the spheres are touching one another. Let us assume that the length of each side of the cube is a cm and radius of tetrahedral void (shown by a sphere) is r and the radius of sphere is R.

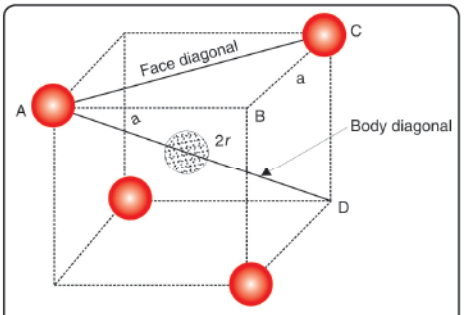


Fig. 38. A tetrahedral void.

In the figure, AC is a face diagonal.

In right angled ΔABC,

$$AC^2 = AB^2 + BC^2$$

or $$AC = \sqrt{AB^2 + BC^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{a^2 + a^2} = \sqrt{2}\ a$$

As spheres A and C at the face diagonal (though shown by distant circles) are actually touching each other so that

$$AC = R + R = 2R$$

$$\therefore \quad 2R = \sqrt{2}\ a \text{ or } R = \frac{\sqrt{2}a}{2} \qquad ...(i)$$

Now in the right angled triangle, ΔACD, AD is body diagonal and

$$AD^2 = AC^2 + CD^2$$

$$AD = \sqrt{AC^2 + CD^2} = \sqrt{2a^2 + a^2} = \sqrt{3}\ .\ a$$

The tetrahedral void is present at the centre of the body diagonal AD so that half the length of this diagonal is equal to the sum of the radii of R and r. Thus,

$$R + r = \frac{AD}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{3}a}{2} \qquad ...(ii)$$

Dividing eq. (ii) by eq. (i), we get

$$\frac{R + r}{R} = \frac{\sqrt{3}a}{2} \times \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}a} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$1 + \frac{r}{R} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2}}$$

or $$\frac{r}{R} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2}} - 1 = \frac{\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}}$$

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$$= \frac{1.732 - 1.414}{1.414} = 0.225$$

or $r = 0.225\ R$

Thus, *for an atom to occupy a tetrahedral void, its radius must be 0.225 times the radius of the sphere.*

Thus, **we observe that a tetrahedral void is much smaller than the octahedral void.**

Radius Ratio of Cations and Anions and Stability of Ionic Solids

In case of ionic solids, usually anions are present in the close packed arrangement and cations occupy voids. ***The number of oppositely charged ions surrounding each ion*** is called its **coordination number**. Therefore, the relation between the size of the void and the sphere in the close packed arrangement is expressed in terms of radius of cation to that of anion.

The ratio of the radius of the cation to the radius of the anion is called **radius ratio.**

Thus, $\text{Radius ratio} = \frac{\text{Radius of the cation}}{\text{Radius of the anion}} = \frac{r_+}{r_-}$

For cations occupying the tetrahedral voids,

$r_+ = 0.225\ r_-$ or $r_+/r_- = 0.225$

For cations occupying the octahedral voids,

$r_+ = 0.414\ r_-$ or $r_+/r_- = 0.414$

The ratio of the radius of cation and the radius of anion *i.e.*, radius ratio (r_+/r_-) plays an important role in determining the structures of ionic solids and coordination number of ions. As is clear, for the cations to occupy tetrahedral void, the limiting lowest value of r_+/r_- is 0.225 and to occupy octahedral void, it is 0.414. In other words, for tetrahedral coordination, the radius ratio should be in the range of 0.225 – 0.414. Similarly, it has been calculated that for stable arrangement of cations occupying octahedral voids (*i.e.*, coordination number 6), the radius ratio should be more than 0.414 in the range of 0.414–0.732. If the radius ratio (r_+/r_-) is more than 0.732 (in the range 0.732–1.0), the cations occupy cubic voids (coordination number 8). Similarly, below 0.225, the cations occupy simple trigonal voids. The possible coordination numbers and structural arrangements of anions around cations for different r_+/r_- values are given below :

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The structures of crystals are also expressed by various planes described by a set of integers known as **Miller indices**. For detail, refer **Competition File** (Page 79).

Radius ratio (r_+/r_-)	Possible coordination number	Structural arrangement	Structural type	Examples
0.155 – 0.225	3	Trigonal planar	B_2O_3	B_2O_3
0.225 – 0.414	4	Tetrahedral	ZnS	ZnS, CuCl, CuBr, CuI BaS, HgS
0.414 – 0.732	6	Octahedral	NaCl	NaCl, MgO, NaBr, CaS, CaO
0.732 – 1.0	8	Cubic	CsCl	CsCl, CsBr, TlBr, NH_4Br

The application of radius ratio rule may be illustrated by the following examples :

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Example 8.

The radius of Na^+ ion is 95 pm and that of Cl^- ion is 181 pm. Predict whether the coordination number of Na^+ ion is 6 or 4. ***(Pb. S.B. 2017)***

Solution : Radius of Na^+ = 95 pm

Radius of Cl^- = 181 pm

$$\text{Radius ratio, } \frac{r_+}{r_-} = \frac{r(Na^+)}{r(Cl^-)} = \frac{95}{181} = 0.524$$

The radius ratio lies between 0.414 – 0.732. Hence, Na^+ ions prefer to occupy **octahedral holes** having coordination number 6.

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❑ **Example 9.**

Br^- ions form a close packed structure. If the radius of Br^- ion is 195 pm, calculate the radius of the cation that just fits into the tetrahedral hole. Can a cation having a radius of 82 pm be slipped into the octahedral hole of the crystal A^+Br^- ? (A.I.S.B. 2003)

Solution : Radius of the cation just fitting into the tetrahedral hole

$$= \text{Radius of tetrahedral hole} = 0.225 \times r_{Br^-}$$
$$= 0.225 \times 195 = \mathbf{43.875\ pm}$$

For the cation A^+ with radius, 82 pm

$$\text{Radius ratio} = \frac{r_+}{r_-} = \frac{82\ \text{pm}}{195\ \text{pm}} = 0.4205$$

Since the radius ratio (r_+/r_-) lies in the range 0.414–0.732, hence the cation A^+ can be slipped into octahedral hole of the crystal A^+Br^-.

Practice Problems

15. The atomic radii of Cs^+ and Cl^- ions are 1.69 Å and 1.81 Å respectively. Predict the coordination number of Cs^+ ion and structure of CsCl.

16. A solid AB has NaCl structure. If the radius of cation A is 100 pm, what is the radius of anion B ? (*Pb.S.B.2017*)

17. If the radius of Br^- ion is 0.182 nm, how large a cation can fit in each of the tetrahedral hole ?

Answers to Practice Problems

15. 8, cubic

16. 136.6 to 241.6 pm.

17. $< 7.53 \times 10^{-2}$ nm

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FORMULA OF A COMPOUND AND NUMBER OF VOIDS FILLED

In the case of simple ionic compounds, generally two types of arrangements are possible. These are *cubic close packed* (*ccp*) or *face centred cubic* (*fcc*) arrangement and *hexagonal close packed* (*hcp*) *arrangement*. The larger ions (*i.e.,* anions) adopt these arrangements. The other kinds of ions (*i.e.,* cations) occupy different voids. As we have learnt, there are two types of voids : tetrahedral and octahedral; which are generally occupied.

From the description of the close packed structures and the types of voids occupied, we can easily draw inferences regarding the structures of simple ionic compounds. For example, consider a compound of general formula AB in which the B ions form a close packed lattice. There are two possibilities:

(*i*) Since there is only one octahedral void per atom in a close packed lattice, all the octahedral voids will be occupied by A^+ ions. In this case, the number of A^+ ions and B^- ions will be same. Sodium chloride has this type of structure in which Cl^- ions form a cubic close packed structure and Na^+ ions occupy all the octahedral voids.

(*ii*) There are two tetrahedral voids per atom in a close packed lattice. This means that there are two tetrahedral voids available for every B^- ion. To form the compound AB, only one half of the tetrahedral voids will be occupied. Zinc blende (ZnS) has this type of structure, in which S^{2-} ions form cubic close packed lattice and Zn^{2+} ions occupy one half of the tetrahedral voids.

If, on the other hand, the formula of the compound is A_2B in which B^- ions adopt cubic close packed lattice, then all the tetrahedral voids will be occupied by A^+ ions. Since there are two tetrahedral voids per atom, and all the voids are occupied, there will be two A^+ ions for each B^- ion. Sodium oxide adopts this type of structure. This structure is also known as **antifluorite structure**.

Alternatively, if A^+ ions (though smaller in size than B^- ions) adopt cubic close packed structure and B ions occupy all the tetrahedral voids, then the formula of the compound is AB_2. Calcium fluoride has similar type of structure. The structure is known as **fluorite structure**.

The structures of some common ionic solids are summed up in Table 4 ahead.*

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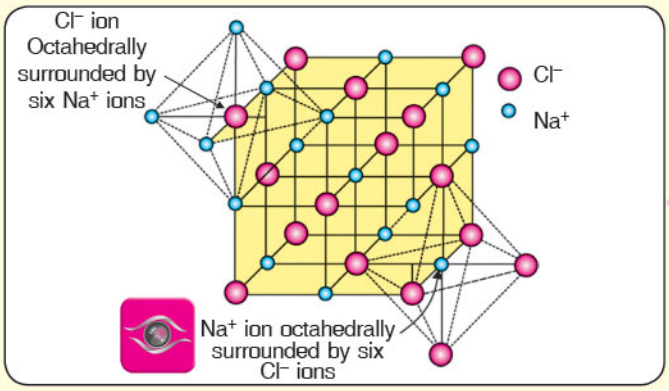
The arrangement of atoms, ions or molecules in crystals is determined by X-rays diffraction studies. For detail, refer **Competition File** (Page 79).

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STRUCTURES OF SOME COMMON IONIC COMPOUNDS



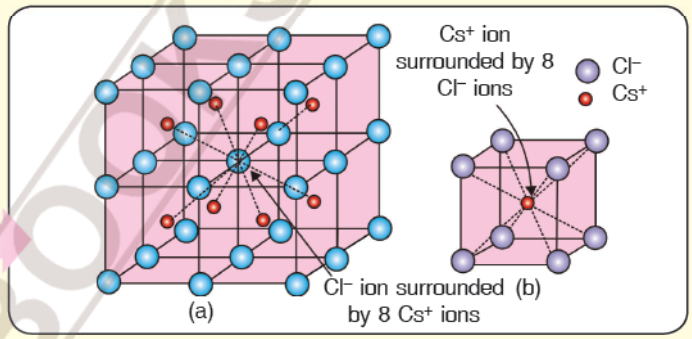
Sodium chloride (NaCl)

Sodium chloride (NaCl)

- **Cl^- ions have ccp or fcc arrangement (*i.e.* Cl^- ions occupy all the corners and all the face centres of the cube)**
- **Na^+ ions occupy all octahedral sites (*i.e.* Na^+ ions are present at the body centre and edge centres)**
- **C.N. of Na^+ = 6**
- **C.N. of Cl^- = 6**

Cesium chloride (CsCl)

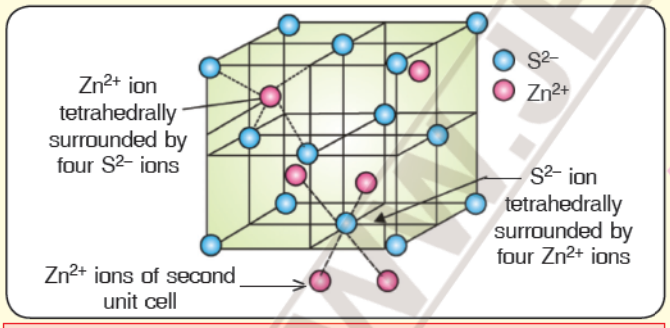
- **Cl^- ions have simple cubic arrangement (*i.e.* present at all the corners of the cube)**
- **Cs^+ ions occupy cubic sites (*i.e.* occupy the centre of the cube)**
- **C.N. of Cs^+ = 8**
- **C.N. of Cl^- = 8**



Cesium chloride (CsCl)

Zinc sulphide (ZnS)

- **S^{2-} ions have *ccp* or *fcc* arrangement (*i.e.* S^{2-} ions occupy all the corners and all the face centres of the cube)**
- **Zn^{2+} ions occupy half of the tetrahedral sites**
- **C.N. of Zn^{2+} = 4**
- **C.N. of S^{2-} = 4**



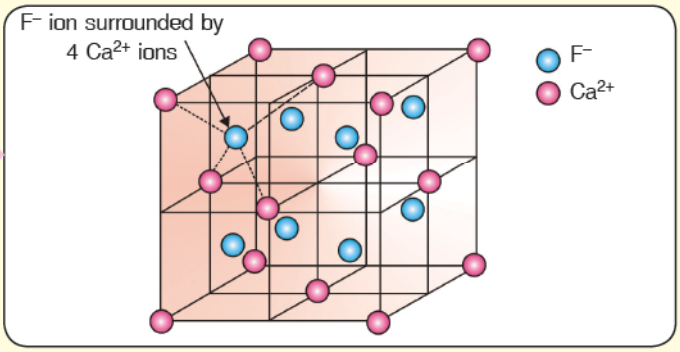
Zinc sulphide (ZnS)

- **It may be noted that ZnS exists in two forms; zinc blende and wurtzite. In zinc blende, S^{2-} ions have *ccp* or *fcc* arrangement (as shown) but in wurtzite S^{2-} ions have *hcp* arrangement. The arrangement of Zn^{2+} ions is same in both *i.e.* occupy half the tetrahedral sites.**

Calcium fluoride (CaF_2)

- **Ca^{2+} ions in ccp arrangement (*i.e.* Ca^{2+} ions occupy all the corners and all the face centres of the cube)**
- **F^- ions occupy all tetrahedral sites**
- **C.N. of Ca^{2+} = 8**
- **C.N. of F^- = 4**

- This structure is called **fluorite structure.** Sodium oxide (Na_2O) has structure reverse of fluorite structure. O^{2-} ions are arranged in ccp arrangement and Na^+ ions occupy all the tetrahedral sites. It is called **antifluorite structure**.



Calcium fluoride (CaF_2)

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Table 4. Summary of the structures of ionic solids.

Compound	Description	Co-ordination number	Other Examples
NaCl	*ccp* arrangement of Cl^-, Na^+ in all the octahedral sites	$Na^+ = 6$, $Cl^- = 6$	Li, Na, K halides, AgCl, AgBr, MgO, CaO
ZnS (Zinc blende)	*ccp* arrangement of S^{2-}, Zn^{2+} in alternative tetrahedral sites	$Zn^{2+} = 4$, $S^{2-} = 4$	BeS, CuCl, CuBr, CuI
CsCl	Simple cubic arrangement of Cl^-, Cs^+ in cubic sites	$Cs^+ = 8$, $Cl^- = 8$	CsBr, CsI, TlCl, TlBr
CaF_2	*ccp* arrangement of Ca^{2+}, F^- occupy all tetrahedral sites	$Ca^{2+} = 8$, $F^- = 4$	SrF_2, BaF_2, CaF_2, CdF_2
Na_2O	*ccp* arrangement of O^{2-}, Na^+ occupy all tetrahedral sites	$Na^+ = 4$, $O^{2-} = 8$	Li_2O, K_2S

Effect of Temperature and Pressure on Crystal Structures

At ordinary temperatures and pressures, chlorides, bromides and iodides of Li, Na, K and Rb as well as some of the halides of silver possess the sodium chloride type structure. In this, the coordination number of both the negative and positive ions are 6 : 6. On the application of high pressure, these change to CsCl type structure in which the coordination number of ions become 8 : 8. Therefore, **the high pressure increases the coordination number.** On the other hand, on heating to about 760 K, the CsCl structure transforms to the NaCl structure.

$$\underset{(6:6\text{ coordination})}{\text{NaCl structure}} \underset{760K}{\overset{\text{High pressure}}{\rightleftharpoons}} \underset{(8:8\text{ coordination})}{\text{CsCl structure}}$$

Similarly, NH_4Cl, NH_4Br and NH_4I transform from CsCl structure to the NaCl structure at 457 K, 411 K and 253 K respectively.

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Structure of diamond.

Diamond has same overall geometry as zinc blende but with all atoms identical. It has face centred cubic (fcc) structure with four more atoms which are present in alternate tetrahedral voids.
There are 8 carbon atoms per unit cell in diamond as calculated below:
Diamond has 8 carbon atoms at the corners (each contributing 1/8), 6 atoms at faces (each contributing 1/2) of the cube and 4 atoms at tetrahedral sites (not shared by any other). Thus

Total number of atoms per unit cell=8 (at corners) $\times \frac{1}{8}$ + 6 (at faces) $\times \frac{1}{2}$ + 4 (at tetrahedral sites) $\times$ 1

$= 1 + 3 + 4 =$ **8 atoms**

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Example 10.

A compound is formed by two elements P and Q. Atoms of Q (as anions) make hcp lattice and those of the element P (as cations) occupy all the tetrahedral voids. What is the formula of the compound?

(Kerala S.B. 2014)

Solution : Atoms Q adopt *hcp* arrangement and there are two tetrahedral sites per Q atom. Since all the tetrahedral sites are occupied by P atoms, this means that there are two P atoms for each Q atom.

Thus, the formula of the compound – $\mathbf{P_2Q}$.

Example 11.

Atoms of element B form hcp lattice and those of the element A occupy 2/3rd of the tetrahedral voids. What is the formula of the compound formed by these elements A and B ? ***N.C.E.R.T.*** *(Assam S.B. 2017)*

Solution : Atoms B adopt hcp arrangement and there are two tetrahedral sites per atom of B. Since 2/3rd of the tetrahedral sites are occupied by atoms of element A, then for each atom of B, the number of A atoms will be $2 \times 2/3 = 4/3$.

Ratio of atoms A and B $= \frac{4}{3} : 1 = 4 : 3$

$\therefore$ Formula of compound : $\mathbf{A_4B_3}$.

Example 12.

In a cubic close packed structure of mixed oxides, the lattice is made up of oxide ions, one-eighth of tetrahedral voids are occupied by divalent ions (A^{2+}) while one-half of octahedral voids are occupied by trivalent ions (B^{3+}). What is the formula of the oxide ?

Solution : In a close packed arrangement, there is one octahedral and two tetrahedral voids corresponding to each atom constituting the lattice. Therefore, if

Number of oxide ions (O) per unit cell = n

Number of tetrahedral voids per oxide ion in lattice $= n \times 2 = 2n$

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$$\text{No. of divalent } (A^{2+}) \text{ ions } = \frac{1}{8} \times 2n = \frac{n}{4}$$

Number of octahedral voids per oxide ion in lattice

$$= n \times 1 = n$$

$$\text{No. of trivalent } (B^{3+}) \text{ ions } = n \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{n}{2}$$

$$\text{Ratio of A : B : O } = \frac{n}{4} : \frac{n}{2} : n$$

$$\text{or } = 1 : 2 : 4$$

$\therefore$ Formula of the compound = $\mathbf{AB_2O_4}$.

❑ **Example 13.**

The mineral spinel has the molecular formula $Mg\,Al_2O_4$. In this, oxide ions are present in ccp arrangement, Mg^{2+} ions occupy the tetrahedral voids while Al^{3+} ions occupy the octahedral voids. Calculate the percentage of

(i) tetrahedral voids occupied by Mg^{2+} ions

(ii) octahedral voids occupied by Al^{3+} ions.

Solution : According to the formula $MgAl_2O_4$, there are 4 oxide ions, $1Mg^{2+}$ and 2 Al^{3+} ions per formula unit. If 4 oxide ions are in *ccp* arrangement, there will be 4 octahedral voids and 8 tetrahedral voids. Thus, 1 Mg^{2+} ion is present in one of the 8 tetrahedral voids and 2 Al^{3+} ions are present in 2 octahedral voids out of 4 available.

(*i*) Percentage of tetrahedral voids occupied by Mg^{2+} ions

$$= \frac{1}{8} \times 100 = 12.5\%$$

(*ii*) Percentage of octahedral voids occupied by Al^{3+} ions

$$= \frac{2}{4} \times 100 = 50\%$$

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LOCATING TETRAHEDRAL AND OCTAHEDRAL VOIDS

We have learnt that close packed structures have both tetrahedral and octahedral voids. Let us visualize these voids in *ccp* (or *fcc*) structures.

Locating Tetrahedral Voids

Let us consider a unit cell of *ccp* or *fcc* lattice. It has atoms at all the corners of the cube and at the centre of each face as shown in Fig.1(*a*). If we see carefully, we observe that the unit cell has eight small cubes. Each small cube has atoms at alternate corners. Therefore, each small cube has 4 atoms. When joined to each other, they make a regular tetrahedron. **The centre of the small cube becomes tetrahedral void.** Thus, there is one tetrahedral void in each small cube. Since there are eight small cubes and therefore, there are **eight tetrahedral voids in *ccp* unit cell.**

We know that *ccp* structure has 4 atoms per unit cell. Thus, **the number of tetrahedral voids is twice the number of atoms.** In Fig. 1(*a*) only one tetrahedral site is shown while in Fig 1 (*b*) eight tetrahedral voids in *ccp* structure are shown.



(*a*) One tetrahedral void in *ccp* structure. (*b*) Eight tetrahedral voids in *ccp* structure.

Fig.1. Locating tetrahedral voids in *ccp* structure.

Locating Octahedral Voids

Let us consider the unit cell of *ccp* or *fcc* lattice. It has atoms at all the corners and at the centre of each face as shown in Fig. 2(*a*). If we carefully see, we observe that the body centre of the cube, O, is not occupied but it is surrounded by six atoms on centre of six faces. If these face centres are joined, they make an octahedron. Thus, the centre of this octahedron *i.e.*, point O becomes octahedral void.

In addition to body centre, there is an octahedral void at the centre of each edge as shown Fig. 2(*b*). It is also surrounded by six atoms as shown in Fig. 2(*b*).

Thus in a *ccp* unit cell, there are 12 octahedral voids located on edges and 1 at the body centre of the cube. Now, each edge of the cube is shared between four adjacent unit cells, so is the octahedral void located on it. This means that 1/4th of each void belongs to a particular unit cell.

Thus, in ccp structure, the number of octahedral voids are :

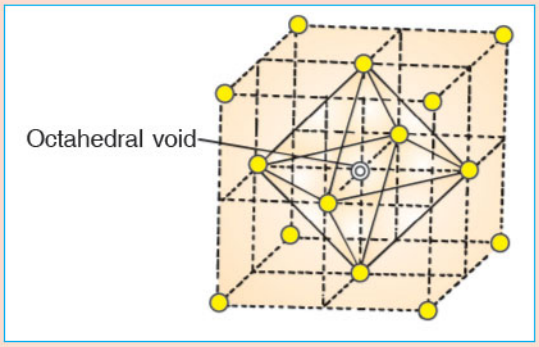
Octahedral void at the body centre of the cube = 1

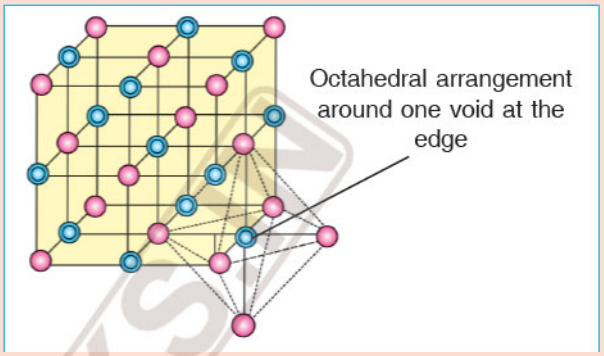
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Octahedral voids at the edges = $12 \times \frac{1}{4} = 3$

$\therefore$ Total number of octahedral voids = 1 + 3 = 4

We know that in *ccp* structure, each unit cell has 4 atoms. Therefore, **the number of octahedral voids are same as the number of atoms.**





(*a*) Octahedral void at body centre of *ccp* unit cell (*b*) 12 octahedral voids at the edges in *ccp* unit cell (shown ●)

Fig.2. Locating octahedral voids in *ccp* structure.

Practice Problems

18. A solid is made of two elements X and Y. Atoms X are in fcc arrangement and Y atoms occupy all the octahedral sites and alternate tetrahedral sites. What is the formula of the compound ?

19. A compound is formed by two elements X and Y. Atoms of element Y (as anions) make ccp and those of the element X (as cations) occupy all the octahedral voids. What is the formula of the compound? ***N.C.E.R.T.***

20. A compound is formed by two elements M and N. The element N forms ccp and M atom occupy 1/3 of the tetrahedral voids. What is the formula of the compound ? ***N.C.E.R.T.*** *(Pb.S.B. 2013, D.S.B. 2015)*

21. In a crystalline solid, anions Y are arranged in ccp arrangement. Cations X are equally distributed between tetrahedral and octahedral voids. If all the octahedral voids are occupied, what is the formula of the solid ?

22. In a metallic oxide, oxide ions are arranged in cubic close packing. One sixth of the tetrahedral voids are occupied by cations P and one third of octahedral voids are occupied by the cations Q. Deduce the formula of the compound. *(Pb.S.B. 2018)*

23. In corrundum, oxide ions are arranged in *hcp* arrangement and the aluminium ions occupy 2/3 of the octahedral voids. What is the formula of corrudum ?

Answers to Practice Problems

18. XY_2.
19. XY.
20. M_2N_3.
21. X_2Y.
22. PQO_3.
23. Al_2O_3.

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Advanced Level PROBLEMS *Accelerate Your Potential (for JEE Advance)*

Problem 1. **In a crystalline solid, anions Y^- are arranged in *hcp*. Cation X^+ are equally distributed between octahedral and tetrahedral voids. If all the octahedral voids are occupied, what is the formula of the compound ?**

Solution Suppose the number of anions, $Y^- = N$

Then number of octahedral voids = N

Number of tetrahedral voids = 2N

Since octahedral and tetrahedral voids are equally occupied by cations X^+ and all the octahedral voids are occupied, then N cations X^+ are present in octahedral voids and N cations X^+ are present in tetrahedral voids. Thus,

No. of cations present = N + N = 2N

Ratio of cations and anions = 2 : 1

$\therefore$ Formula of the compound = $\mathbf{X_2Y}$.

Problem 2. **In a face centred lattice of X and Y, X atoms are present at the corners while Y atoms are at face centres.**

(*a*) What is the formula of the compound ?

(*b*) What would be the formula of the compound if :

(*i*) one of the X atoms is missing from a corner in each unit cell,

(*ii*) two atoms of X are missing from the corners,

(*iii*) one of the X atoms from a corner is replaced by Z atoms (also monovalent) ?

Solution (*a*) No. of X atoms in the unit cell = $8 \times 1/8 = 1$

No. of Y atoms in the unit cell = $6 \times \frac{1}{2} = 3$

Formula = $\mathbf{XY_3}$

(*i*) If one X atom is missing, no. of X atoms = 7/8

Formula $X_{7/8}Y_3$ or $\mathbf{X_7Y_{24}}$

(*ii*) If two X atoms are missing, no. of X atoms = 6/8 = 3/4

Formula = $X_{3/4}Y_3$ or = XY_4

(*iii*) No. of X atoms = 7/8, No. of Z atoms = 1/8

No. of Y atoms = 3

Formula = $X_{7/8}Y_3Z_{1/8}$ or $X_7Y_{24}Z$

Problem 3. In a normal spinel structure, O^{2-} ions form *fcc* packing and 1/8 of the tetrahedral sites are occupied by divalent metal, A^{2+} ions and half of the octahedral sites are occupied by trivalent metal B^{3+} ions, what is the ratio of tetrahedral/octahedral sites:

(*i*) occupied in spinel structure

(*ii*) not occupied in spinel structure

Solution Since O^{2-} ions form *fcc* structure, there will be four O^{2-} ions per unit cell. Therefore,

No. of octahedral sites = 4

No. of tetrahedral sites = $4 \times 2 = 8$

(*i*) No. of tetrahedral sites occupied = $8 \times \frac{1}{8} = 1$

No. of octahedral sites occupied = $4 \times \frac{1}{2} = 2$

$\therefore$ $\frac{\text{Tetrahedral sites}}{\text{Octahedral sites}} = \frac{1}{2}$ or 1 : 2

(*ii*) No. of tetrahedral sites unoccupied = $8 - 1 = 7$

No. of octahedral sites unoccupied = $4 - 2 = 2$

$\therefore$ $\frac{\text{Tetrahedral sites}}{\text{Octahedral sites}} = \frac{7}{2}$ or 7 : 2

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Conceptual Questions 1

CONCEPTUAL QA

Q.1. A metal crystallizes in a body centred cubic structure. If '*a*' is the edge length of its unit cell, '*r*' is the radius of the sphere. What is the relationship between '*r*' and '*a*'? ***(CBSE Sample Paper 2017-18)***

Ans. $r = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}a$

Q.2. If the radius of the octahedral void is '*r*' and radius of the atoms in close packing is 'R'. What is the relation between '*r*' and 'R'? ***(CBSE Sample Paper 2017-18)***

Ans. $r = 0.414$ R.

Q.3. In a close packing of N spheres, how many

(*i*)tetrahedral, and (*ii*) octahedral sites are present?

Ans. (*i*) Tetrahedral = 2N, (*ii*) Octahedral = N.

Q.4. Arrange simple cubic, body centred cubic, face centred cubic and hexagonal close packing in the increasing order of packing efficiency.

Ans. Simple cubic < body centred cubic < face centred cubic = hexagonal close packing.

Q.5. (*a*) What is meant by the term coordination number ?

(*b*) What is the coordination number of atoms:

(*i*) in a cubic close packed structure (*ii*) in a body centred cubic structure ?

Ans. (*a*) Coordination number is the number of nearest neighbours of any constituent particle in the crystal lattice.

(*b*) (*i*) 12 (*ii*) 8.

Q.6. The ions of NaF and MgO all have the same number of electrons and the internuclear distances are about the same (235 pm and 215 pm). Why then are the melting points of NaF and MgO so different (992°C and 2642°C) ?

Ans. In MgO, both the ions carry two units of charge (Mg^{2+}, O^{2-}) whereas in NaF, each ion carries only one unit charge (Na^+F^-). Therefore, there are stronger electrostatic forces of attraction in MgO and, hence, more energy is required to overcome these forces. Thus, its melting point is high.

Q.7. Name the (*i*) most symmetrical and (*ii*) most unsymmetrical crystal system.

Ans. (*i*) Most symmetrical crystal system : Cubic

(*ii*) Most unsymmetrical crystal system : Triclinic.

Q.8. How many atoms can be assigned to its unit cell if an element forms (*i*) a body centred cubic cell and (*ii*) face centred cubic cell ? ***(A.I.S.B. 2005)***

Ans. (*i*) 2 (*ii*) 4.

Q.9. What is the maximum coordination number of an atom in a hcp crystal structure of an element. ? ***(D.S.B. 2005)***

Ans. 12.

Q.10. Which network solid is an exceptionally good conductor of electricity?

Ans. Graphite, a network solid is a good conductor of electricity.

Q.11. How are unit cell and space lattice related ?

Ans. Space lattice is obtained by repeating the unit cell in three dimensions. The spatial arrangement, stoichiometry and density of unit cell and space lattice are equivalent.

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CONCEPTUAL QA

Q.12. Pick out the odd ones from the following sets :
(*i*) Sulphur, Argon, Solid CO_2, Diamond ; (*ii*) SiC, Quartz, BaO, Graphite

Ans. (*i*) Diamond because all others are molecular solids.
(*ii*) BaO because all others are covalent solids.

Q.13. What is the two dimensional coordination number of a molecule in square packed layer ? ***N.C.E.R.T.*** ***(Meghalaya S.B. 2017)***

Ans. 4.

Q.14. Solid A is very hard electrical insulator in solid as well as in molten state and melts at extremely high temperature. What type of solid is it ? ***N.C.E.R.T.***

Ans. Covalent or network solid like quartz (SiO_2) or SiC.

Q.15. What type of solids are electrical conductors, malleable and ductile ? ***N.C.E.R.T.***

Ans. Metallic solids.

Q.16. How many octahedral voids are there in 1 mole of a compound having cubic closed packed structure ? ***(CBSE Sample Paper 2007)***

Ans. 1 mole

Q.17. What is the total number of atoms per unit cell in a face centred cubic structure ? ***(A.I.S.B., 2008, D.S.B. 2008)***

Ans. 4.

Q.18. Some of the very old glass objects appear slightly milky instead of being transparent. Why ? ***(A.I.S.B.2007)***

Ans. This is because of some crystallization in that region.

Q.19. An ionic compound AB_2 possesses CaF_2 type crystal structure. Write the co-ordination numbers of A^{2+} and B^- ions in crystals of AB_2. ***(D.S.B. 2000)***

Ans. C. N. of $A^{2+} = 8$; C. N. of $B^- = 4$.

Q.20. An iron oxide crystallizes in a hexagonal close packed arrangement of oxide ions with two out of every three octahedral voids occupied by iron. Give the formula of the iron oxide. ***(Meghalaya S.B. 2014)***

Ans. In a close packed arrangement, there is one octahedral site corresponding to each atom constituting the lattice. Therefore,

No. of oxide ions per unit cell in hcp arrangement = 6

No. of octahedral holes = $6 \times 1 = 6$

No. of iron ions = $6 \times \frac{2}{3} = 4$

Formula of the compound = Fe_4O_6 or Fe_2O_3.

Q.21. If three elements X, Y and Z crystallize in a cubic solid with X atoms at the corners, Y atoms at the cube centres and Z atoms at the faces of the cube, then write the formula of the compound.

Ans. Atom X per unit cell = $8 \times \frac{1}{8} = 1$
Atom Y per unit cell = 1
Atom Z per unit cell = $6 \times \frac{1}{2} = 3$
$\therefore$ Formula of the compound = XYZ_3

Q.22. In a solid 'AB', 'A' atoms have *ccp* arrangement and B atoms occupy all the octahedral sites. If all the face centred atoms along one of the axes are removed, then what will be the resultant stoichiometry of the compound?

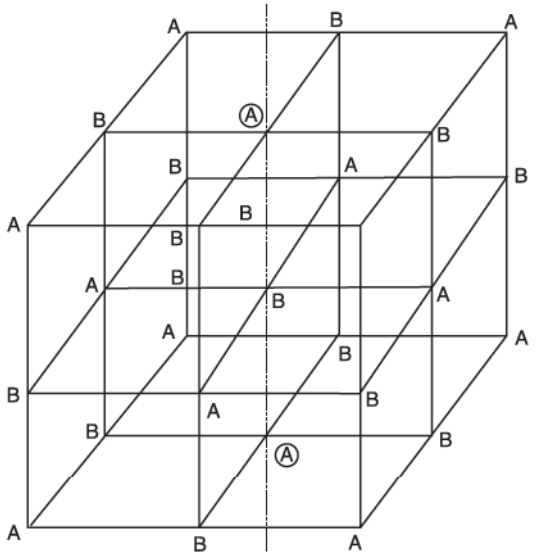
Ans. In *ccp* type structure, there are 8A at the corners of the cube and 6A atoms on the face centres. If all the face centred atoms along one of the axes are removed, it means removal of 2A atoms. Therefore, only 4 atoms will be left on faces.

No. of A atoms per unit cell = $8 \times \frac{1}{8} + 4 \times \frac{1}{2} = 3$

No. of B atoms in *ccp* structure are 12 at edge centred and 1 at body centre. Therefore,

No. of B atoms per unit cell= $12 \times \frac{1}{4} + 1 = 4$

$\therefore$ Stoichiometry of compound = A_3B_4.



2Ⓐatoms along one axis are removed.

Q.23. Both diamond and rhombic sulphur are covalent solids but the latter has very low melting point than the former. Explain why ?

Ans. Diamond is a network covalent solid with strong interatomic forces whereas sulphur is a molecular solid consisting of puckered eight membered rings (S_8) held together by weak van der Waals forces.

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CONCEPTUAL QA

Q.24. Write a feature which will distinguish a metallic solid from an ionic solid. ***(D.S.B. 2010)***

Ans. Metallic solids are good conductors of heat and electricity whereas ionic solids are insulators in solid state but conductors in molten state and in aqueous solution.

Q.25. Write a distinguishing feature of metallic solids. ***(A.I.S.B. 2010)***

Ans. Metallic solids are good conductors of heat and electricity.

Q.26. What is the difference between glass and quartz while both are made up from SiO_4 tetrahedral? Under what conditions could quartz be converted into glass ?

Ans. Glass is an amorphous solid while quartz is a crystalline solid. On melting quartz and then rapidly cooling *i.e.*, annealing, quartz is converted to glass.

Q.27. What difference in behaviour between the glass and sodium chloride would you expect to observe if you break off a piece of either cube ?

Ans. The glass (an amorphous solid) would break irregularly, usually in curved shapes because its component molecules are not arranged in an ordered pattern. On the other hand, sodium chloride (an ionic solid) would break off along flat surfaces parallel to the faces of the cube because the planes of its component ions are parallel to the faces of the crystalline cube.

Q.28. KF has *ccp* structure. Calculate the radius of the unit cell if the side of the cube or edge length is 400 pm. How many F^- ions and octahedral voids are there in the unit cell ? ***(CBSE Sample Paper 2011)***

Ans. For *ccp* lattice, $r = \frac{a}{2\sqrt{2}} = \frac{400}{2\times 1.414} = 141.4$ **pm**

There are four F^- ions and four octahedral voids.

Q.29. What is the relationship between the edge length *(a)* of the unit cell and radius *(r)* of an atom in a face centred unit cell? ***(Meghalaya S.B. 2013)***

Ans. $r = \frac{a}{2\sqrt{2}}$

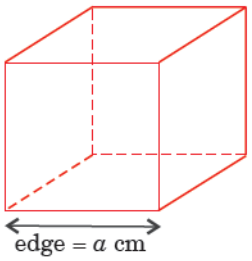
Q.30. How will you show that glass is a supercooled liquid ?

Ans. On being heated, glass has the property to flow like liquids. If we examine carefully the window panes of old buildings, we observe that they become slightly thicker at the bottom than at the top. This is because glass flows down very slowly and makes the bottom portion slightly thicker. Hence, glass is called supercooled liquid.

CALCULATIONS INVOLVING UNIT CELL DIMENSIONS

From the dimensions of the unit cell, it is possible to calculate the volume of the unit cell. From the knowledge of the density of unit cell, we can calculate the mass of atoms in the unit cell or vice-versa.

If we know the edge of a cubic crystal of an element or compound, we can easily calculate its density as described below :



Consider a unit cell of edge '*a*' (cm)

The length of the edge of the cell = a cm

Volume of unit cell = a^3 cm^3

$$\text{Density of unit cell} = \frac{\text{Mass of unit cell}}{\text{Volume of unit cell}} \quad \ldots (i)$$

Mass of unit cell

= Number of atoms in a unit cell × Mass of each atom = Z × m ... (*ii*)

where Z = number of atoms in unit cell and

m = mass of each atom

Mass of an atom present in unit cell,

$$m = \frac{\text{Atomic mass}}{\text{Avogadro number}} = \frac{M}{N_A}$$

$$\text{Mass of unit cell} = Z \times \frac{M}{N_A}$$

Substituting in eq. (*i*), we get

$$\text{Density} = \frac{Z \times M}{a^3 \times N_A} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$$

NOTE

It may be noted that the relation considers the cubic crystals of elements. However, for cubic crystals of ionic compounds, the formula is the same except that in the case of ionic compounds, Z is the number of formula units present in one unit cell and M is formula mass.

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Solving Numerical Problems

KEY FORMULAE AND UNITS

Density of unit cell (and hence density of a crystal),

$$\rho = \frac{Z \times M}{a^3 \times N_A}$$

where a is edge of unit cell in **cm**

N_A = Avogadro number (6.022×10^{23})

M = Atomic mass of element or formula mass of the compound.

Z = No. of atoms present per unit cell or formula units

e.g. for *fcc*, Z = 4,

for bcc, Z = 2,

for simple cubic, Z = 1.

If edge length 'a' is in pm, then

$$\text{Edge length} = a \text{ pm} = a \times 10^{-12} \text{ m} = a \times 10^{-10} \text{ cm}$$

$$\text{Volume of unit cell} = (a \times 10^{-10} \text{ cm})^3 = a^3 \times 10^{-30} \text{ cm}^3$$

So, the formula becomes

$$\text{Density of unit cell} = \frac{Z \times M}{a^3 \times 10^{-30} \times N_A} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$$

where 'a' is in pm.

In terms of SI units, if a is in metres and M is in kg mol^{-1}, then

$$\text{Density} = \frac{Z \times M}{a^3 \times N_A} \text{ kg m}^{-3}$$

Density of unit cell is the same as the density of the substance. If the density of the element is known by other method, Avogadro number or number of atoms in a given amount of element can be easily calculated.

The density of solids can be used in different ways.

SOLVED EXAMPLES

A. Unit Cell Dimensions and Density

Example 14.

An element having bcc geometry has atomic mass 50u. Calculate the density of the unit cell, if its edge length is 290 pm. (Mizoram S.B. 2015, Pb. S.B. 2015, 2016)

Solution : Length of edge, $a = 290 \text{ pm} = 290 \times 10^{-10} \text{ cm}$

Since it is *bcc* arrangement,

No. of atoms in the unit cell, Z = 2

Atomic mass of the element, M = 50 g mol^{-1}

$$\text{Density} = \frac{Z \times M}{a^3 \times N_A}$$

$$= \frac{2 \times 50 \text{ g mol}^{-1}}{(290 \times 10^{-10} \text{ cm})^3 \times (6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1})}$$

$$= \mathbf{6.81 \text{ g cm}^{-3}}.$$

Example 15.

Copper crystallizes with face centred cubic unit cell. If the radius of copper atom is 127.8 pm, calculate the density of copper metal. (Atomic mass of Cu = 63.55 u and Avogadro's number, $N_A = 6.02 \times 10^{23}$ mol^{-1}).

(A.I.S.B. 2012)

Solution : For a *fcc* unit cell, edge length (a) is related to radius of atom as :

$$r = \frac{a}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

or $a = 2\sqrt{2}.r = 2 \times 1.414 \times 127.8 = 361.42 \text{ pm}$

or $= 361.42 \times 10^{-10} \text{ cm}$

Since the lattice is *fcc*, the number of copper atoms per unit cell, $Z = 4$.

Density, $\rho = \frac{Z \times M}{a^3 \times N_A}$

M = 63.55 u, $N_A = 6.02 \times 10^{23}$

$$\therefore \quad \rho = \frac{4 \times 63.55}{(361.42 \times 10^{-10})^3 \times (6.02 \times 10^{23})}$$

$$= \mathbf{8.94 \text{ g cm}^{-3}}$$

Example 16.

Sodium has body centred cubic structure having nearest neighbour distance 365.9 pm. Calculate its density. (Atomic mass of sodium = 23 g mol^{-1}.)

Solution : For the *bcc* structure, edge length is related to nearest neighbour distance (d) as

$$d = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}a \quad \text{or} \quad a = \frac{2d}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\therefore \quad a = \frac{2 \times 365.9}{1.732} = 422.5 \text{ pm} = 422.5 \times 10^{-10} \text{ cm}$$

Density, $\rho = \frac{Z \times M}{a^3 \times N_A}$

Z = 2 (for *bcc*), M = 23 g mol^{-1}, $N_A = 6.02 \times 10^{23}$

$$\therefore \quad \rho = \frac{2 \times 23}{(422.5 \times 10^{-10})^3 \times (6.02 \times 10^{23})} = \mathbf{1.01 \text{ g cm}^{-3}}$$

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❑ Example 17.

An element crystallizes in a fcc lattice with cell edge of 250 pm. Calculate its density if 300 g of this element contain 2×10^{24} atoms. *(D.S.B. 2016)*

Solution : Length of edge, $a = 250 \text{ pm} = 250 \times 10^{-12} \text{ m}$

$= 250 \times 10^{-10} \text{ cm}$

Volume of unit cell $= (250 \times 10^{-10} \text{ cm})^3$

$= 15.625 \times 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^3$

Mass of unit cell = No. of atoms in unit cell × Mass of each atom

Since the element has fcc arrangement, the number of atoms per unit cell, $Z = 4$

$$\text{Mass of an atom} = \frac{300}{2\times10^{24}} \text{ g}$$

$$\therefore \text{Mass of unit cell} = \frac{300}{2\times10^{24}} \times 4 = 6.0 \times 10^{-22} \text{ g}$$

$$\text{Density of unit cell} = \frac{\text{Mass of unit cell}}{\text{Volume of unit cell}}$$

$$= \frac{6.0\times10^{-22} \text{ g}}{15.625\times10^{-24} \text{ cm}^3}$$

$$= \mathbf{38.4 \text{ g cm}^{-3}}$$

❑ Example 18.

A metal having atomic mass 50 g mol^{-1} has a body centred cubic crystal structure. The density of metal is 5.96 g cm^{-3}. Find the volume of the unit cell.

(H.P.S.B. 2001, Pb S.B. 2016 Mizoram S.B. 2013, 2018)

Solution : If a is the edge length of the unit cell, then volume of unit cell, $V = a^3$

Density of unit cell, $\rho = 5.96 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$

Atomic mass of the metal, $M = 50 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$

No. of atoms per unit cell, $Z = 2$ (*bcc*)

Now, $$\text{Density} = \frac{Z\times M}{a^3\times N_A}$$

or $$\rho = \frac{Z\times M}{V\times N_A}$$

or $$V = \frac{Z\times M}{\rho\times N_A}$$

$$\therefore \text{Volume} = \frac{2\times(50 \text{ g mol}^{-1})}{(5.96 \text{ g cm}^{-3})\times(6.022\times10^{23}\text{ mol}^{-1})}$$

$$= \mathbf{27.86 \times 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^3.}$$

B. Lattice Type from Density and Unit Cell Dimensions

❑ Example 19.

The density of chromium metal is 7.2 g cm^{-3}. If the unit cell is cubic with edge length of 289 pm, determine the type of unit cell (simple, body centred or face centred) [Atomic mass of Cr = 52 a.m.u., $N_A = 6.02 \times 10^{23}$ mol^{-1}]. *(Pb. S. B. 2014, 2017)*

Solution : Length of the edge = 289 pm = 289×10^{-12} m = 289×10^{-10} cm

Atomic mass of Cr, $A = 52 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$

Density of metal, $\rho = 7.2 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$

Now, $$\rho = \frac{Z\times M}{a^3\times N_A}$$

$$7.2 \text{ g cm}^{-3} = \frac{Z\times 52 \text{ g mol}^{-1}}{(289\times10^{-10}\text{cm})^3\times(6.022\times10^{23}\text{mol}^{-1})}$$

$$\text{or } Z = \frac{(7.2 \text{ g cm}^{-3})\times(289\times10^{-10}\text{cm})^3\times(6.022\times10^{23}\text{mol}^{-1})}{(52 \text{ g mol}^{-1})}$$

$$= \mathbf{2.01}$$

Since the unit cell contains 2 atoms, it is **body centred cubic (*bcc*).**

❑ Example 20.

An element with molar mass 27 g mol^{-1} forms a cubic unit cell with edge length 4.05×10^{-8} cm. If its density is 2.7 g cm^{-3}, what is the nature of the unit cell ? *(D.S.B. 2015)*

Solution : Density of unit cell, $\rho = \frac{Z\times M}{a^3\times N_A}$

$\rho = 2.7 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$, $a = 4.05 \times 10^{-8}$ cm, $M = 27 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$, $N_A = 6.022 \times 10^{23}$

$$\therefore 2.7 = \frac{Z\times 27}{(4.05\times10^{-8})^3\times6.022\times10^{23}}$$

$$\text{or } Z = \frac{2.7\times(4.05\times10^{-8})^3\times6.022\times10^{23}}{27} = 4.0$$

Since $Z = 4$, the unit cell is face centred cubic (*fcc*) unit cell.

C. Atomic Mass and Number of Atoms from Density and Unit Cell Dimensions

❑ Example 21.

An element with density 11.2 g cm^{-3} forms a fcc lattice with edge length of 4×10^{-8} cm. Calculate the atomic mass of the element. *(D. S. B. 2014, Pb. S.B. 2016)*

Solution : Edge length of the unit cell

$a = 4 \times 10^{-8}$ cm

Density $= 11.2 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$

No. of atoms per unit cell in *fcc* lattice, $Z = 4$

Density, $$\rho = \frac{Z\times M}{a^3\times N_A}$$

$$11.2 \text{ g cm}^{-3} = \frac{4\times M}{(4\times10^{-8}\text{cm})^3\times(6.02\times10^{23}\text{mol}^{-1})}$$

$$\text{or } M = \frac{(11.2\text{g cm}^{-3})\times(4\times10^{-8}\text{ cm})^3\times(6.02\times10^{23}\text{ mol}^{-1})}{4}$$

$$= 107.9 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$$

Atomic mass of element **= 107.9 u.**

❑ Example 22.

An element has a body centred cubic (bcc) structure with a cell edge of 288 pm. The density of the element is 7.2 g cm^{-3}. How many atoms are present in 208 g of the element ? *(D.S.B. 2006, Pb.S.B. 2007)*

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Solution : Edge length of the unit cell = 288 pm
$= 288 \times 10^{-10}$ cm
Volume of the unit cell $= (288 \times 10^{-10})^3$ cm^3
$= 2.39 \times 10^{-23}$ cm^3
Mass of element = 208 g
Density of element = 7.2 g cm^{-3}

$$\text{Volume of 208 g of the element} = \frac{\text{Mass}}{\text{Density}}$$

$$\text{Volume of element} = \frac{208 \text{ g}}{7.2 \text{ g cm}^{-3}} = 28.89 \text{ cm}^3$$

Number of unit cells in this volume

$$= \frac{\text{Volume of element}}{\text{Volume of unit cell}}$$

$$= \frac{28.89 \text{ cm}^3}{2.39 \times 10^{-23} \text{cm}^{-3} / \text{ unit cell}}$$

$= 12.08 \times 10^{23}$ unit cells

Since the structure is *bcc*, number of atoms present in a unit cell = 2

The number of atoms in 208 g of the element
$= 2 \times 12.08 \times 10^{23} = 24.16 \times 10^{23}$ atoms
or **$= 2.416 \times 10^{24}$ atoms**

❑ Example 23.

An element E crystallizes in body centred cubic structure. If the edge length of the cell is 1.469 × 10^{-10} m and the density is 19.3 g cm^{-3}, calculate the atomic mass of this element. Also calculate the radius of an atom of the element. *(CBSE Sample Paper 2007)*

Solution : Edge length of the unit cell, $a = 1.469 \times 10^{-10}$ m
$= 1.469 \times 10^{-8}$ cm
Density, $\rho = 19.3$ g cm^{-3}
Since it is body centred, Z = 2

$$\rho = \frac{Z \times M}{a^3 \times N_A}$$

$$19.3 \text{ g cm}^{-3} = \frac{2 \times M}{(1.469 \times 10^{-8} \text{cm})^3 \times (6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1})}$$

$$\text{or } M = \frac{(19.3 \text{ g cm}^{-3}) \times (1.469 \times 10^{-8} \text{cm})^3 \times (6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1})}{2}$$

$= 18.42$ g mol^{-1}
∴ Atomic mass = **18.42** u.
For a *bcc* structure, radius of an atom,

$$r = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} . a = \frac{1.732 \times 1.469 \times 10^{-10} \text{m}}{4}$$

$= \mathbf{6.36 \times 10^{-11}}$ **m**

D. The Avogadro Constant from Density and Unit Cell Dimensions

❑ Example 24.

Calculate the value of Avogadro number from the following data :
Density of NaCl = 2.165 g cm^{-3}, distance between Na$^+$ and Cl$^-$ ions in NaCl crystal = 281 pm.
(A.I.S.B. 2004, H.P.S.B. 2005, Pb. S.B. 2011, Hr. S.B. 2017 Nagaland S.B. 2018)

Solution : Sodium chloride has face centred cubic structure. Therefore, the number of formula units or molecules per unit cell, Z = 4

Let Avogadro number = N_A
Molar mass of NaCl = 23 + 35.5 = 58.5 g mol^{-1}

Since distance between Na^+ and Cl^- ions is 281 pm, the length of edge is double the distance between Na^+ and Cl^- ions.

Edge of unit cell = 2 × 281 pm = 562 pm
or $= 562 \times 10^{-12}$ m $= 562 \times 10^{-10}$ cm

$$\text{Density, } \rho = \frac{Z \times M}{a^3 \times N_A}$$

$$2.165 \text{ g cm}^{-3} = \frac{4 \times (58.5 \text{ g mol}^{-1})}{(562 \times 10^{-10} \text{cm})^3 \times N_A}$$

$$\text{or } N_A = \frac{4 \times (58.5 \text{ g mol}^{-1})}{(2.165 \text{ g cm}^{-3}) \times (562 \times 10^{-10} \text{cm})^3}$$

$= \mathbf{6.09 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}}$.

E. Unit Cell Dimensions and Ionic Radii from Density

❑ Example 25.

The compound CuCl has fcc structure like ZnS. Its density is 3.4 g cm^{-3}. What is the length of the edge of the unit cell ? *(Mizoram S.B. 2014)*

Solution : CuCl has cubic close packed or face centred cubic structure like ZnS. The number of formula units or molecules of CuCl per unit cell = 4.

Let length of each edge = a cm
∴ Volume of the cube = a^3 cm^3
Density of the cell = 3.4 g cm^{-3}
Formula mass of CuCl, M = 63.5 + 35.5 = 99

$$\text{Density } \rho = \frac{Z \times M}{a^3 \times N_A}$$

$$3.4 \text{ g cm}^{-3} = \frac{4 \times (99 \text{ g mol}^{-1})}{a^3 \times (6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{mol}^{-1})}$$

$$\text{or } a^3 = \frac{4 \times (99 \text{ g mol}^{-1})}{(3.4 \text{ g cm}^{-3}) \times (6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{mol}^{-1})}$$

$= 193.4 \times 10^{-24}$ cm^3
∴ $a = \mathbf{5.78 \times 10^{-8}}$ **cm or 578 pm.**

❑ Example 26.

An element A crystallises in fcc structure. 200 g of this element has 4.12 × 10^{24} atoms. The density of A is 7.2 g cm^{-3}. Calculate the edge length of the unit cell.
(A.I.S.B. 2001)

Solution : Let length of each edge = a cm
Volume of unit cell = a^3 cm^3
Density = 7.2 g cm^{-3}

$$\text{Mass of each atom} = \frac{200}{4.12 \times 10^{24}}$$

$= 48.54 \times 10^{-24}$ g
No. of atoms per unit cell = 4 (*fcc*)

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Mass of unit cell $= 4 \times 48.54 \times 10^{-24}$
$= 194.16 \times 10^{-24}$ g

Now, density $= \frac{\text{Mass}}{\text{Volume}}$

$$7.2 = \frac{194.16 \times 10^{-24}}{a}$$

or $$a^3 = \frac{194.16 \times 10^{-24}}{7.2} = 26.97 \times 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^3$$

or $a =$ **2.999×10^{-8} cm = 299.9 pm.**

❑ Example 27.

Niobium crystallizes in body centered cubic structure. If density is 8.55 g cm^{-3}, calculate atomic radius of niobium given its atomic mass 93 u. **N.C.E.R.T.**

Solution : Density = 8.55 g cm^{-3}

Let length of the edge $= a$ cm

Number of atoms per unit cell, Z = 2 *(bcc)*

Atomic mass, M $= 93$ g mol^{-1}

Density, $$\rho = \frac{Z \times M}{a^3 \times N_A}$$

$$8.55 \text{ g cm}^{-3} = \frac{2 \times (93 \text{ g mol}^{-1})}{a^3 \times (6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1})}$$

$$\therefore \quad a^3 = \frac{2 \times (93 \text{ g mol}^{-1})}{(8.55 \text{ g cm}^{-3}) \times (6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1})}$$

$= 36.12 \times 10^{-24}$ cm^3

Edge length, $a = (36.12 \times 10^{-24})^{1/3} = 3.306 \times 10^{-8}$ cm
$= 3.306 \times 10^{-10}$ m

Now, radius in body centred cubic, $r = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} a$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{3} \times 3.306 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}}{4} = 1.431 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$$

$=$ **0.143 nm.**

❑ Example 28.

KF has NaCl structure. What is the distance between K^+ and F^- in KF if density is 2.48 g cm^{-3} ?

(Hr. S.B. 2005)

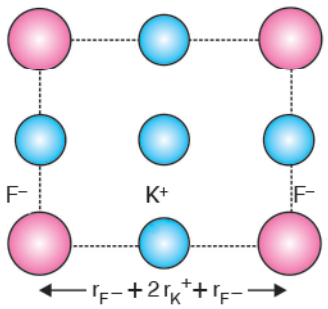
Solution : KF has NaCl *(fcc)* structure, therefore, the number of KF molecules per unit cell, Z = 4

Molar mass of KF $= 58$ g mol^{-1}

Let the edge of unit cell $= a$ cm

Density, $\rho = 2.48$ g cm^{-3}

Density, $$\rho = \frac{Z \times M}{a^3 \times N_A}$$



$$2.48 \text{ g cm}^{-3} = \frac{4 \times 58 \text{ g mol}^{-1}}{a^3 \times (6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1})}$$

$$a^3 = \frac{4 \times 58 \text{ g mol}^{-1}}{(2.48 \text{ g cm}^{-3}) \times (6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1})}$$

$= 155.3 \times 10^{-24}$ cm^3

$\therefore \quad a = (155.3 \times 10^{-24})^{1/3}$

or $a = 5.375 \times 10^{-10}$ cm or 537.5 pm

Now, if radius of F^- is r_{F^-} and radius of K^+ is r_{K^+}, then according to the figure, edge of unit cell,

$$a = r_{F^-} + 2r_{K^+} + r_{F^-}$$
$$= 2(r_{K^+} + r_{F^-})$$

or $$r_{K^+} + r_{F^-} = \frac{a}{2}$$

Thus, distance between K^+ and F^- ions will be half the edge length in the unit cell.

Thus, the distance between K^+ and F^- ions $= \frac{537.5}{2}$
$=$ **268.8 pm.**

❑ Example 29.

Aluminium crystallizes in a cubic close packed structure. Its metallic radius is 125 pm.

(a) What is the length of the side of unit cell?

(b) How many unit cells are there in 1.00 cm^3 of Al ?

(D.S.B. 2005, A.I.S.B. 2005, Meghalaya S.B. 2018)

Solution : For a cubic close packed structure, length of the side of unit cell is related to radius.

$$r = \frac{a}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

or $$a = r \times 2\sqrt{2}$$
$$= 125 \times 2 \times 1.414 \text{ pm} = 353.5 \text{ pm}$$

Volume of unit cell $= (353.5 \times 10^{-10} \text{ cm})^3 = 4.42 \times 10^{-23}$ cm^3

No. of unit cells in 1 cm^3 $= \frac{1}{4.42 \times 10^{-23}}$
$=$ **2.26×10^{22} unit cells.**

❑ Example 30.

Silver has atomic mass 108 a.m.u. and density 10.5 g cm^{-3}. If the edge length of its unit cell is 409 pm, identify the type of unit cell. Also calculate the radius of an atom of silver.

Solution : Edge length of unit cell

$a = 409$ pm
$= 409 \times 10^{-10}$ cm

Density, $\rho = 10.5$ g cm^{-3}

Atomic mass of silver = 108 u

Now, $$\rho = \frac{Z \times M}{a^3 \times N_A}$$

$$10.5 \text{ g cm}^{-3} = \frac{Z \times (108 \text{ g mol}^{-1})}{(409 \times 10^{-10} \text{ cm})^3 \times (6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1})}$$

or $$Z = \frac{(10.5 \text{ g cm}^{-3}) \times (409 \times 10^{-10} \text{ cm})^3 \times (6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1})}{108 \text{ g mol}^{-1}}$$

$Z = 4.0$

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Since the unit cell contains 4 atoms per unit cell, it is **face centred cubic** (*fcc*) unit cell.

For *fcc*, $r = \frac{a}{2\sqrt{2}} = \frac{409\,pm}{2\times1.414} = \mathbf{144.6\,pm}$

❑ **Example 31.**

Silver metal crystallises with a face centred cubic lattice. The length of the unit cell is found to be 4.077×10^{-8} cm. Calculate atomic radius and density of silver. (Atomic mass of Ag = 108u, $N_A = 6.02 \times 10^{23}$ mol^{-1}). (C.B.S.E. Sample Paper 2012, H.P.S.B. 2016)

Solution : Edge length of unit cell, $a = 4.077 \times 10^{-8}$ cm

For *fcc* lattice, radius of an atom is related to edge length, a as :

$$r = \frac{a}{2\sqrt{2}} = \frac{4.077\times10^{-8}}{2\times1.414} = \mathbf{1.441\times10^{-8}\ cm}$$

Density, $\rho = \frac{Z\times M}{a^3\times N_A}$

$$= \frac{4\times108}{(4.077\times10^{-8})^3\times(6.02\times10^{23})} \quad (\because Z = 4 \text{ for } fcc)$$

$$= \mathbf{10.58\ g\ cm^{-3}}$$

❑ **Example 32.**

The density of lead is 11.35 g cm^{-3} and the metal crystallizes with fcc unit cell. Estimate the radius of lead atom. (At. Mass of lead = 207 g mol^{-1} and $N_A = 6.02 \times 10^{23}$ mol^{-1}) *(D.S.B. 2011)*

Solution : Let length of edge = a cm

Density = 11.35 g cm^{-3}

No. of atoms per unit cell in *fcc* lattice = 4

Atomic mass, M = 207 g mol^{-1}

$$\text{Density, } \rho = \frac{Z\times M}{a^3\times N_A}$$

$$11.35\ g\ cm^{-3} = \frac{4\times(207\ g\ mol^{-1})}{a^3\times(6.022\times10^{23}\,mol^{-1})}$$

$$a^3 = \frac{4\times(207\ g\ mol^{-1})}{(11.35\ g\ cm^{-3})\times(6.022\times10^{23}\,mol^{-1})} = 121.14\times10^{-24}\ cm^3$$

$$\text{Edge length, } a = (121.14)^{1/3}\times10^{-8} = 4.948\times10^{-8}\ cm$$

$$\text{or} = 4.948\times10^{-10}\ m$$

$$\text{or} = 494.8\times10^{-12}\ m = 494.8\ pm$$

$$\text{Now, radius in } fcc = \frac{a}{2\sqrt{2}} = \frac{494.8\ pm}{2\times1.414} = \mathbf{174.96\ pm}$$

Practice Problems

24. An element 'X' (At. mass = 40 g mol^{-1}) having f.c.c. structure, has unit cell edge length of 400 pm. Calculate the density of 'X' and the number of unit cells in 4 g of 'X'. ($N_A = 6.022 \times 10^{23}$ mol^{-1}) *(A.I.S.B. 2018)*

25. An element crystallizes in a f.c.c. lattice with cell edge of 400 pm. The density of the element is 7 g cm^{-3}. How many atoms are present in 280 g of the element? *(A.I.S.B. 2016)*

26. Tungsten has body centred cubic lattice. Each edge of the unit cell is 316 pm and density of the metal is 19.35 g cm^{-3}. How many atoms are present in 50 g of the element ? *(Pb.S.B. 2011)*

27. CsCl has body centred cubic lattice with the length of a side of a unit cell 412.1 pm and aluminium is face centred cubic lattice with length of the side of unit cell 405 pm. Which of the two has larger density ? (Atomic mass of Cs = 132.9, Al = 26.9, Cl = 35.5)

28. Unit cell of an element (atomic mass = 108 amu and density = 10.5 g cm^{-3}) has edge length 409 pm. Deduce the type of the crystal lattice. *(Nagaland S.B. 2016, Pb.S.B.2017)*

29. Iron has a body centred cubic unit cell with a cell dimension of 286.65 pm. The density of iron is 7.874 g cm^{-3}. Use this information to calculate Avogadro number. (At. mass of Fe = 55.845 u) *(A.I.S.B. 2009; D.S.B. 2009)*

30. Gold (atomic mass = 197 u, atomic radius = 0.144 nm) crystallizes in a face centred unit cell. Determine the density of gold, ($N_A = 6.022 \times 10^{23}$ mol^{-1}). *(C.B.S.E. Sample Paper 2010)*

31. An element (atomic mass = 60) having face centred cubic structure has a density of 6.23 g cm^{-3}. What is the edge length of the unit cell ? *(Pb.S.B. 2015)*

32. An element with density 10 g cm^{-3} forms a cubic unit cell with edge length of 3×10^{-8} cm. What is the nature of the cubic unit cell if the atomic mass of the element is 81 g mol^{-1} ? *(A.I.S.B. 2015)*

33. Lead (II) sulphide crystal has NaCl structure. What is its density ? The edge length of the unit cell of PbS crystal is 500 pm. (atomic masses : Pb = 207, S = 32) *(Pb.S.B. 2008)*

Answers to Practice Problems

24. 4.15 g cm^{-3}, 1.505×10^{22}
25. 2.5×10^{24} atoms
26. 1.64×10^{23} atoms.
27. Density of CsCl = 3.995 g cm^{-3}, density of Al = 2.69 g cm^{-3}. CsCl has larger density.
28. Z = 4, *fcc*
29. $6.022 \times\times 10^{23}$
30. 19.41 g cm^{-3}
31. 400 pm
32. *bcc*
33. 12.7 g cm^{-3}

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34. Formula mass of NaCl is 58.45 g mol^{-1} and density of its pure form is 2.167 g cm^{-3}. The average distance between adjacent sodium and chloride ions in the crystal is 2.814×10^{-8} cm. Calculate the Avogadro number.

35. Copper crystallizes into a *fcc* lattice with edge length 3.61×10^{-8} cm. Show that the calculated density is in agreement with its measured value of 8.92 g cm^{-3}.

36. Crystalline CsBr has a cubic structure. Calculate the unit cell edge length if the density of CsBr crystal is 4.24 g cm^{-3} (atomic masses : Cs = 133, Br = 80).

37. The unit cell of an element of atomic mass 108 and density 10.5 g cm^{-3} is a cube with edge length of 409 pm. Find the structure of the crystal lattice (simple cube, *fcc* or *bcc*). Avogadro's number = 6.023×10^{23}.

(Pb. S.B. 2014, Meghalaya S.B. 2015)

38. What is the distance between Na^+ and Cl^- ions in NaCl crystal if the density is 2.165 g cm^{-3}. Molar mass of NaCl = 58.5 g mol^{-1}, ($N_A = 6.02 \times 10^{23}$ mol^{-1}.)

(A.I.S.B. 2006)

39. A compound AB crystallizes in bcc lattice with unit cell edge length of 380 pm. Calculate

(*i*) the distance between oppositely charged ions in the lattice.

(*ii*) radius of A^+ if radius of B^- is 175 pm.

40. Thallium chloride TlCl crystallises in either a simple cubic lattice or a face centred cubic lattice of Cl^- ions with Tl^+ ions in the holes. If the density of the solid is 7.00 g cm^{-3} and edge of the unit cell is 3.85×10^{-8} cm, what is the unit cell geometry ? (Atomic mass of Tl = 208.37 and of Cl = 35.5).

41. Cesium chloride crystallizes as cubic lattice and has a density of 4.0 g cm^{-3}. Calculate the length of the edge of the unit cell of cesium chloride. (Molar mass of CsCl = 168.5 g mol^{-1}) *(D.S.B. 2003)*

42. An element having atomic mass 107.9 u has FCC lattice. The edge length of its unit cell is 408.6 pm Calculate density of the unit cell. [Given, $N_A = 6.022 \times 10^{23}$ mol^{-1}] *(Karnataka S.B. 2018)*

43. Calculate the Avogadro number from the following data of AB when AB has NaCl type structure :

Density of AB = 2.48 g cm^{-3}, M = 58

Distance between A^+ and B^- ions in AB = 269 pm *(Hr.S.B. 2005)*

44. X-ray diffraction studies show that copper crystallizes in a fcc unit cell with cell edge of 3.61×10^{-8} cm. In a separate experiment copper is determined to have a density of 8.92 g cm^{-3}. Calculate the molar mass of copper. *(H.P.S.B. 2005)*

45. Chromium crystallizes in a body centred cubic lattice whose density is 7.20 g/ cm^3. The length of the edge of unit cell is 288.4 pm. Calculate the Avogadro number (atomic mass of chromium = 52). *(Pb S.B. 2013, Meghalaya S.B. 2016)*

46. An element has atomic mass 93 g mol^{-1} and density 11.5 g cm^{-3}. If the edge length of its unit cell is 300 pm, identify the type of unit cell. *(D.S.B. 2017)*

Answers to Practice Problems

34. 6.06×10^{23}

35. 8.96 g cm^{-3}

36. 436.9 pm.

37. *fcc* type

38. 282 pm

39. (*i*) 329.1 pm

(*ii*) 154.1 pm

40. Z = 1. Simple cubic.

41. 412 pm

42. 10.506 g cm^{-3}

43. 6.007×10^{23}.

44. 63.2. g mol^{-1}

45. 6.02×10^{23}

46. *bcc*

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Advanced Level PROBLEMS *Accelerate Your Potential (for JEE Advance)*

Problem 4. Lithium borohydride ($LiBH_4$) crystallizes in an orthorhombic system having 4 molecules per unit cell. The unit cell dimensions are : $a = 6.81$ Å, $b = 4.43$ Å and $c = 7.17$ Å. Calculate the density of the crystal (At. mass of Li = 7, B = 11, H = 1u).

Solution Since orthorhombic unit cell has all the angles, $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90°$, then

Volume of unit cell $= a \times b \times c$

Molar mass of $LiBH_4$ $= 7 + 11 + 4 \times 1 = 22$ g mol^{-1}.

$$\rho = \frac{Z \times M}{(a \times b \times c) N_A}$$

$$= \frac{4 \times (22 \text{ g mol}^{-1})}{(6.81 \times 10^{-8} \times 4.43 \times 10^{-8} \times 7.17 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm}^3) \times (6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1})}$$

$= 0.676$ g cm^{-3}

Problem 5. Iron crystallizes in several forms. At 1185 K, the body centred cubic α-form of iron changes to the face centred cubic γ-form of iron. Assuming that the distance between the nearest neighbours is the same in two forms at the transition temperature, calculate the ratio of the density of α-form to that of γ-form at the transition temperature.

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Solution For body centred α-form

$$r = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}a \quad \text{or} \quad a = \frac{4r}{\sqrt{3}}$$

No. of atoms of per unit cell, Z = 2

$$\text{Density of α-form of iron} = \frac{Z \times M}{N_A \times a^3} = \frac{2 \times M}{N_A \times (4r/\sqrt{3})^3}$$

For face centred γ-form,

$$r = \frac{a}{2\sqrt{2}} \quad \text{or} \quad a = 2\sqrt{2}\, r$$

No. of atoms of per unit cell, Z = 4

$$\text{Density of γ-form of iron} = \frac{Z \times M}{N_A \times a^3} = \frac{4 \times M}{N_A \times (2\sqrt{2}\, r)^3}$$

$$\frac{\text{Density of α-form of iron}}{\text{Density of γ-form of iron}} = \frac{2}{(4r/\sqrt{3})^3} \times \frac{(2\sqrt{2}r)^3}{4}$$

$$= \frac{2 \times 3\sqrt{3} \times 16\sqrt{2}}{64 \times 4}$$

$$= \frac{3 \times 1.732 \times 1.414}{8} = 0.918$$

Problem 6. KCl and NaCl crystallize in the same form and $\frac{r_{Na^+}}{r_{Cl^-}} = 0.52$ and $\frac{r_{Na^+}}{r_{K^+}} = 0.71$

Calculate

(*i*) ratio of the side of the unit cell for KCl to that for NaCl.

(*ii*) the ratio of density of KCl to that of NaCl.

Solution (*i*) Both KCl and NaCl crystallize in face centred cubic arrangement in which the face length is related to radii of cation and anion as:

$$r_{Na^+} + r_{Cl^-} = \frac{a}{2} \text{ and } r_{K^+} + r_{Cl^-} = \frac{a'}{2}$$

Now $$\frac{r_{Na^+}}{r_{Cl^-}} = 0.52$$

or $$\frac{r_{Na^+}}{r_{Cl^-}} + 1 = 0.52 + 1 \quad \text{(adding 1 on both sides)}$$

or $$\frac{r_{Na^+} + r_{Cl^-}}{r_{Cl^-}} = 1.52 \quad ...(i)$$

$$\frac{r_{Na^+}}{r_{K^+}} = 0.71$$

But $$r_{Na^+} = r_{Cl^-} \times 0.52 = 0.52\, r_{Cl^-}$$

$$\therefore \quad \frac{0.52\, r_{Cl^-}}{r_{K^+}} = 0.71$$

or $$\frac{r_{K^+}}{r_{Cl^-}} = \frac{0.52}{0.71}$$

$$\frac{r_{K^+}}{r_{Cl^-}} + 1 = \frac{0.52}{0.71} + 1$$

$$\frac{r_{K^+} + r_{Cl^-}}{r_{Cl^-}} = \frac{0.52 + 0.71}{0.71} = \frac{1.23}{0.71} \quad ...(ii)$$

Dividing eq. (*ii*) by eq. (*i*)

$$\frac{r_{K^+} + r_{Cl^-}}{r_{Na^+} + r_{Cl^-}} = \frac{1.23}{0.71} \times \frac{1}{1.52}$$

or $$\frac{\frac{a'}{2}}{\frac{a}{2}} = 1.14$$

$$\therefore \frac{\text{Side of unit cell for KCl}}{\text{Side of unit cell for NaCl}} = 1.14$$

(*ii*) $$\text{Density} = \frac{Z \times M}{a^3 \times N_A}$$

Since Z and N_A are same for both KCl and NaCl

$$\text{Density} \propto \frac{M}{a^3}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\rho(KCl)}{\rho(NaCl)} = \frac{M(KCl)}{M(NaCl)} \times \frac{[a(NaCl)]^3}{[a(KCl)]^3}$$

$$= \frac{74.5}{58.5} \times \left(\frac{1}{1.14}\right)^3 \quad \left(\because \frac{a(NaCl)}{a(KCl)} = \frac{1}{1.14}\right)$$

$$= 0.86$$

IMPERFECTIONS IN SOLIDS

Crystalline solids are formed by regular repetition of large number of unit cells in all directions. **An ionic crystal which has the same unit cell containing the same lattice points throughout the whole of crystal** is known as **ideal crystal**. However, such ideal crystals exist only at absolute zero (0 K) temperature. At any temperature above 0 K, the crystals have some departure from complete ordered arrangement. In actual practice, it is very difficult to grow a perfect or an ideal crystal. A solid consists of a number of many small individual crystals or grains, each of which is deformed because it is highly packed among other deformed crystals. Even single crystals which are grown with all care and which appear to be perfect may contain some internal irregularities.

Any deviation from completely ordered arrangement of constituent particles in a crystal *is called* ***disorder or a defect.***

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The crystal may have additional defects due to the presence of some impurities. The term **disorder** or **imperfection** is generally used to denote departure from perfectly ordered state of the constituents of the crystals. These imperfections will not only change the properties of the crystals but also give rise to new properties.

TYPES OF DEFECTS

Broadly speaking, there are two types of defects:

(*i*) *Point defects* (*ii*) *Line defects*

(i) Point defects

The defects which arise due to the irregularity or deviations from ideal arrangement of atoms around a point or an atom in a crystalline substance are called **point defects or atomic imperfections.**

(ii) Line defects

The defects which arise due to irregularities or deviations from ideal arrangement in entire row of lattice points are called **line defects.**

These irregularities are called **crystal defects or crystal imperfections**. In the present unit we shall confine our discussion to point defects only.

POINT DEFECTS IN SOLIDS

The point defects arise due to any one of the following causes :

(*i*) Vacancy defect. *When some of the lattice sites are vacant, the crystal is said* to have **vacancy defect** (Fig. 39). The unoccupied positions are called vacancies. This defect results in decrease in density of the substance. This type of defect may also develop when a substance is heated and therefore, it is also called **thermodynamic defect.**

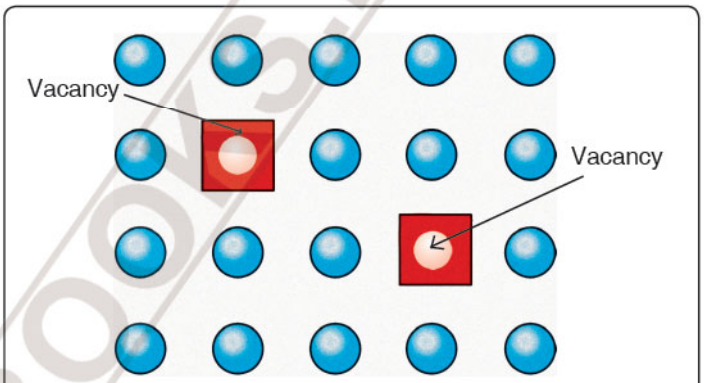


Fig. 39. Vacancy defect.

(*ii*) Interstitial defect. *When some constituent particles (atoms or molecules) occupy vacant interstitial positions, the crystal is said to have* ***interstitial defect*** (Fig. 40). This defect increases the density slightly.

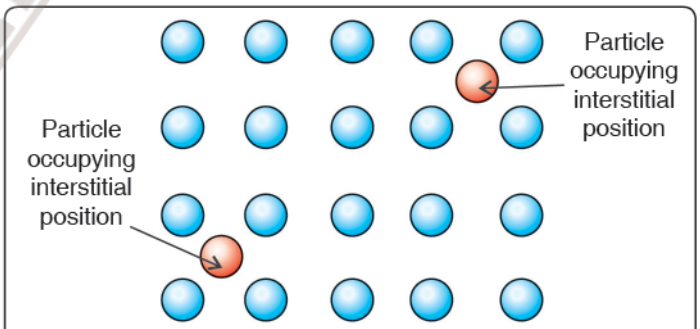


Fig. 40. Interstitial defect.

It may be noted that vacancy and interstitial defects are shown by non-ionic solids. On the otherhand, ionic solids must always maintain electrical neutrality.

The **point defects** in ionic crystals may be classified as:

A. *Defects in stoichiometric crystals.*

B. *Defects in non-stoichiometric crystals.*

C. *Impurity defects*

A. Point Defects in Stoichiometric Crystals

Stoichiometric compounds *are those in which the number of positive and negative ions are exactly in the ratios indicated by their chemical formulae.* For simplicity, we can consider the compounds of the type AB having equal number of A^+ and B^- ions. The defects in these types of compounds are called **stoichiometric defects**. In these compounds two types of defects are generally observed. These are :

1. *Schottky defect.*
2. *Frenkel defect.*

1. Schottky defect

This defect was discovered by German scientist Schottky in 1930. *It arises if some of the atoms or ions are missing from their normal lattice sites.* The lattice sites which are unoccupied are called **lattice vacancies** or **holes.** Since the crystal is to remain electrically neutral, equal number of cations and anions are missing. The ideal AB crystal is shown in Fig. 41. The existence

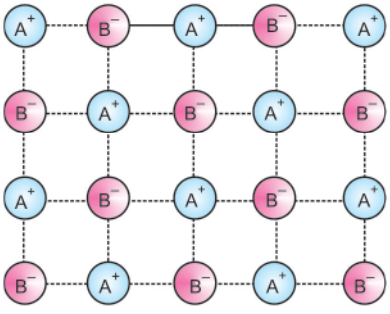


Fig. 41. An ideal crystal.

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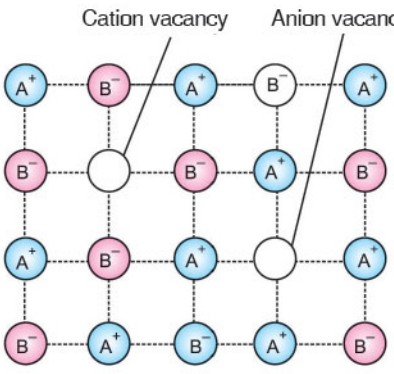


Fig. 42. The Schottky defect in crystals.

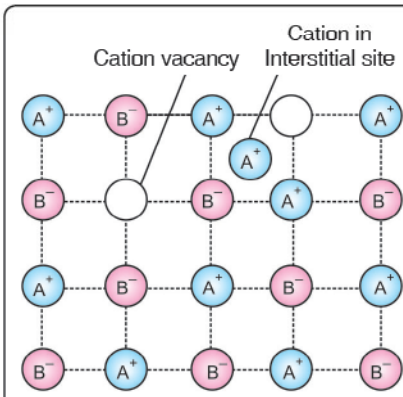


Fig. 43. A Frenkel defect.

NOTE

It may be noted that in certain ionic solids such as AgBr, both Schottky and Frenkel defects occur.

of two holes one due to a missing cation and the other due to a missing anion is shown in Fig. 42. This is basically a vacancy defect in ionic solids.

Conditions causing Schottky defects. This type of defect is usually observed in strongly ionic compounds having

(*i*) *high co-ordination number, and*

(*ii*) *ions (cations and anions) of almost similar sizes.*

For example, NaCl, KCl, KBr, CsCl and AgBr ionic solids have Schottky defects. It has been observed that in NaCl, there are about 10^6 Schottky pairs per cm^3 at room temperature. In one cm^3, there are about 10^{22} ions and this means that there will be one Schottky defect per 10^{16} ions in NaCl. Because of the presence of large number of vacancies in crystals, **its density is markedly lowered**.

2. Frenkel defect

This defect was discovered by a Russian scientist Frenkel in 1926. *It arises when an ion is missing from its normal position (causing a vacancy or a hole) and occupies an interstitial site between the lattice points.* The existence of one hole due to a missing cation from its normal position and occupying an interstitial position is shown in Fig. 43. In this case also, the crystal remains electrically neutral because the number of anions and cations remains the same.

This defect is also known as **interstitial defect.** It creates a *vacancy defect* at its original position and an *interstitial defect* in its new location.

Conditions causing Frenkel defects. This defect generally occurs in compounds in which

(*i*) *co-ordination number is low,*

(*ii*) *anions are much larger in size than the cations.*

In pure alkali metal halides, these defects are not very common because the ions cannot get into interstitial positions due to their large sizes. These defects can be found in silver halides such as AgCl, AgBr, AgI, ZnS, etc. Because of the small size of the Ag^+ ion and Zn^{2+} ion, these ions can go into the interstitial sites.

We observe that vacancies or holes are present in crystals with Schottky as well as Frenkel defect *but the former leads to decrease in the overall density of the substance but the latter does not.*

It may be noted that in addition to two basic types of defects (Schottky and Frenkel), another hybrid type of defect can also arise from a combination of the two.

Consequences of Schottky and Frenkel Defects. Schottky and Frenkel defects in crystals lead to some *interesting consequences.* These are given below :

1. Because of the presence of these defects, the electrical conductivity of crystals increases. When an electric field is applied, a nearby ion moves from its lattice site to occupy a 'hole'. This results in creating a new 'hole' and another nearby ion moves into it and so on. This process continues and a hole, thereby, moves from one end to the another end. Thus, it conducts electricity across the whole of the crystal.

2. Due to the presence of holes in the crystal, its density decreases. However, it may be noted that density decreases only for crystals having Schottky defects.

3. The presence of 'holes' also decreases *the lattice energy or the stability of the crystal.* The presence of too many holes may cause a partial collapse of the lattice.

4. The closeness of similar charges in Frenkel defects tends *to increase the dielectric constant of the crystals.*

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Differences between Schottky and Frenkel Defects

Schottky defect	Frenkel defect
1. It is produced because of missing atoms or ions from their normal crystal sites.	It is produced when some atoms or ions are displaced from their normal sites and occupy interstitial sites.
2. The presence of Schottky defect lowers the density of the crystal.	It does not affect the density of the crystal.
3. It is generally shown by ionic solids having high co-ordination number and in which cations and anions are of equal sizes *e.g.,* NaCl, CsCl.	It is generally exhibited by ionic solids having low co-ordination number and in which anions are larger in size than cations *e.g.,* AgCl, ZnS.

B. Point Defects in Non-Stoichiometric Crystals

The compounds in which the ratio of positive and negative ions present in the compound differs from that required by ideal chemical formula of the compound are called **non-stoichiometric compounds**. * The defects in these compounds are called **non-stoichiometric defects**. Vanadium oxide, for example has, the formula VO_x where x lies between 0.6 and 1.3. Similarly, iron (II) oxide of ideal composition FeO are difficult to obtain. Normally, we get samples of more oxygen atoms than iron atoms (composition of $Fe_{0.95}$ O but it may range from $Fe_{0.93}$ O to $Fe_{0.96}$ O). ZnO usually has excess of zinc atoms than oxygen atoms, ZnO_x ($x < 1$). However, it may be noted that in each case, the electrical neutrality of the crystal is maintained. Non-stoichiometric behaviour is most commonly found for transition metal compounds. It is also found for some lanthanoids and actinoids.

These are of two types depending upon whether positive ions are in excess or negative ions are in excess. These are also known as **metal excess defects** and **metal deficiency defects** respectively. Some of these examples are given below :

(A) Metal Excess Defects

In these defects, the positive ions are in excess. These may arise due to the following two ways :

(*i*) anionic vacancies

(*ii*) presence of extra cations in interstitial sites.

(*i*) Anion vacancies. In this case, *negative ions may be missing from their lattice sites leaving holes in which the electrons remain entrapped to maintain the electrical neutrality*. This is shown in Fig. 44. Evidently, there is an excess of positive (metal) ions although, the crystal as a whole is electrically neutral. This type of defect is observed in those crystals which are likely to form Schottky defects.

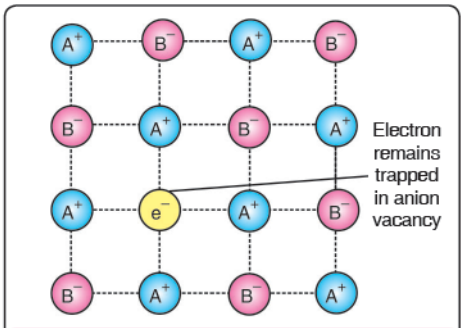


Fig. 44. Metal excess defects due to anion vacancy.

In alkali metal halides, anion vacancies are produced when alkali metal halide crystals are heated in the atmosphere of the alkali metal vapours. For example, when crystal of NaCl are heated in an atmosphere of sodium vapour, the excess of sodium atoms are deposited on the surface of the crystal. The Cl^- ions diffuse to the surface of the crystal and combine with Na atoms to give NaCl. This happens by the loss of electrons by sodium atoms to form Na^+ ions. The electrons, thus produced by the ionisation of the sodium atoms diffuse into the crystal and get trapped at the anion vacancies. The electrons trapped in anion vacancies are referred to as **F-centres** (from German word *farbenzenter* meaning colour centre). They impart yellow colour to the crystals of NaCl. The colour results by excitation of these electrons when they absorb energy from the visible light falling on the crystals. Similarly, excess of

NOTE

The electrons trapped in anion vacancies are called **F-centres** because they impart colour to crystals.

* Non-stoichiometric compounds are sometimes called **berthollides** after the name of French inorganic chemist Claude Louis Berthollet, who studied such compounds.

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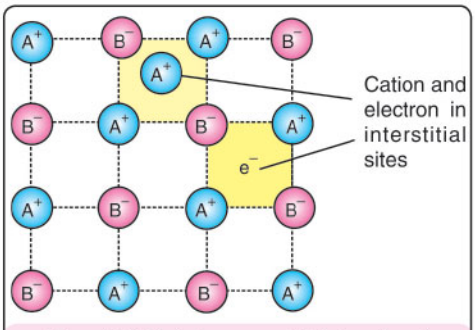


Fig. 45. Metal excess defects due to extra cation.

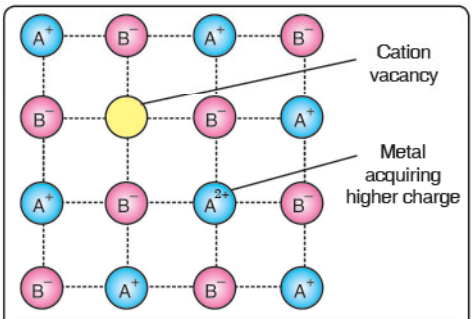


Fig. 46. Metal deficient defect due to cation vacancy.

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Because of metallic lustre of some minerals of iron pyrites, they shine like gold and have been nick named as **fool's gold**.

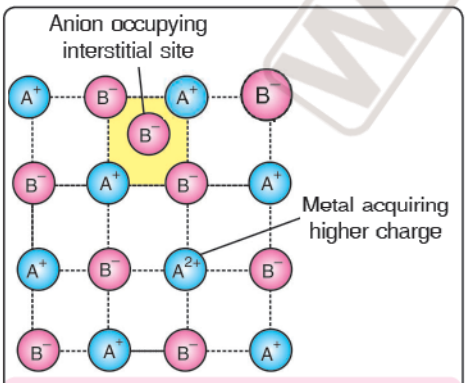


Fig. 47. Metal deficient defect due to extra anion.

potassium in KCl makes the crystal appear violet (or lilac), excess of lithium in LiCl makes the crystal appear pink.

***(ii)* Excess cations occupying interstitial sites.** In this case, *there are extra positive ions occupying interstitial sites and the electrons in another interstitial sites to maintain electrical neutrality*. This is shown in Fig. 45. The defect may be visualised as the loss of non-metal atoms which leave their electrons behind. The excess metal ions occupy interstitial positions.

This type of defect is found in crystals which are likely to develop Frenkel defect. The common example is zinc oxide. Zinc oxide (ZnO) is white in colour at room temperature. On heating, it loses oxygen reversibly at high temperatures and turns yellow in colour.

$$ZnO \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} Zn^{2+} + \frac{1}{2}O_2 + 2e^-$$

The excess Zn^{2+} ions are trapped in interstitial sites and equal number of electrons are trapped in the neighbourhood to balance the electrical charge. These electrons give rise to enhanced electrical conductivity.

Consequences of Metal Excess Defects

1. *The crystals with metal excess defects conduct electricity due to the presence of free electrons*. However, the conductivity is very low because of the number of defects and therefore, the number of free electrons is very small. Because of low conductivity as compared to conductivity of metals, these are called semiconductors. These compounds are also called ***n*-type semi-conductors** since the current is carried by the electrons in the normal way.

2. The crystals with metal excess defects are generally coloured. For example, *non-stoichiometric sodium chloride is yellow, non-stoichiometric potassium chloride is violet*.

(B) Metal Deficient Defects

These contain less number of positive ions than negative ions. These arise due to two ways :

(*i*) *Cation vacancies*

(*ii*) *Extra anions occupying interstitial sites*

(*i*) **Cation vacancies.** In some cases, *the positive ions may be missing from their lattice sites. The extra negative charge may be balanced by some nearby metal ion acquiring two positive charges instead of one*. This is shown in Fig. 46. This type of defect is possible in metals which show variable oxidation states. The common examples of compounds having this defect are ferrous oxide, ferrous sulphide, nickel oxide etc. In case of iron pyrites (FeS), for example, two out of three ferrous ions in a lattice may be converted into Fe^{3+} state and the third Fe^{2+} ion may be missing from its lattice site. Therefore, the crystal contains Fe^{2+} and Fe^{3+} ions. This gives rise to exchange of electrons from one Fe^{2+} ion to Fe^{3+} ion in which Fe^{2+} changes to Fe^{3+} and Fe^{3+} changes to Fe^{2+} ion. As a result, the crystal has metallic lustre. Because of the natural colour of iron pyrites and metallic lustre some samples of minerals shine like gold and have been nick-named as ***fool's gold***. Similarly, FeO is mostly found with a composition of $Fe_{0.95}O$. It may actually range from $Fe_{0.93}O$ to $Fe_{0.96}O$. In crystals of FeO, some Fe^{2+} ions are missing and the loss of positive charge is made up by presence of required number of Fe^{3+} ions. Moreover, since there is exchange of electrons, the substances become conductors.

(*ii*) **Extra anions occupying interstitial sites.** In this case, *the extra anions may be occupying interstitial positions. The extra negative charge is balanced by the extra charges (oxidation of equal number of cations to higher oxidation states) on the adjacent metal ions*. This is shown in Fig. 47. Such type of defect is not common because the negative ions are usually very large and they cannot easily fit into the interstitial sites.

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Consequences of Metal Deficient Defects

Crystals with metal deficient defects are semiconductors. The conductivity is due to the movement of electron from one ion to another. For example, when an electron moves from ion A^+, it changes to A^{2+}. It is also called movement of positive hole and the substances are called ***p*-type semiconductors.**

(C) Impurity Defects

These defects in ionic crystals arise due to the presence of some impurity ions at the lattice sites (in place of host ions) or at the vacant interstitial sites. For example, if molten NaCl containing a little amount of $SrCl_2$ is allowed to crystallise, some of the sites of Na^+ ions are occupied by Sr^{2+} ions. For each Sr^{2+} ion introduced, two Na^+ ions are removed to maintain electrical neutrality. One of these lattice site is occupied by Sr^{2+} ion and the other remains vacant. This is shown in Fig. 48. Therefore, these vacancies result in increased electrical conductivity of the solid. Similar defect and behaviour is observed when $CdCl_2$ is added to AgCl.

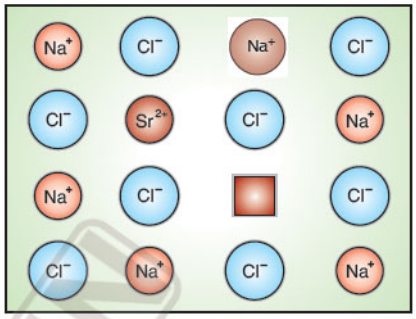


Fig. 48. Introduction of a cation vacancy in NaCl by substitution of Na^+ by Sr^{2+}.

SOLVED EXAMPLES

❑ **Example 33.**

If NaCl is doped with 10^{-3} mol% of $SrCl_2$, what is the concentration of cation vacancy ? **N.C.E.R.T.**

Solution : One cation of Sr^{2+} would create one cation vacancy in NaCl. Therefore, the number of cation vacancies created in the lattice of NaCl is equal to the number of divalent Sr^{2+} ions added.

∴ Concentration of cation vacancy on being doped with 10^{-3} mol % $SrCl_2$

$$= 10^{-3} \text{ mol\%} = \frac{10^{-3}}{100} = 10^{-5} \text{ mol}$$

No. of Sr^{2+} ions in 10^{-5} mol $= 10^{-5} \times 6.023 \times 10^{23}$

$= 6.023 \times 10^{18}$ Sr^{2+} ions

No. of cation vacancies = **6.023×10^{18}.**

❑ **Example 34.**

Analysis shows that nickel oxide has the formula $Ni_{0.98}O_{1.00}$. What fractions of the nickel exist as Ni^{2+} and Ni^{3+} ions in given oxide? **N.C.E.R.T.**

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Solution : $Ni_{0.98}O_{1.0.}$

Let Ni^{2+} be x so that Ni^{3+} will be $0.98 - x$. Total charge on the compound must be zero so that

$$+ 2x + 3(0.98 - x) - 2 = 0$$

$$2x + 2.94 - 3x - 2 = 0$$

$$-x = -0.94$$

or $$x = 0.94$$

$$\% \text{ of } Ni^{2+} = \frac{0.94}{0.98} \times 100 = 96\%$$

$$\% \text{ of } Ni^{3+} = 4\%$$

❑ **Example 35.**

If Al^{3+} replaces Na^+ ion at the edge centre of NaCl lattice then calculate the vacancies in 1 mole of NaCl.

Solution : 1 mol of NaCl contains 1 mol of Na^+ ions *i.e.* 6.022×10^{23} Na^+ ions.

NaCl has *fcc* arrangement of Cl^- ions and Na^+ are present at the edge centres and body centres.

Since there are 12 edges and each edge is shared by 4 unit cells, then contribution of Cl^- ions present at the edge centres is $\frac{1}{4} \times 12 = 3$. Contribution of Na^+ ion present at the body centre = 1

Thus, for every 4 Na^+ ions, the ions present at the edge centres = 3.

∴ The Na^+ ions which have been replaced by Al^{3+} ions

$$= \frac{3}{4} \times 6.022 \times 10^{23} = 4.5165 \times 10^{23}$$

To maintain electrical neutrality, 1 Al^{3+} ion will replace 3 Na^+ ions. This means that 1 position will be occupied and remaining 2 will be vacant.

∴ No. of vacancies in 1 mole of NaCl

$$= \frac{2}{3} \times 4.5165 \times 10^{23} = \mathbf{3.011 \times 10^{23}}$$

Practice Problems

47. The composition of a sample of wustite is $Fe_{0.93}O_{1.00}$. What mass percentage of iron is present in the form of Fe(III) ions ?

48. Analysis shows that a metal oxide has the empirical formula $M_{0.96}O_{1.00}$. Calculate the percentage of M^{2+} and M^{3+} ions in the crystal. *(C.B.S.E. Sample Paper 2007)*

Answers to Practice Problems

47. 11.5%

48. 91.67, 8.33

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Problem 7. **A metal crystallizes in a face centred cubic unit cell with a = 0.560 nm. Calculate the density of the metal if it contains 0.1% Schottky defects. (Atomic mass of metal = 40 g mol^{-1})**

Solution Due to Schottky defect, the vacant spaces will increase resulting decrease in number of atoms per unit cell.

$$\text{In this case, } Z = \left(4 - \frac{4 \times 0.1}{100}\right) = 3.996$$

$$\text{Density, } \rho = \frac{Z \times M}{N_A \times a^3}$$

$$= \frac{3.996 \times (40 \text{ g mol}^{-1})}{(0.560 \times 10^{-7} \text{ cm})^3 \times (6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1})}$$

$$= \mathbf{1.51 \text{ g cm}^{-3}}$$

Problem 8. **By X-ray diffraction method, the unit cell edge length of sodium chloride is found to be 562.6 pm. The density of NaCl is observed to be 2.158 g cm^{-3}.**

***(i)* Predict the type of defect present in the crystal.**

***(ii)* Calculate the percentage of Na^+ and Cl^- ions missing.**

Solution (*i*) The density can be calculated as

$$\rho = \frac{Z \times M}{a^3 \times N_A}$$

$Z = 4$ (*fcc*), $M = 23 + 35.5 = 58.5$ g mol^{-1},

$a = 562.6$ pm or $= 562.6 \times 10^{-10}$ cm, $N_A = 6.022 \times 10^{23}$

$$\therefore \quad \rho = \frac{4 \times 58.5}{(562.6 \times 10^{-10})^3 \times (6.022 \times 10^{23})} = 2.182 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$$

Observed density = 2.158 g cm^{-3}

Since observed density is less than theoretically calculated value, this means that some Na^+ and Cl^- ions are missing from their lattice sites *i.e.* the crystal has **Schottky defect.**

(*ii*) Actual formula units of NaCl per unit cell can be calculated as :

$$Z = \frac{a^3 \times N_A \times \rho}{M}$$

$$= \frac{(562.6 \times 10^{-10} \text{ cm})^3 \times (6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}) \times (2.158 \text{ g cm}^{-3})}{(58.5 \text{ g mol}^{-1})}$$

$= 3.956$

Formula units missing per unit cell $= 4 - 3.956 = 0.044$

$$\therefore \quad \% \text{ missing unit cells} = \frac{0.044}{4} \times 100 = \mathbf{1.1\%}$$

PROPERTIES OF SOLIDS

There is a close relationship between the properties of a solid and its composition and structure. Some important properties of solids are discussed below :

1. Electrical Properties of Solids

Solids exhibit an interesting range of variation of electrical conductivities extending over 27 orders of magnitude ranging from 10^{-20} to 10^{7} ohm^{-1} m^{-1}, which no other physical property show.

On the basis of electrical conductivity, solids can be classified into three types :

(i) conductors

(ii) insulators

(iii) semiconductors.

(*i*) **Conductors.** *The solids which allow the passage of electric current* are called **conductors**. They have conductivities in the range 10^4 to 10^7 ohm^{-1} m^{-1}. For example, metals have conductivities of the order of 10^7 ohm^{-1} m^{-1} and hence are the best conductors of electricity. Conductors are of two types : *metallic conductors or electrolytic conductors.*

(*a*) **Metallic conductors** *are those which allow the electricity to pass through them without undergoing any chemical change.* For example, copper, silver etc. Metals conduct electricity in solid as well as in molten state. In metallic conductors, the conductance is due to the movement of electrons under the influence of an applied electric potential. The streams of electrons constitute the current. *The conductivity of metals depends upon the number of valence electrons available per atom.*

(*b*) **Electrolytic conductors** *are those which allow the electricity to pass through them by undergoing chemical change*. The conduction in ionic solids is due to the migration of ions or other charged particles under the applied field. Due to strong electrostatic forces of attraction, the ionic solids do not conduct electricity. However, these conduct electricity to a good extent when they are

REMEMBER

- Metals conduct electricity through the movement of electrons.
- Electrolytes conduct electricity due to movement of ions.
- Metals conduct electricity in the solid as well as molten state.
- Electrolytes conduct electricity only in aqueous solution or molten state.

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in their molten state or in the form of their aqueous solutions. In these states, the ions of the electrolyte become free and they conduct electricity due to the movement of ions.

(*ii*) **Insulators.** *The solids which do not allow the passage of electric current through them* are called **insulators**. They have very very low conductivities ranging between 10^{-20} to 10^{-10} ohm^{-1} m^{-1}. For example, wood, sulphur, phosphorus, rubber etc.

(*iii*) **Semiconductors.** *The solids whose conductivity lies between those of typical metallic conductors and insulators* are called **semiconductors**. The semiconductors have conductivity in the range of 10^{-6} to 10^{4} Ω^{-1} m^{-1}. The conductivity of semiconductors is due to the presence of impurities and defects.

Effect of Temperature on Conductivity

In general, with increase in temperature the conductivity of metals decreases while that of semiconductors increases. However, there is very little increase in the conductivity of an insulator as the temperature is increased.

The electrical behaviour of some typical transition metal oxides as metals (M), insulators (I) and oxides showing transition from metal to insulators behaviour (T) at a certain temperature are given below :

TiO (M)	VO (T)		MnO(I)	FeO(I)	CoO(I) NiO(I) CuO(I)
Ti_2O_3 (T)	V_2O_3 (T)	Cr_2O_3(I)	Mn_2O_3 (I)	Fe_2O_3(I)	
	VO_2 (T)	CrO_2 (M)	MnO_2 (I)		
TiO_2 (I)	V_2O_5 (I)				

Similar behaviour is exhibited by sulphides.

Mechanism of Electrical Conduction

The conduction in most of the solids is through electron movement under an electric field.However, in some ionic solids, the conduction is by ions. Therefore, in the solids where the conduction is by the movement of electrons, the electrical conductivity depends on the number of electrons available to participate in the conduction process. *The difference in electrical conductance behaviour of conductors, insulators and semiconductors* can be explained with the help of **band model.**

BAND THEORY FOR EXPLAINING THE BEHAVIOUR OF METAL CONDUCTORS, SEMICONDUCTORS AND INSULATORS

The bonding in metals can be explained by extending the simple molecular orbital theory to metals, called **band theory.** The basis of band theory is that a metal lattice has an extremely large number of atoms. The atomic orbitals of these metal atoms overlap to form a large number of molecular orbitals which are so close in energy to each other that they form **energy bands.**

Let us consider an example of lithium metal. Ignoring inner 1*s*-electrons which do not involve in bonding, 2*s*-orbitals of lithium atoms may combine to form molecular orbitals. We have learnt that in case of Li_2 (two atoms) 2*s* AOs on two lithium atoms combine to give two MOs; one bonding MO and one anti-bonding MO [Fig. 49 (*a*)]. If we have three lithium atoms, three 2*s* AOs would combine to form three MOs; one bonding, one antibonding and one non-bonding [Fig. 49 (b)]. The energy of non-bonding MO is in between the bonding and antibonding MO, exactly at the same level as the energy of the AOs. Similarly, in case of four lithium atoms, four 2*s* AOs would combine to form four MOs; two bonding and two antibonding MOs [Fig. 49 (*c*)]. Similarly, if we have N atoms of lithium (N is Avogadro number, 6.02×10^{23} atoms), 2*s* AOs of N atoms would combine to give N MOs. As the number of molecular orbitals is large, the energy levels of MOs are so close together, that they may almost be treated as continuous.

REMEMBER

Range of conductivity

- Conductors : 10^{4} to 10^{7} ohm^{-1}m^{-1}
- Semiconductors : 10^{-6} to 10^{4} ohm^{-1}m^{-1}
- Insulators : 10^{-20} to 10^{-10} ohm^{-1}m^{-1}

REMEMBER

With increase in temperature electrical conductivity of

- metals decreases
- semiconductors increases.

Learning Plus

It is very interesting to note that transition metal monoxides (MO), all of which have similar NaCl structures show very marked differences in their electrical properties.

- TiO is metallic, MnO, FeO, CuO, etc. are insulators while VO is metallic or insulator depending upon temperature.
- CrO_2 is metallic, MnO_2 is insulator while VO_2 is metallic or insulator depending upon temperature.
- ReO_3 is metallic, while VO_3 and TiO_3 are metallic or insulator depending upon temperature.

▶ Thus, transition metal oxides show marked differences in electrical properties.

To sum up

- ❒ TiO, CrO_2, ReO_3 are metallic.
- ❒ MnO, FeO, CuO, are insulators
- ❒ VO, VO_2, V_2O_3, TiO_3 etc. change from metallic to insulator at a certain temperature.
- ❒ **Rhenium oxide, ReO_3 has appearance as well as conductivity like copper.**

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Such a group of energy levels is known as **energy band** and is responsible for the name **band model for metals.**

The energy levels in a band is equal to the number of atoms in the metal. The formation of an energy band depends upon :

(*i*) the close proximity of large number of atoms.

(*ii*) the energy difference between the pure atomic orbitals.

Thus, 2*s*-atomic orbitals give rise to one energy band, the 2*p*-atomic orbitals also form a band of closely spaced energy levels. The various energy bands from different atomic orbitals may overlap or be separated from each other depending upon the relative energies of the atomic energy levels.

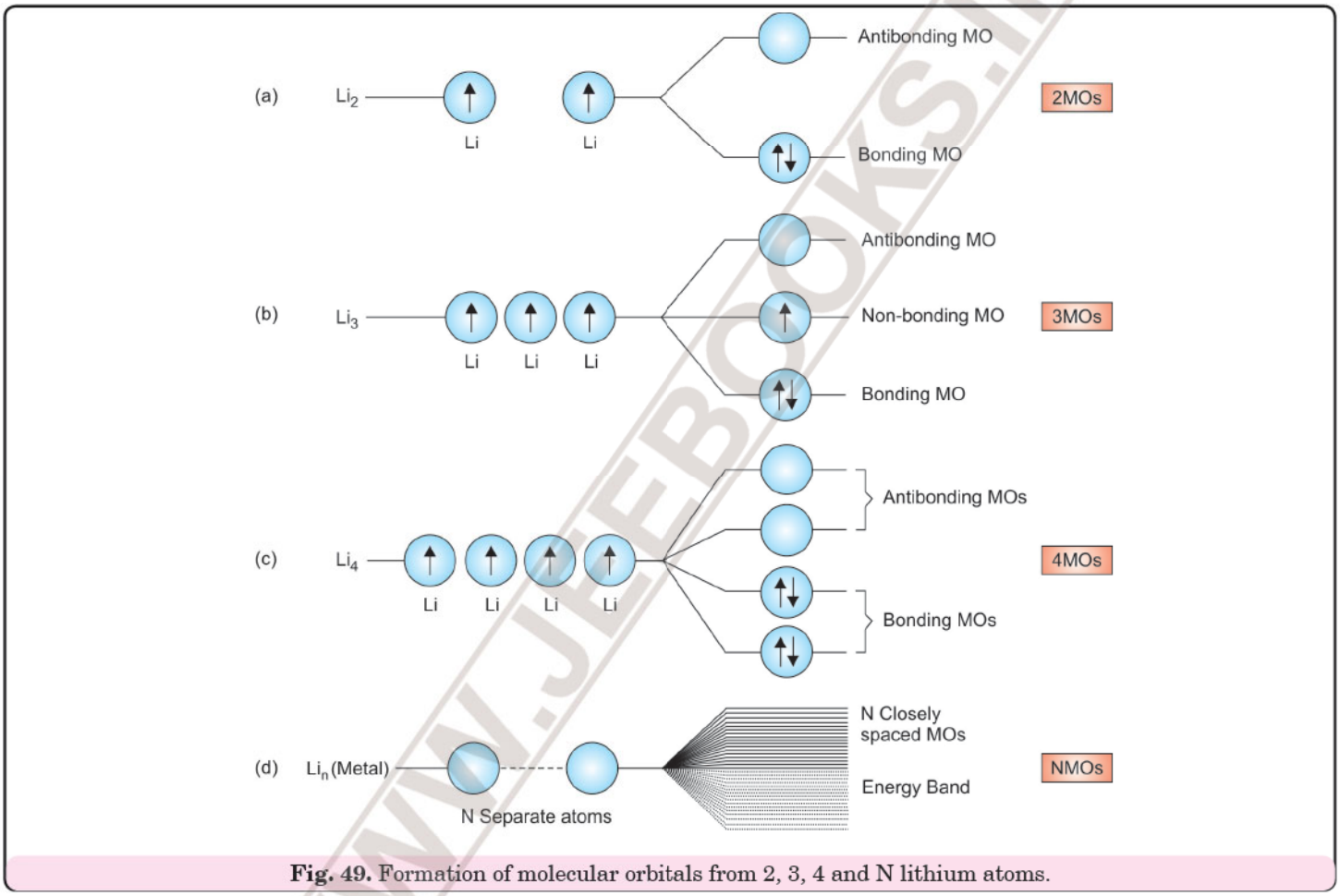


Fig. 49. Formation of molecular orbitals from 2, 3, 4 and N lithium atoms.

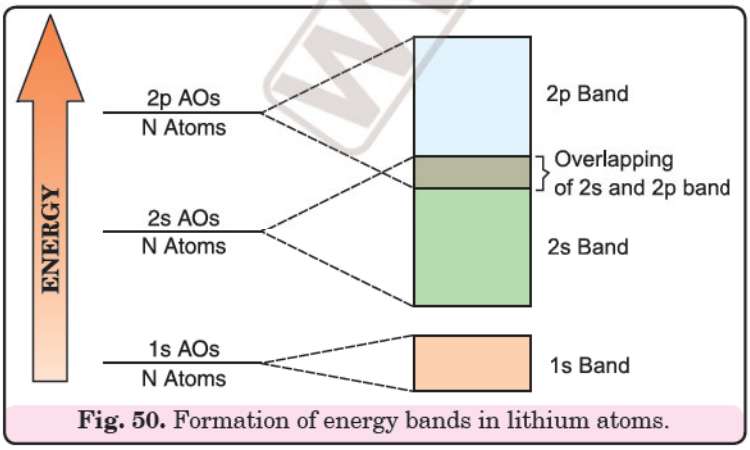


Fig. 50. Formation of energy bands in lithium atoms.

The energy bands formed by the overlap of 1*s*, 2*s* and 2*p* AOs of lithium metal are shown in Fig. 50.

The arrangement of electrons in different energy bands determine the characteristics of a metal. Now, in the case of Li atom, the electronic configuration is $1s^2\ 2s^1$. The 1*s* energy band will be completely filled. These electrons do not contribute towards bonding and may be ignored. As already learnt, in case of Li_2, there will be 2 valence electrons and there are two MOs. Since each MO can accommodate two electrons (Pauli's exclusion principle), only bonding molecular orbital will be completely filled. Similarly, in case of Li_4, the four valence electrons would occupy only the two lowest bonding MOs.

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Thus, in these cases, half of the molecular orbitals remain unoccupied. Similarly, N 2*s* atomic orbitals give N 2*s* molecular orbitals (energy band). Since Li atom has only one valence electron, only half of the molecular orbitals will be filled. In other words, only one half of the 2*s* band, will be filled in the lithium metal. This is shown in Fig. 51. (It may be noted that the bands are displaced laterally for clarity). Thus, there are many empty levels into which electrons can move. This movement of electrons from one level to another *constitutes an electric current.*

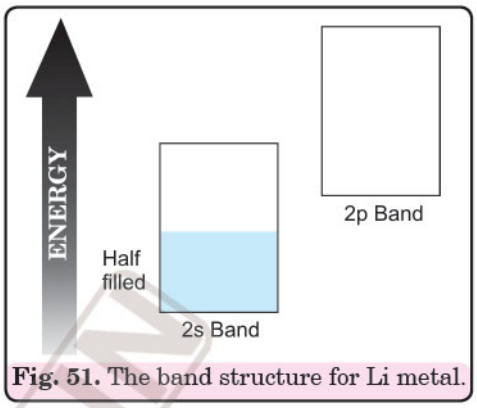


Fig. 51. The band structure for Li metal.

Thus, lithium is good conductor. At the same time, if we heat one end of metal, electrons at that end gain energy and move to empty energy bands where they can travel easily to another part of the metal. This accounts for thermal conduction of metals.

We can apply the same arguments to beryllium. In beryllium, there are two valence electrons and therefore, N atoms of beryllium will have 2N electrons from 2*s* AOs. Therefore, in beryllium metal, the 2*s* band will be completely filled (Fig 52) There are no empty orbitals in 2*s* energy band into which electrons can move. However, 2*p* energy band is completely empty and it overlaps the 2*s* energy band. When some electric field is applied, the electrons can move into the empty band.

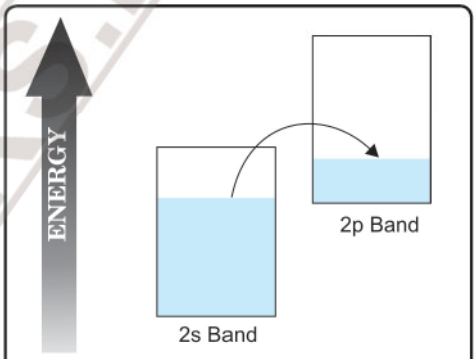


Fig. 52. The band structure for Be metal.

Thus, if the band is partially filled or it overlaps with a higher energy unoccupied band, then electrons can easily flow under an applied electric field and metal shows conductivity. For example, a partially filled band is shown in Fig. 53. (*a*) and overlapping bands are shown in Fig. 53(*b*) found in metals. Therefore, when some electric field is applied electrons can easily move within partially filled band or empty overlapping band and this movement is responsible for electrical conductance of the substance. This type of behaviour is shown by metals.

In general, the electrical conductance of solids depends upon the energy gap between the filled valence bands and next higher vacant energy band.

- The *outermost filled energy band is called* **valence band** *and*
- *the next (lowest lying) empty band in which electrons can move is called* **conduction band.**

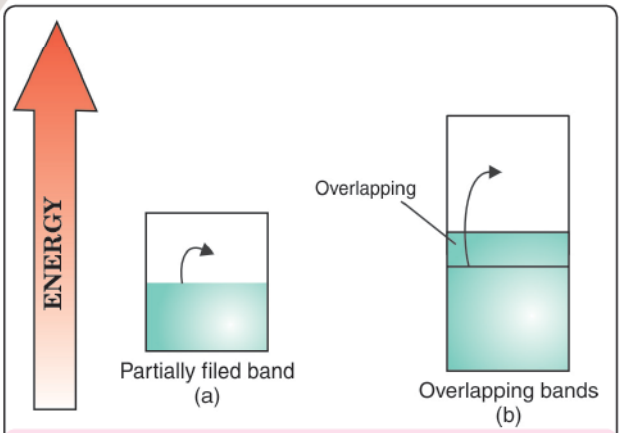


Fig. 53. Partially filled and overlapping bands.

The spaces between valence band and conduction band represent energies forbidden to electrons and are called **energy gaps** or **forbidden zone.** The valence band and conduction bands for metals, semi-conductors and insulators are shown in Fig. 54.

(*i*) In **metals**, the *conduction band is close to valence band* and, therefore, the electrons can easily go into the conduction band. Therefore, metals are good **conductors**.

(*ii*) In **insulators**, *the energy gap between valence band and conduction band is very large.* Therefore, the electrons from valence band cannot jump into the conduction band. Hence, the insulators have extremely low conductivity.

(*iii*) Several solids have properties intermediate between metals and insulators. These are called **semi-metals** or **semiconductors**. They have only small difference in energy between the filled valence band and empty conduction band. Therefore, some electrons may jump to conduction band and hence they show some conductivity.

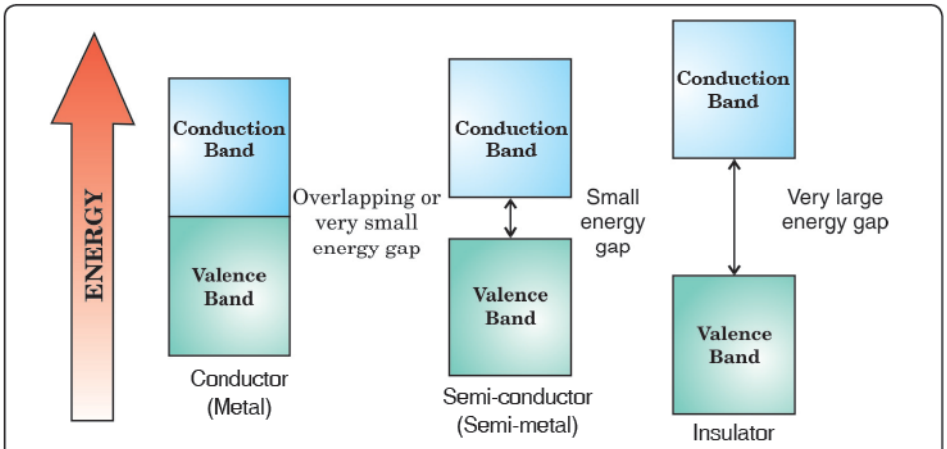
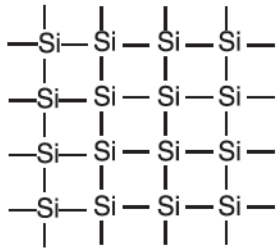
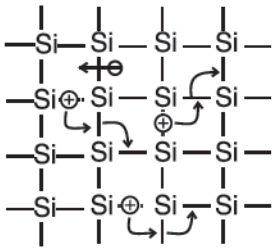


Fig. 54. Valence and conductance bands in metals, semi-conductors and insulators.

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(*a*) Network of pure silicon



(*b*) Intrinsic semi-conduction in silicon

Fig. 55. (*a*) Pure silicon (*b*) Silicon showing positive holes and negative electrons.

Electrical conductivity of semi-conductors increases with rise in temperature because more electrons can jump to the conduction band. Substances like silicon and germanium show this type of behaviour.

Conduction of Electricity in Semiconductors

Germanium and silicon are the most important commercial examples of semiconductors. Atoms of both germanium and silicon have four electrons in the outermost shell. Therefore, each atom is covalently bonded with four neighbouring atoms. There are no free electrons in this structure and therefore for practical purposes, the conductivities of pure germanium and silicon are very low and they behave as insulators. The energy gap between valence band and conduction band for Ge and Si are 68 kJ mol^{-1} and 106 kJ mol^{-1} respectively at room temperature.

These can behave as semi-conductors in two types :

(*i*) *Intrinsic conduction*

(*ii*) *Extrinsic conduction*

(*i*) Intrinsic conduction

Pure silicon or germanium are poor conductors because they have network or lattice of four strong covalent bonds. [Fig. 55 (*a*)] When a sufficient amount of energy by increasing temperature is supplied to the crystal, some covalent bonds may break due to thermal vibrations and electrons are released. When the crystal is connected to the elecric current, these electrons move leaving behind a positive charge or a 'positive hole' at the site of missing electron. The crystal will now be able to conduct electricity because when electric field is applied, the electrons move in one direction and the 'positive holes' move in the other direction. The electrons move through the interstices of the lattice and the positive holes jump from one bond to another as shown in Fig. 55 (*b*). This is known as **intrinsic semiconductivity of the crystal.** The intrinstic semiconductor contains equal number of current carrying holes and electrons.

(*ii*) Extrinsic semi-conduction

The conductivity of the intrinsic semiconductors is too low to be of practical use. Their conductivity is increased by adding an appropriate amount of suitable impurity. This process is called **doping**. The conductivity of silicon and germanium increases drastically by doping it with certain other elements.

The impurities are of two types :

(*i*) Electron rich (or donor) impurities and

(*ii*) Electron deficient (or acceptor) impurities.

(*i*) Electron rich (or donor) impurities. The electron rich (or donor) impurities provide electrons in the following way:

Silicon and germanium belong to group 14 of the periodic table and have four valence electrons. In their crystals each atom forms four covalent bonds (as discussed above) with its neighbours (Fig. 55).

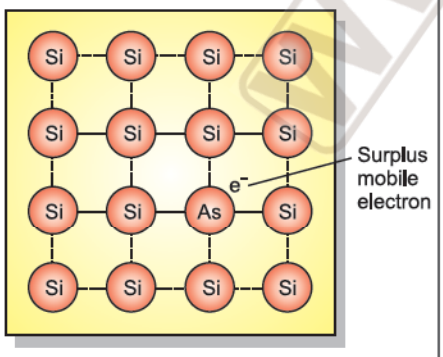


Fig. 56. Arsenic doped silicon semi-conductor.

Let us consider that some atoms with five valence electrons (of group 15) such as arsenic (As) are added to the silicon crystal. As a result, silicon atoms at some lattice sites are replaced by As atoms with five electrons in their outermost shell. As a Si atom is substituted by an atom of As, four of the electrons in arsenic form covalent bonds with surrounding Si atoms and the fifth electron remains free. Hence, an extra electron, over and above the number required for forming the four covalent bonds, gets introduced in the crystal. This extra electron which is not needed for bonding becomes delocalised and can serve to conduct electricity and therefore, silicon containing traces of arsenic (or arsenic doped silicon) exhibits high electrical conductivity. This type of conduction is known as ***n*-type semi-conduction** where '*n*' stands for negative because electrons are responsible for semiconducting behaviour. This is shown in Fig. 56. Doping of a germanium or silicon semiconductor with other group-15 elements such as P, Sb or Bi also give *n*-type semiconductors.

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***(ii)* Electron deficient or Acceptor Impurities.** An electron deficient or Acceptor impurity helps in conduction in the following way :

Suppose some atoms of silicon are doped with acceptor atoms having only three outer shell electrons such as indium (of Group 13). As a result, silicon atoms at some sites are replaced by indium atoms with three electrons in their outermost shell. Each indium atom uses its three electrons to form three bonds in the lattice and some sites normally occupied by electrons will be left empty and gives rise to electron deficiencies. The electron deficient sites are called **electron vacancies** or **electron holes**. An electron from neighbouring atom can jump to fill up this electron hole, but in doing so it would create an electron hole at its original position. As it continues, it would appear as if the electron hole has moved in the direction opposite to that of electron which filled it. When an electric field is applied, the electrons move towards the positively charged plate through electron holes and electron holes move towards the negatively charged plate as if they carry positive charge. This type of semiconductors are called ***p*-type semiconductors** because holes (positive in charge) appear to be responsible for the semiconducting properties. Doping of silicon or germanium with other group-13 elements such as B, Al or Ga also give *p*-type semiconductors. This is shown in Fig. 57.

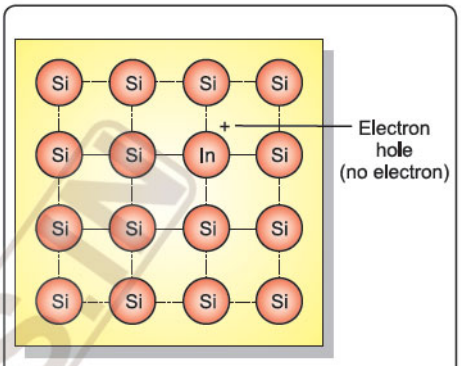


Fig. 57. Indium doped silicon semiconductor.

Thus, doping of germanium or silicon with traces of arsenic (or other group-15 element) gives rise to *n*-type semi-conductor and that with indium (or other group 13 element) gives rise to *p*-type semiconductor. Both *n*-type and *p*-type semiconductors are electrically neutral because each atom of impurity added is neutral in itself containing equal number of protons and electrons.

Applications of *n*-type and *p*-type semiconductors.

n-type and *p*-type of semiconductors are shown in Fig. 58. Various combinations of *n*-type and *p*-type semiconductors are possible which are used to make electronic components. For example,

- A **diode** is a combination of *n*-type and *p*-type semi-conductors and is used as a rectifier.
- Transistors which are *p*-*n*-*p* or *n*-*p*-*n* 'sandwich' semi-conductors are used to detect or amplify radio or audio signals.
- A solar cell is a photo diode used for converting radiant energy (of light) into electrical energy.
- Now, a large variety of solid materials have been prepared by combination of elements of group-13 and 15 or 12 and 16 which have average valence of 4 as in Ge or Si. Typical examples of group 13–15 compounds are AlP, GaAs or InSb. Gallium arsenide (GaAs) semiconductors have gained much response and have revolutionised the design of semiconductor devices. The examples of group 12–16 compounds are ZnS, CdS, CdSe and HgTe. In these compounds, the bonds are not perfectly covalent and the ionic character depends upon the electronegativity differences between the two elements.

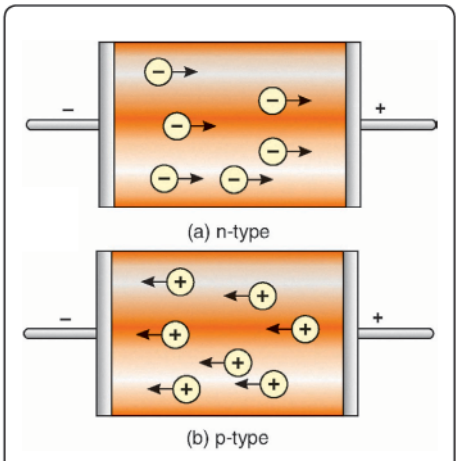


Fig. 58. Conduction in *n*-type and *p*-type of semiconductors.

It is interesting to learn that transition metal oxides show marked differences in electrical properties. TiO, VO, CrO_2 and ReO_3 behave like typical metals. Rhenium oxide, ReO_3 behaves metallic like copper in conductivity and appearance. Certain other oxides like VO, VO_2, VO_3 and TiO_3 show metallic or insulating properties depending upon temperature.

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Superconducting materials are those which offer no resistance to the passage of electricity. For detail, refer **Competition File** (Page 79).

2. Magnetic Properties of Solids

The microscopic (observable) magnetic properties of materials are due to the magnetic moments associated with individual electron. Each electron in an atom has magnetic moment which originates from two sources :

(i) Orbital motion around the nucleus.

(ii) Spin of electron around its own axis.

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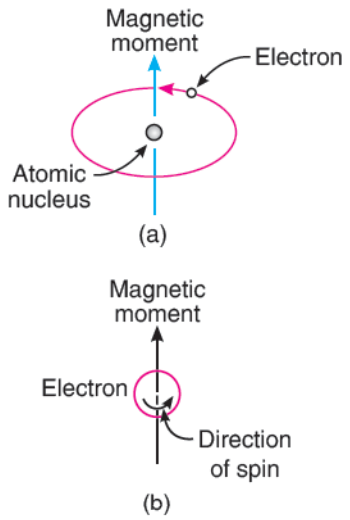


Fig. 59. (*a*) An orbiting electron. (*b*) A spinning electron.

A moving electron may be regarded as a small current loop generating a small magnetic field and having a magnetic moment along its axis of rotation as shown in Fig. 59 (*a*). The magnetic moment which originates from electron spin is directed along the spin axis. The spin magnetic moments are generally shown by up and down direction as shown in Fig. 59 (*b*). Thus, each electron in an atom may be regarded as a small magnet having permanent orbital and spin magnetic moments. The fundamental magnetic moment is the **Bohr magneton** μ_B which is equal to 9.27×10^{-24} A m^2. For each electron in an atom, the spin magnetic moment is $\pm \mu_B$ depending upon the two possibilities of the spin. The contribution of the orbital magnetic moment is equal to $m_l \mu_B$ where m_l is the **magnetic quantum number** of the electron.

The magnetic properties of solids are also related to their electronic structures. Materials can be divided into the following types depending upon their response to magnetic field :

(*i*) Diamagnetic materials. *The substances which are weakly repelled by the magnetic field* are known as **diamagnetic substances**. For example, NaCl, water, benzene, etc. are diamagnetic substances. The property thus exhibited is called **diamagnetism**. Diamagnetism arises when all the electrons are paired. Pairing of electrons cancels their magnetic moments and they lose their magnetic character.

(*ii*) Paramagnetic materials. *The substances which have permanent magnetic dipoles and are attracted by the magnetic field are known* as **paramagnetic substances**. These consist of atoms, ions or molecules having one or more unpaired electrons. The common examples are Cu^{2+}, Fe^{3+}, Cr^{3+}, O_2, TiO, Ti_2O_3, VO_2, CuO, etc. They lose their magnetism in the absence of magnetic field. Solids like TiO_2 which are expected to be diamagnetic often show paramagnetism due to the presence of slight non-stoichiometry.

(*iii*) Ferromagnetic substances. *The substances which are strongly attracted by the magnetic field and show permanent magnetism even when the magnetic field is removed* are known as **ferromagnetic substances.** Once such a material is magnetised, it remains magnetised permanently. Iron is the most common example. Other examples are cobalt, nickel, gadolinium (Gd), CrO_2, etc. at room temperature. These substances are very important in technology. For example, CrO_2 is the oxide used to make magnetic tapes for use in cassette recorders.

In solid state, the metal ions of ferromagnetic substances are grouped together into small regions called **domains.** Thus, each domain acts as a tiny magnet. In an unmagnetized piece of ferromagnetic substance, the domains are randomly oriented and their magnetic moments get cancelled. When the substance is placed in a magnetic field all the domains get oriented in the direction of magnetic field. Depending upon the alignment of magnetic moments of domains in ferromagnetic substances, these are divided into three types :

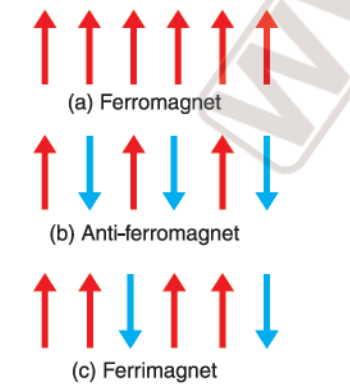


Fig. 60. Alignment of magnetic moments in (*a*) Ferromagnet (*b*) Anti-ferromagnet (*c*) Ferrimagnet.

(*a*) *When there is spontaneous alignment of magnetic moments of domains in the same direction, we get* **ferromagnetism** [Fig. 60 (*a*)]. These have strong magnetic effect. This ordering of domains persists even when the magnetic field is removed and the ferromagnetic substance becomes a permanent magnet.

(*b*) *If the alignment of magnetic moments of domains is in a compensatory way so as to give zero net magnetic moment because of cancellation of the individual magnetic moments then we get* **anti-ferromagnetism** in the material. The common example is MnO. A pattern of alignment of magnetic domains in anti-ferromagnetic substance is shown in Fig. 60 (*b*).

(*c*) *When the magnetic moments of domains are aligned in parallel and anti-parallel directions in unequal numbers resulting in net magnetic moment, we get* **ferrimagnetism**. This is shown in Fig. 60 (*c*). They are weakly

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attracted by magnetic field as compared to ferromagnetic substances. For example, Fe_3O_4 (magnetite) and ferrites of formula $M^{2+}Fe_2O_4$; M = Mg, Cu, Zn, etc. show ferrimagnetism. These substances also lose ferrimagnetism on heating and become paramagnetic.

It may be noted that all the magnetically ordered solids (ferromagnetic, anti-ferromagnetic and ferrimagnetic) transform to paramagnetic state at a higher temperature due to randomisation of their spins. For example,

(*i*) V_2O_3 transforms from anti-ferromagnetic state to paramagnetic state at 150 K.

(*ii*) Fe_3O_4 becomes paramagnetic from ferrimagnetic at 850 K.

Magnetic properties of some transition metal oxides are shown below (where p = paramagnetic, af = anti-ferromagnetic, fe = ferrimagnetic, f = ferromagnetic and d = diamagnetic)

TiO (p)	VO (p)		MnO (af)	FeO (af)	CoO (p)	NiO (p)	CuO (p)
Ti_2O_3 (p)	V_2O_3 (af)	Cr_2O_3 (af)	Mn_2O_3 (af)	Fe_2O_3 (af)			
TiO_2 (d)	VO_2 (p)	CrO_2 (f)	MnO_2 (af)	Fe_3O_4 (fe)	Co_3O_4 (af)		
	V_2O_5 (d)						

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It may be noted that each ferromagnetic substance has a characteristic temperature above which no ferromagnetism is observed. This is known as **Curie temperature.**

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Solids have dielectric properties. For detail, refer **Competition File** (Page 79).

add on Conceptual Questions 2

Q.1. Analysis shows that FeO has a non-stoichiometric composition with molecular formula $Fe_{0.95}O$. Give reason. ***(A.I. S.B. 2018)***

Ans. It shows metal deficiency defect. In FeO, some Fe^{2+} ions are replaced by Fe^{3+} ions. Three Fe^{2+} ions are replaced by two Fe^{3+} ions to maintain electrical neutrality.

Q.2. Following is the schematic alignment of magnetic moments:



Identify the type of magnetism. What happens when these substances are heated ? ***(CBSE Sample Paper 2017-18)***

Ans. Ferrimagnetism. These substances lose ferrimagnetism on heating and become paramagnetic.

CONCEPTUAL QA

Q.3. Name any one solid in which both Frenkel and Schottky defects occur.

Ans. Silver bromide, AgBr has both Frenkel and Schottky defects.

Q.4. What is the effect of temperature on the conductivity of metals and semi-metals ?

Ans. In general, with increase in temperature, the conductivity of metals decreases and that of semi-metals increases.

Q.5. What is photovoltaic cell ?

Ans. The process in which electricity is produced by shining sunlight on certain substances. Amorphous silicon acts as a typical photovoltaic cell.

Q.6. Why is Frenkel defect not found in pure alkali metal halides ?

Ans. Frenkel defect is not found in alkali metal halides because the ions cannot get into the interstitial sites due to their larger size.

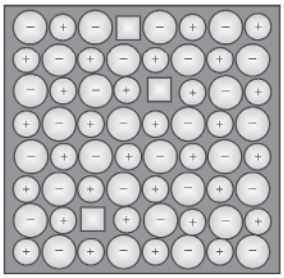
Q.7. What is the effect of presence of Schottky defects on the density of the crystal ?

Ans. The overall density of a crystalline substance decreases due to Schottky defects.

Q.8. What is the difference in the semi-conductors obtained by doping silicon with As or with Ga?

Ans. Semi-conductor produced by doping silicon with As is *n-type semiconductor* in which flow of current is due to electrons while silicon doped with Ga is *p*-type *semiconductor* in which flow of current is due to positive holes.

Q.9. Identify the type of defect shows in the following figure:
What type of substances show this defect ? ***(CBSE Sample Paper 2017-18)***



Ans. Schottky defect.

This type of defect is shown by ionic compounds in which

(*i*) the ions have high coordination number and

(*ii*) ions (cations and anions) are of almost similar sizes.

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Q.10. Classify each of the following as being either a *p*-type or *n*-type semiconductor :

(*i*) Ge doped with In.

(*ii*) Si doped with B. ***(CBSE Sample Paper 2011)***

Ans. (*i*) Ge belongs to group 14 and In belongs to group 13.

Therefore, an electron deficient hole is created and it is a ***p*-type semiconductor.**

(*ii*) B belongs to group 13 and Si belongs to group 14. Therefore, an electron deficient hole is created and it is a ***p*-type semiconductor.**

Q.11. Name a salt which is added to AgCl so as to produce cation vacancies. ***(A.I.S.B. 2003, D.S.B. 2004)***

Ans. $CdCl_2$.

Q.12. Which point defect lowers the density of a crystal ? ***(A.I.S.B. 2004)***

Ans. Schottky defect.

Q.13. How does the electrical conductivity of semi-conductors vary with temperature ? ***(Pb.S.B. 2006)***

Ans. The electrical conductivity of semi-conductors increases with increase in temperature.

Q.14. Name the non-stoichiometric point defect responsible for colour in alkali metal halides. ***(A.I.S.B. 2006)***

Ans. Metal excess non-stoichiometric point defects.

Q.15. $CaCl_2$ will introduce Schottky defect when added to AgCl crystal. Explain. ***(Pb.S.B. 2003)***

Ans. $CaCl_2$ on adding to AgCl introduces impurity defect. The addition of one Ca^{2+} ion will replace two Ag^+ ions to maintain electrical conductivity. One of the position of Ag^+ will be occupied by Ca^{2+} ion and other will be left as a hole. Thus, a hole is created similar to Schottky defect.

Q.16. Why does ZnO appear golden yellow at high temperature? Explain. ***(Meghalaya S.B. 2013, Kerala S.B. 2018))***

Ans. When ZnO is heated it loses oxygen as :

$$ZnO \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} Zn^{2+} + \frac{1}{2}O_2 + 2e^-$$

The Zn^{2+} ions are entrapped in the interstitial sites and electrons are entrapped in the neighbouring interstitial sites to maintain electrical neutrality. This results in metal excess defect. Due to the presence of electrons in the interstitial void, the colour is yellow.

Q.17. The electrical conductivity of metals decreases with rise in temperature while that of a semiconductor increases. Explain. ***(H.P.S.B. 2003)***

Ans. In case of metals, with increase in temperature, the kernels start vibrating and therefore, they offer resistance to the flow of electrons. Hence, conductivity of metals decreases with rise in temperature. On the other hand, in case of semi-conductors, the conducitivity is due to the presence of impurities and defects. As the number of defects (such as holes) increases with rise in temperature, the conductivity increases.

Q.18. Why does zinc oxide exhibit enhanced electrical conductivity on heating ? ***(D.S.B. 2005 C)***

Ans. On heating, zinc oxide loses oxygen as :

$$ZnO \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} Zn^{2+} + \frac{1}{2}O_2 + 2e^-$$

The zinc ions thus formed are entrapped into the interstitial sites while the electrons are entrapped in the neighbouring interstitial sites. The entrapped electrons enhance the electrical conductivity of ZnO.

Q.19. Give reason :

(a) Why is Frenkel defect found in AgCl ?

(b) What is the difference between phosphorus doped and gallium doped silicon semiconductors ? ***(CBSE Sample Paper 2011)***

Ans. (a) Due to small size of Ag^+ ion, it can fit into interstitial sites.

(b) Phosphorus doped silicon are *n*-type semiconductors while gallium doped silicon are *p*-type semiconductors.

Q.20. Why does LiCl acquire pink colour when heated in Li vapours ? ***(CBSE Sample Paper 2011)***

Ans. On heating LiCl in Li vapours, the excess of Li atoms deposit on the surface of the crystal. The Cl^- ions diffuse to the surface of the crystal and combine with Li atoms to form LiCl. The electrons produced by ionisation of Li atoms diffuse into the crystal and get trapped at anion vacancies called F-centres. These absorb energy from visible light and radiate pink colour.

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Hints & Solutions for Practice Problems

❑ **1.** As Y atoms are at the corners of the cube and contribution of each = 1/8, therefore, no. of Y atoms/unit cell $= 8 \times \frac{1}{8} = 1$. There can be only one X atom at the body centre.
Hence, formula = **XY.**

❑ **2.** There are only 8 corners so, no. of atoms per unit cell $= 8 \times \frac{1}{8} = 1$

❑ **3.** No. of A atoms at the corners = 8
No. of A atoms missing from corners = 2
No. of A atoms present = 8 – 2 = 6

No. of A atoms per unit cell $= \frac{6}{8} = 3/4$

No. of B atoms per unit cell $= 6 \times \frac{1}{2} = 3$

$\therefore$ Formula = $A_{3/4}B_3$ = **AB_4.**

❑ **4.** There are 8 Y atoms at the corners and contribution of each is 1/8.

$\therefore$ No. of Y atoms per unit cell $= 8 \times \frac{1}{8} = 1$

There can be only two X atoms at alternate faces and contribution of each of them is 1/2.

$\therefore$ No. of X atoms per unit cell $= 2 \times \frac{1}{2} = 1$

Hence, formula is **XY.**

❑ **5.** 1 mole of gold = 197 g = 6.02×10^{23} atoms
No. of atoms in 2×10^{-3} g of gold

$$= \frac{6.02 \times 10^{23}}{197} \times 2 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$= 6.11 \times 10^{18}$$

Since face centred cubic unit cell contains 4 atoms, therefore, number of unit cells present

$$= \frac{6.11 \times 10^{18}}{4} = \mathbf{1.528 \times 10^{18}} \text{ unit cells}$$

❑ **6.** Distance between nearest neighbour.

$$d = \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{620}{\sqrt{2}} = 438.5 \text{ pm}$$

$$r = \frac{d}{2} = \mathbf{219.25 \text{ pm}}$$

❑ **7.** For *bcc* crystal, $r = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}a$

$$= \frac{1.732 \times 352}{4} = \mathbf{152.416 \text{ pm}}$$

❑ **8.** For *fcc* unit cell, radius

$$r = \frac{a}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

$$r = \frac{4.086 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}}{2 \times 1.414} = \mathbf{1.44 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m.}}$$

❑ **9.** No. of W atoms $= 8 \times 1/8 = 1$

No. of O atoms $= 12 \times \frac{1}{4} = 3$

No. of Na atoms= 1

Formula = **$NaWO_3$**

❑ **10.** We assume that the closest Cs^+ to Cl^- ion distance is the sum of ionic radii of Cs^+ and Cl^- ions.
Nearest neighbour distance = 1.69 + 1.81 = 3.50Å
This distance is one half of the body diagonal of the cube
Body diagonal = $\sqrt{3}a$

$$\therefore \quad \frac{\sqrt{3}a}{2} = 3.50$$

or $$a = \frac{3.50 \times 2}{\sqrt{3}} = \mathbf{4.04Å.}$$

❑ **11.** 1 mol of tungsten = 184g = 6.022×10^{23} atoms

No. of atoms in 1.5g of tungsten $= \frac{6.022 \times 10^{23}}{184} \times 1.5$

$= 4.909 \times 10^{21}$

A bcc unit cell contains 2 atoms per unit cell.

$\therefore$ No. of unit cells $= \frac{4.909 \times 10^{21}}{2} = \mathbf{2.45 \times 10^{21}}$

❑ **12.** 1 mol of sodium = 23 g = 6.022×10^{23} atoms
No. of atoms present in 9.2 g of sodium

$$= \frac{6.022 \times 10^{23}}{23} \times 9.2 = 2.4088 \times 10^{23}$$

A *bcc* unit cell contains 2 atoms,

$\therefore$ No. of unit cells present $= \frac{2.4088 \times 10^{23}}{2}$

$= \mathbf{1.2044 \times 10^{23}}$

❑ **13.** For face centred unit cell, radius of atom

$$r = \frac{a}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

or $$a = 2\sqrt{2}.r$$

$$r = 0.144 \text{ nm}$$

$\therefore$ $$a = 2 \times 1.414 \times 0.144$$

$$= \mathbf{0.407 \text{ nm.}}$$

❑ **14.** No. of atoms of A at corners = 7 (because one A is missing).
Contribution of atoms A in a unit cell $= 7 \times \frac{1}{8} = \frac{7}{8}$

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No. of atoms of B at face centres = 6

$\therefore$ Contribution of atoms B in a unit cell = $6 \times \frac{1}{2} = 3$

A : B = $\frac{7}{8} : 3$ or 7 : 24

$\therefore$ Simplest formula = $\mathbf{A_7B_{24}}$

❑ 15. $\frac{r_{Cs^+}}{r_{Cl^-}} = \frac{1.69\text{Å}}{1.81\text{Å}} = 0.934$

Since the radius ratio lies between 0.732 to 1, the coordination number of Cs^+ is 8 and the geometry of CsCl is cubic.

❑ 16. $r_{B^-} = \frac{r_{A^+}}{0.414}$ to $\frac{r_{A^+}}{0.732}$

$= \mathbf{241.6}$ to $\mathbf{136.6}$ **pm**

❑ 17. For a cation to fit into a tetrahedral hole

$$\frac{r_+}{r_-} < 0.414$$

or $r_+ < 0.414 \times r_-$

$< 0.414 \times 0.182$ nm

$\therefore$ $r_+ < 7.53 \times 10^{-2}$ nm

❑ 18. For each X atom, there are one octahedral and two tetrahedral sites.

No. of Y atoms in octahedral sites = 1 per X atom

Since alternative (*i.e.,* half) tetrahedral sites are occupied,

No. of Y atoms in tetrahedral sites = 1 per X atom

Total Y atoms = 2 per X atom

$\therefore$ Formula = $\mathbf{XY_2}$.

❑ 19. Suppose number of atoms of Y in *ccp* = N

No. of octahedral voids = N

No. of atoms of X = N

Formula : **XY**

❑ 20. Since N forms *ccp* arrangement, it will have 4 atoms in a unit cell.

Number of N atoms in unit cell = 4

For each atom, there are two tetrahedral voids so that there are 8 tetrahedral voids per unit cell.

No. of M atoms = $\frac{1}{3} \times 8 = \frac{8}{3}$

Formula = $M_{8/3}N_4$

or $= \mathbf{M_2N_3}$.

❑ 21. Suppose the number of anions Y = N

No. of octahedral voids = N

No. of tetrahedral voids = 2 N

Since octahedral and tetrahedral voids are equally occupied by cations X and all the octahedral voids are occupied (as given) then N cations X are present in octahedral voids and N cations X are present in tetrahedral voids. Therefore,

No. of cations present = N + N = 2N

Ratio of cations X and anions Y = 2N : N

or 2 : 1

Thus, the formula of the compound will be $\mathbf{X_2Y}$.

❑ 22. Suppose the number of oxide ions = N

No. of octahedral voids = N

No. of tetrahedral voids = 2 N

No. of cations P present = $\frac{1}{6} \times 2N = \frac{1}{3}N$

No. of cations Q present = $\frac{1}{3} \times N = \frac{N}{3}$

Ratio P : Q : O^{2-}

$\frac{N}{3} : \frac{N}{3} : N$ or 1 : 1 : 3

Formula of compound = $\mathbf{PQO_3}$.

❑ 23. In *hcp* arrangement, there is one octahedral void corresponding to each atom in the close packing.

Since $\frac{2}{3}$ of the octahedral voids are occupied by aluminium ions, therefore, for each oxide ion there will be $\frac{2}{3}$ aluminium ions.

Therefore, ratio between aluminium ion and oxide ion is :

$\frac{2}{3} : 1$ or 2 : 3

Formula of corrundum = $\mathbf{Al_2O_3}$.

❑ 24. $d = \frac{Z \times M}{a^3 \times N_A}$

$= \frac{4 \times 40}{(400 \times 10^{-10})^3 \times 6.022 \times 10^{23}}$

$= \mathbf{4.15\ g\ cm^{-3}}$

40 g of element = 6.022×10^{23} atoms

4 g of element = $\frac{6.022 \times 10^{23}}{40} \times 4$

$= 6.022 \times 10^{22}$ atoms

For fcc, Z = 4

1 unit cell = 4 atoms

No. of unit cells in 4g = $\frac{6.022 \times 10^{22}}{4}$

$= \mathbf{1.505 \times 10^{22}}$

❑ 25. Edge length = 400 pm = 400×10^{-10} cm

Volume of unit cell = $(400 \times 10^{-10})^3 = 64 \times 10^{-24}$ cm^3

Volume of 280 g of element = $\frac{280\text{ g}}{7\text{g cm}^{-3}} = 40$ cm^3

Number of unit cells in this volume

$= \frac{40}{64 \times 10^{-24}} = 6.25 \times 10^{23}$

For *fcc*, number of atoms per unit cell = 4

$\therefore$ No. of atoms in 280 g of element = $6.25 \times 10^{23} \times 4$

$= \mathbf{2.5 \times 10^{24}}$ **atoms**

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❑ **26.** Volume of 50 g of element $= \frac{50}{19.35}$

$= 2.59\ cm^3$

Volume of unit cell $= (3.16 \times 10^{-8})^3$

$= 31.6 \times 10^{-24}\ cm^3$

No. of unit cells in this volume $= \frac{2.59}{31.6 \times 10^{-24}}$

$= 8.2 \times 10^{22}$

Since *bcc* arrangement has 2 atoms per unit cell,

Total no. of atoms $= 2 \times 8.2 \times 10^{22} =$ **1.64×10^{23}.**

❑ **27.** Volume of unit cell of CsCl $= (4.121 \times 10^{-8})^3$

$= 69.99 \times 10^{-24}\ cm^3$

$$\text{Density} = \frac{Z \times M}{a^3 \times N_A}$$

Z = 1 (for *bcc*)

Formula mass = 132.9 + 35.5 = 168.4

The unit cell contains one Cs^+ ion and one Cl^- ion *i.e.*, one formula unit of CsCl.

$$\text{Density (CsCl)} = \frac{1 \times 168.4}{(412.1 \times 10^{-10})^3 \times (6.022 \times 10^{23})}$$

$= \mathbf{3.995\ g\ cm^{-3}}$

For Al, Z = 4

$$\text{Density (Al)} = \frac{4 \times 26.9}{(405 \times 10^{-10})^3 \times (6.022 \times 10^{23})}$$

$= \mathbf{2.690\ g\ cm^{-3}}$.

CsCl has larger density.

❑ **28.** $\rho = \frac{Z \times M}{a^3 \times N_A}$

$a = 409\ pm = 409 \times 10^{-10}\ cm$

$$10.5 = \frac{Z \times 108}{\left(409 \times 10^{-10}\right)^3 \times \left(6.022 \times 10^{23}\right)}$$

$$\therefore Z = \frac{10.5 \times \left(409 \times 10^{-10}\right)^3 \times \left(6.022 \times 10^{23}\right)}{108} = 4.0$$

$\therefore$ ***fcc* type structure**

❑ **29.** Density, $\rho = \frac{Z \times M}{a^3 \times N_A}$

$a = 286.65 \times 10^{-10}$ cm, Z = 2 (for *bcc*)

M = 55.845 u, $\rho = 7.874\ g\ cm^{-3}$

$$7.874 = \frac{2 \times 55.845}{(286.65 \times 10^{-10})^3 \times N_A}$$

$$\text{or} \quad N_A = \frac{2 \times 55.845}{(286.65 \times 10^{-10})^3 \times 7.874} = \mathbf{6.022 \times 10^{23}}$$

❑ **30.** Density, $\rho = \frac{Z \times M}{a^3 \times N_A}$

For *fcc* unit cell, $r = \frac{a}{2\sqrt{2}}$

$a = 2\sqrt{2}r = 2 \times 1.414 \times 0.144$

$= 0.407\ nm = 0.407 \times 10^{-7}\ cm$

$$\rho = \frac{4 \times (197\ g\ mol^{-1})}{(0.407 \times 10^{-7}\ cm)^3 \times (6.022 \times 10^{23}\ mol^{-1})}$$

$= \mathbf{19.41\ g\ cm^{-3}}$

❑ **31.** $\text{Density} = \frac{Z \times M}{a^3 \times N_A}$

Z = 4 (for *fcc*)

$$6.23 = \frac{4 \times 60}{a^3 \times 6.022 \times 10^{23}}$$

$$a^3 = \frac{4 \times 60}{6.23 \times 6.022 \times 10^{23}}$$

$= 64 \times 10^{-24}$

$a = 4 \times 10^{-8}$ cm

$= \mathbf{4 \times 10^{-10}\ m = 400\ pm.}$

❑ **32.** Density, $\rho = \frac{Z \times M}{a^3 \times N_A}$

$\rho = 10\ g\ cm^{-3}$, $M = 81\ g\ mol^{-1}$

$a = 3 \times 10^{-8}$ cm, $N_A = 6.022 \times 10^{23}$

$$\therefore \quad 10 = \frac{Z \times 81}{(3 \times 10^{-8})^3 \times 6.022 \times 10^{23}}$$

$$\text{or} \quad Z = \frac{10 \times (3 \times 10^{-8})^3 \times 6.022 \times 10^{23}}{81} = 2.0$$

$\therefore$ Nature of cubic unit cell is ***bcc***.

❑ **33.** $\text{Density} = \frac{Z \times M}{a^3 \times N_A}$

M = 207 + 32 = 239

$$= \frac{4 \times 239}{(500 \times 10^{-10})^3 \times (6.022 \times 10^{23})}$$

$= \mathbf{12.70\ g\ cm^{-3}}$

❑ **34.** Edge of unit cell $= 2 \times 2.814 \times 10^{-8}$ cm

$= 5.628 \times 10^{-8}$ cm

Z = 4

If N_A is Avogadro number,

$$\text{Density} = \frac{Z \times M}{a^3 \times N_A}$$

M = 202 + 37 = 239

$$2.167 = \frac{4 \times 58.5}{(5.628 \times 10^{-8})^3 \times N_A}$$

$$N_A = \frac{4 \times 58.5}{(5.628 \times 10^{-8})^3 \times 2.167}$$

$= \mathbf{6.06 \times 10^{23}}$

❑ **35.** $$\text{Density} = \frac{4 \times 63.5}{(3.61 \times 10^{-8})^3 \times (6.022 \times 10^{23})}$$

$= \mathbf{8.96\ g\ cm^{-3}}$

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❑ **36.** Molecular mass of CsBr = 133 + 80 = 213

$$\text{Density} = \frac{Z \times M}{a^3 \times N_A}$$

$$Z = 1$$

$$4.24 = \frac{1 \times 213}{a^3 \times 6.022 \times 10^{23}}$$

$$\therefore \quad a^3 = \frac{1 \times 213}{6.022 \times 10^{23} \times 4.24}$$

$$= 8.34 \times 10^{-23}$$

$$\therefore \quad a = 4.369 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm} = \mathbf{436.9 \text{ pm}}$$

❑ **37.** $$\text{Density} = \frac{Z \times M}{a^3 \times N_A}$$

$$10.5 = \frac{Z \times 108}{(409 \times 10^{-10})^3 \times 6.022 \times 10^{23}}$$

$$Z = \frac{10.5 \times (409 \times 10^{-10})^3 \times 6.022 \times 10^{23}}{108}$$

$$= \mathbf{4.0}$$

$\therefore$ ***fcc*** type structure.

❑ **38.** $$\text{Density} = \frac{Z \times M}{a^3 \times N_A}$$

$$2.165 = \frac{4 \times 58.5}{a^3 \times 6.022 \times 10^{23}}$$

$$a^3 = \frac{4 \times 58.5}{2.165 \times 6.022 \times 10^{23}}$$

$$a^3 = 179.48 \times 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^3$$

or $$a = 5.64 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm}$$

In NaCl structure, $a = 2\,(r_{Na^+} + r_{Cl^-})$

$\therefore$ Distance between Na^+ and Cl^- ion,

$$r_{Na^+} + r_{Cl^-} = \frac{a}{2} = 2.82 \times 10^{-8} \text{cm} = \mathbf{282 \text{ pm}}$$

❑ **39.** In a *bcc* lattice,

body diagonal $= \sqrt{3}a$

Now, $2\,(r_{A^+} + r_{B^-}) = \sqrt{3}a$

$$r_{A^+} + r_{B^-} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \times a = \frac{1.732 \times 380}{2} \text{pm} = \mathbf{329.1 \text{ pm}}$$

$$r_{A^+} = 329.1 - r_{B^-} = \mathbf{154.1 \text{ pm}}$$

❑ **40.** Formula unit mass of TlCl = 208.37 + 35.5 = 243.87

Z = ?

$$\text{Density} = \frac{Z \times M}{a^3 \times N_A}$$

$$7.00 = \frac{Z \times 243.87}{(3.85 \times 10^{-8})^3 \times (6.022 \times 10^{23})}$$

or $$Z = \frac{7.00 \times (3.85 \times 10^{-8})^3 \times (6.022 \times 10^{23})}{243.87}$$

$$= 0.99 \text{ or } 1$$

$\therefore$ A unit cell of TlCl contains one formula unit of TlCl.

$\therefore$ It is a simple cubic arrangement.

❑ **41.** Density $= 4.0 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$

$Z = 1$ (for cubic lattice)

$$4.00 = \frac{1 \times 168.5}{a^3 \times 6.022 \times 10^{23}}$$

or $$a^3 = \frac{168.5}{4.00 \times 6.022 \times 10^{23}}$$

$$= 69.9 \times 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^3$$

$$\therefore \quad a = 4.12 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm} = \mathbf{412 \text{ pm}}$$

❑ **42.** For *fcc*, $Z = 4$

$$a = 408.6 \text{ pm} = 408.6 \times 10^{-10} \text{ cm}$$

$$\text{Density} = \frac{Z \times M}{a^3 \times N_A}$$

$$= \frac{4 \times (107.9)}{(408.6 \times 10^{-10} \text{cm})^3 \times 6.022 \times 10^{23}}$$

$$= \mathbf{10.506 \text{ g cm}^{-3}}$$

❑ **43.** If N_A is Avogadro number,

$Z = 4$ (for *fcc*)

$$\text{Density} = \frac{Z \times M}{a^3 \times N_A}$$

Edge of unit cell $= 2 \times 269 = 538$ pm

$$= 538 \times 10^{-10} \text{ cm}$$

$$\therefore \quad 2.48 = \frac{4 \times 58}{(538 \times 10^{-10})^3 \times N_A}$$

$$N_A = \frac{4 \times 58}{(538 \times 10^{-10})^3 \times 2.48}$$

$$= \mathbf{6.007 \times 10^{23}}$$

❑ **44.** If M is the molar mass of copper,

$$\text{Density} = \frac{Z \times M}{a^3 \times N_A}$$

$Z = 4$ (for *fcc*)

Cell edge, $a = 3.61 \times 10^{-8}$ cm, $N_A = 6.022 \times 10^{23}$

$$8.92 = \frac{4 \times M}{(3.61 \times 10^{-8})^3 \times 6.022 \times 10^{23}}$$

or $$M = \frac{8.92 \times 6.022 \times 10^{23} \times (3.61 \times 10^{-8})^3}{4} = \mathbf{63.2 \text{ g mol}^{-1}}.$$

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❑ **45.** If N_A is Avogadro number

Edge of unit cell = 288.4 pm = 288.4×10^{-10} cm

$Z = 2$ for *bcc*

$$\text{Density} = \frac{Z \times M}{a^3 \times N_A}$$

$$\therefore \quad 7.20 = \frac{2 \times 52}{(288.4 \times 10^{-10})^3 \times N_A}$$

$$\text{or} \quad N_A = \frac{2 \times 52}{7.20 \times (288.4 \times 10^{-10})^3}$$

$$= \mathbf{6.02 \times 10^{23}}$$

❑ **46.** $$\rho = \frac{Z \times M}{a^3 \times N_A}$$

$a = 300$ pm $= 300 \times 10^{-12}$ m $= 3 \times 10^{-8}$ cm

$M = 93$ g mol^{-1}, $\rho = 11.5$ g cm^{-3}

$$\therefore \quad 11.5 \text{ g cm}^{-3} = \frac{Z \times 93 \text{ g mol}^{-1}}{(3 \times 10^{-8} \text{cm})^3 \times (6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1})}$$

$$\text{or} \quad Z = \frac{(11.5 \text{ g cm}^{-3}) \times (3 \times 10^{-8} \text{cm})^3 \times (6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1})}{(93 \text{ g mol}^{-1})}$$

$= 2.01$

$\therefore$ It is ***bcc*** type

❑ **47.** $Fe_{0.93}O_{1.0}$ is non-stoichiometric and is a mixture of Fe^{2+} and Fe^{3+} ions. Let x atoms of Fe^{3+} ions are present in the compound. This means that x Fe^{3+} ions have been replaced by Fe^{2+} ions.

No. of Fe^{2+} ions $= 0.93 - x$

For electrical neutrality, positive charge on the compound = Negative charge on the compound

$$2(0.93 - x) + 3x = 2$$

$$1.86 + x = 2$$

$$\text{or} \quad x = 0.14$$

$\therefore$ Fraction of $Fe^{3+} = 0.14$, $Fe^{2+} = 0.93 - 0.14 = 0.79$

Thus, the given formula may be represented as

$$Fe^{2+}_{0.79}\ Fe^{3+}_{0.14}\ O^{2-}_{1.0}$$

Total molar mass $= 0.93 \times 56 + 1 \times 16 = 68.08$g

$$\%\text{ of iron present as Fe (III)} = \frac{0.14 \times 56}{68.08} \times 100 = \mathbf{11.5\%}$$

❑ **48.** Let M^{2+} ions in the crystal be x so that M^{3+} ions in the crystal will be $0.96 - x$. Total charge on the compound must be zero, so that

$$+2 \times x + 3\,(0.96 - x) - 2 = 0$$

$$2x - 2.88 - 3x - 2 = 0$$

$$\text{or} \quad x = 0.88$$

$$\therefore \quad \%\text{ of } M^{2+} = \frac{0.88}{0.96} \times 100 = \mathbf{91.67}$$

$$\%\text{ of } M^{3+} = 100 - 91.67 = \mathbf{8.33.}$$

Chapter Summary

Key Terms & Laws

- **Isotropic substances.** The substances which show same physical properties (electrical conductivity, thermal conductivity, refractive index etc.) in all directions are called **isotropic substances**.
- **Anisotropic substances.** The substances which show different physical properties (electrical conductivity, thermal conductivity, refractive index, etc.) in different directions are called **anisotropic substances**.
- **Crystal lattice or space lattice.** It is the regular arrangement of the constituent particles (atoms, ions or molecules) of a crystalline solid in three dimensional space.
- **Unit cell.** It is the the smallest three dimensional repeating portion of a space lattice which when repeated over and again in different directions produces the complete crystal lattice.
- **Close packing.** The arrangement in which maximum available space is occupied leaving minimum available space.
- **Interstitial voids or sites.** The holes or voids in the crystal lattice are called **interstitial voids** or **sites**.
- **Coordination number.** It is the number of nearest (or closest) neighbours of any constituent particle in the crystal lattice.
- **Radius ratio.** The ratio of the radius of the cation to the radius of the anion (*i.e.* r_+/r_-) is called **radius ratio**.
- **Disorder or defect.** Any deviation from completely ordered arrangement of constituent particles in a crystal is called disorder or defect.
- **Schottky defect.** The defect in ionic solids in which equal number of cations and anions are missing from their normal sites.
- **Frenkel defect.** The defect in ionic solids in which some cations are missing from normal lattice sites and occupy intertitial sites.

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QUICK CHAPTER ROUND UP

SOLIDS

Crystalline Solids
- Constituent particles have definite geometric arrangement
- long range order
- ➢ NaCl, Cu, Fe, S

Amorphous Solids
- Constituent particles do not have regular arrangement
- short range order
- ➢ glass, rubber, plastics

- Crystalline solids are **anisotropic** (different properties in different directions)
- Amorphous solids are **isotropic** (same properties in all directions)

MOLECULAR

Non polar
- Dispersion forces
  - ‣ Ar, I_2, H_2, solid CO_2

Polar
- Dipole-dipole forces
  - ‣ HCl, SO_2

Hydrogen bonded
- Hydrogen bonding
  - ‣ Ice (H_2O)

IONIC
- Constituents: +ve and –ve ions
- Strong electrostatic forces
  - ‣ NaCl, MgO, CaF_2

METALLIC
- +ve ions in a sea of electrons
- Metallic bonding
  - ‣ Cu, Ag, Fe, Mg

COVALENT OR NETWORK
- Atoms
- Covalent bonds
  - ‣ SiC, quartz, (SiO_2) diamond, graphite, AlN

CRYSTAL SYSTEMS

7 crystal systems ← CRYSTAL SYSTEMS → 14 Bravais lattices

Cubic	Orthorhombic	Tetragonal	Monoclinic	Triclinic	Hexagonal	Rhombohedral
$a = b = c$	$a \neq b \neq c$	$a = b \neq c$	$a \neq b \neq c$	$a \neq b \neq c$	$a = b \neq c$	$a = b = c$
$\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90°$	$\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90°$	$\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90°$	$\alpha = \gamma = 90°$, $\beta \neq 90°$	$\alpha \neq \beta \neq \gamma \neq 90°$	$\alpha = \beta = 90°$, $\gamma = 120°$	$\alpha = \beta = \gamma \neq 90°$
P, F, B	P, F, B, E	P, B	P, E	P	P	P
(3)	(4)	(2)	(2)	(1)	(1)	(1)

No. of atoms per cubic unit cell
Simple = 1
Body centred = 2
Face centred = 4
End centred = 2

No. of atoms in hcp = 6

Relationship between nearest distance (d) and radius of atom (r)

Simple cubic	$d = a$	$r = a/2$
Face centred cubic	$d = \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}$	$r = \frac{a}{2\sqrt{2}}$
Body centred cubic	$d = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}a$	$r = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}a$

No. of tetrahedral sites = 2 per atom
No. of octahedral sites = 1 per atom

CLOSE PACKING

Cubic close or face centred cubic
- ABCABCA .....

Hexagonal close packing
- ABABA .....

PACKING EFFICIENCY
Percentage of total space filled by particles

ccp	*hcp*	*bcc*	simple cubic
74%	74%	68%	52.4%

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The limiting radius ratio (r_c / r_a) and the coordination numbers in different crystals

r_c / r_a	Coordination No.	Arrangement
0.155 – 0.225	3	Planar triangular (*e.g.*, B_2O_3)
0.225 – 0.414	4	Tetrahedral (*e.g.*, ZnS)
0.414 – 0.732	6	Octahedral (*e.g.*, NaCl)
0.732 – 1	8	Body centred cubic (*e.g.*, CsCl)

Mass of atoms of unit cell = No. of atoms in unit cell (Z) × Mass of atom

$$\text{Mass of atom} = \frac{\text{Molar mass (M)}}{\text{Avogadro number } (N_A)}$$

$$\text{Density of unit cell} = \frac{Z \times M}{a^3 \times N_A}$$

Z for
fcc = 4
bcc = 2
simple cubic = 1

DEFECTS IN CRYSTALS

Stoichiometric

Frenkel defect
- cations missing from normal sites and occupy interstitial sites
- does not cause change in density
  - AgCl, AgBr, AgI, ZnS

Schottky defect
- equal number of cations and anions missing from normal sites
- density decreases
  - NaCl, KCl, CsBr, AgBr

Non-stoichiometric

Metal excess type
- anion vacancies or interstitial cations
- *n*-type semiconductors

Metal deficient type
- cations vacancies or interstitial anions
- *p*-type semiconductors

In AgBr, both Frenkel and Schottky defects occur

SOLIDS ON THE BASIS OF ELECTRICAL PROPERTIES

Conductors
Electrical conductivity:
10^4 to 10^7 $ohm^{-1}m^{-1}$

Semiconductors
Electrical conductivity:
10^{-6} to 10^4 $ohm^{-1}\ m^{-1}$

Insulators
Electrical conductivity:
10^{-20} to 10^{-10} $ohm^{-1}\ m^{-1}$

- ***n*-type semiconductors:** Group 14 elements doped with group 15 elements, free electrons increase conductivity.
- ***p*-type semiconductors:** Group 14 elements doped with group 13 elements, presence of holes increase conductivity.

MAGNETIC PROPERTIES OF SOLID

Paramagnetic
permanent magnetic dipoles and attracted by magnetic field
- O_2, Cu^{2+}, Fe^{3+}, TiO Cuo, TiO_3, VO

Diamagnetic
weakly repelled by magnetic field
- benzene, NaCl, TiO_2, V_2O_3

Ferromagnetic
remain permanently, magnetised even in the absence of magnetic field
- Fe, CO, Ni, CrO_2

Anti-ferromagnetic
zero magnetic moment due to equal number of magnetic moments in opposite directions.
- MnO, FeO, Cr_2O_3

Ferrimagnetic
magnetic moments are aligned in parallel and anti-parallel directions in unequal numbers giving net small magnetic moment .
- $MgFe_2O_4$

- **Curie temperature:** Temperature above which ferromagnetism is not observed.
- **Bragg's equation:** $n\lambda = 2\ d\ \sin\theta$

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NCERT In-text Question

Q.1. Why are solids rigid ?

Ans. In solids, the particles are closely packed and the empty spaces between the particles are very small. Therefore, solids are incompressible and they maintain their own shape when subjected to outside force. Hence, solids are rigid.

Q.2. Why do solids have a definite volume ?

Ans. The intermolecular forces between the particles in the solid state are very strong. Therefore, they are strongly held at fixed positions and particles cannot separate from one another. Hence, solids have a definite volume.

Q.3. Classify the following as amorphous or crystalline solids :

Polyurethane, naphthalene, benzoic acid, teflon, potassium nitrate, cellophane, polyvinylchloride, fibre glass, copper.

Ans. *Refer Solved Example 1* (*Page 8*).

Q.4. Why is glass considered a super cooled liquid ?

Ans. Glass is an amorphous solid. Like liquids, it has a tendency to flow, though very slowly. Moreover, glass is obtained when molten silicates are allowed to cool rapidly. Therefore, glass is considered as a super cooled liquid.

Q.5. Refractive index of a solid is observed to have the same value along all directions. Comment on the nature of this solid. Would it show cleavage property ?

Ans. Since refractive index of the solid has same value in all directions *i.e.,* isotropic, it is an **amorphous solid.** It will not show cleavage property. When cut with a sharp edged tool (knife) it will cut into two pieces with irregular surfaces.

Q.6. Classify the following solids in different categories based on the nature of intermolecular forces operating in them :

Potassium sulphate, tin, benzene, urea, ammonia, water, zinc sulphide, graphite, rubidium, argon, silicon carbide.

Ans. Potassium sulphate : ionic solid, tin : metallic solid, benzene : molecular solid, urea : molecular solid, ammonia : molecular solid, water : molecular solid, zinc sulphide : ionic solid, graphite : covalent solid, rubidium : metallic solid, argon : molecular solid, silicon carbide : covalent solid.

Q.7. Solid A is very hard electrical insulator in solid as well as in molten state and melts at extremely high temperature. What type of solid is it ?

Ans. Covalent or network solid like quartz (SiO_2), SiC or C (diamond).

Q.8. Ionic solids conduct electricity in molten state but not in solid state. Explain.

Ans. In solid state, the ions are present in fixed positions in the crystal lattice and cannot move when electric field is applied. However, when melted, the well ordered arrangement of the ions in the crystal is destroyed and the ions are in a position to move about when an electric current is applied. Hence, ionic solids conduct electricity in molten state.

Q.9. What type of solids are electrical conductors, malleable and ductile ?

Ans. Metallic solids.

Q.10 Give the significance of lattice point.

Ans. Lattice points represent the positions of the constituent particles (atoms, molecules or ions) in a crystal lattice.

Q.11. Name the parameters that characterize a unit cell.

Ans. A unit cell is characterized by the two types of parameters:

(*i*) Dimensions along the three edges represented as a, b and c.

(*ii*) Angles between edges α (between b and c), β (between a and c) and γ (between a and b).

Hence a unit cell is represented by six parameters a, b, c, α, β, and γ.

Q.12. Distinguish between :

(*i*) Hexagonal and monoclinic unit cell

(*ii*) Face centred and end centred unit cell

Ans. (*i*) Hexagonal unit cell has two edges of equal length ($a = b \neq c$) while monoclinic unit cell has all the three edges of unequal length ($a \neq b \neq c$).

In hexagonal two angles are of 90° and one angle of 120° ($\alpha = \beta = 90$, $\gamma = 120$). In monoclinic, two angles are of 90° but one is not of 90° ($\alpha = \gamma = 90°$, $\beta \neq 90°$).

(*ii*) Face centred unit cell has points at the corners as well as at the centre of each face. It has 4 atoms per unit cell.

End centred unit cell has points at all the corners and at the centre of any two opposite faces. It has 2 atoms per unit cell.

Q.13. Explain how much portion of an atom located at : (*i*) corner and (*ii*) body centre of a cubic unit cell is part of its neighbouring unit cell ?

Ans. (*i*) 1/8 part of an atom located at corner belongs to neighbouring unit cell

(*ii*) No part.

Q.14. What is the two dimensional coordination number of a molecule in square close packed layer ?

Ans. 4.

Q.15. A compound forms hexagonal close packed structure. What is the total number of voids in 0.5 mol of it ? How many of these are tetrahedral voids ?

Ans. An atom in hcp structure has three voids, one octahedral and two tetrahedral

No. of atoms in 0.5 mol $= 0.5 \times 6.022 \times 10^{23}$

$= 3.011 \times 10^{23}$

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Total number of voids $= 3 \times 3.011 \times 10^{23}$
$= 9.033 \times 10^{23}$
Number of tetrahedral voids $= 2 \times 3.011 \times 10^{23}$
$= 6.022 \times 10^{23}$

Q. 16. A compound is formed by two elements M and N. The element N forms ccp and M atoms occupy 1/3 of tetrahedral voids. What is the formula of the compound ?

Ans. Since N forms *ccp* arrangement, it will have 4 atoms in a unit cell.

Number of N atoms in unit cell = 4

For each atom, there are two tetrahedral voids so that there are 8 tetrahedral voids per unit cell.

No. of M atoms $= \frac{1}{3} \times 8 = \frac{8}{3}$

Formula $= M_{8/3}N_4$

or $= M_2N_3$,

Q. 17. Which of the following lattices has the highest packing efficiency (*i*) simple cubic (*ii*) body centred cubic and (*iii*) hexagonal close packed lattice ?

Ans. The packing efficiencies are :

simple cubic = 52.4%

body centred cubic = 68%

hexagonal close packed = 74%

∴ Hexagonal close packed lattice has highest packing efficiency.

Q.18. An element with molar mass 2.7×10^{-2} kg mol^{-1} forms a cubic unit cell with edge length 405 pm. If the density is 2.7×10^3 kg m^{-3}. What is the nature of the cubic unit cell ?

Ans. Edge length = 405 pm = 405×10^{-12} m

Density of the cell = 2.7×10^3 kgm^{-3}

Molar mass = 2.7×10^{-2} kg mol^{-1}

Now, density $= \frac{Z \times M}{a^3 \times N_A}$

Z = ?

$$2.7 \times 10^3 \text{ kg m}^{-3} = \frac{Z \times 2.7 \times 10^{-2} \text{kg mol}^{-1}}{(405 \times 10^{-12} \text{m})^3 \times (6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{mol}^{-1})}$$

$$\therefore Z = \frac{(2.7 \times 10^3 \text{kg m}^{-3}) \times (405 \times 10^{-12} \text{m})^3 \times (6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{mol}^{-1})}{2.7 \times 10^{-2} \text{kg mol}^{-1}}$$

$= 4.0$

Since the unit cell contains 4 atoms, it is **cubic close packed structure, *ccp*.**

Q.19. What type of defect can arise when a solid is heated ? Which physical property is affected by it and in what way ?

Ans. Electronic imperfections.

These defects affect electrical conductivity. It increases with rise in temperature.

Q.20. What type of stoichiometric defect is shown by:
(*i*) ZnS (*ii*) AgBr

Ans. (*i*) ZnS : Frenkel defect.

(*ii*) AgBr : Frenkel defect as well as Schottky defect.

Q.21. Explain how vacancies are introduced in an ionic solid when a cation of higher valence is added as an impurity in it ?

Ans. When a cation of higher valence is added to an ionic solid, it results into impurity defect and cationic vacancies are introduced to maintain electrical neutrality. For example, when molten NaCl is allowed to crystallise in the presence of $SrCl_2$, some of the Na^+ ions are replaced by Sr^{2+} ions. Each Sr^{2+} ion replaces two Na^+ ions to maintain electrical neutrality. One of the site is occupied by Sr^{2+} ion and the other site remains vacant. Hence, cationic vacancies are produced equal to the number of Sr^{2+} ions.

Q.22. Ionic solids which have anionic vacancies due to metal excess defect develop colour. Explain with the help of a suitable example.

Ans. When crystals of alkali metal halides such as NaCl are heated in the atmosphere of sodium vapour, the excess of sodium atoms are deposited on the surface of the crystal. The Cl^- ions diffuse to the surface and combine with sodium atoms to form NaCl. This happens by the loss of electrons by Na atoms to form Na^+ ions. The released electrons diffuse into the crystal and occupy anionic sites. As a result, the structure has an excess of sodium.

The crystals acquire yellow colour because when visible light falls on the crystals, they absorb energy from the visible region to excite the electrons. Hence, they are coloured. Similarly, excess of Li makes LiCl crystals pink and excess of K makes KCl crystals violet.

Q.23. A group 14 element is to be converted into *n*-type semiconductor by doping with a suitable impurity. To which group should this impurity belong ?

Ans. Group 15

e.g., P, As.

Q.24. What type of substances would make better permanent magnets, ferromagnetic or ferrimagnetic ? Justify your answer.

Ans. Ferromagnetic substances. When the substance is placed in a magnetic field, all the domains get oriented in the direction of the magnetic field.



NCERT Textbook Exercises

Q.1. Define the term 'amorphous'. Give a few examples of amorphous solids.

Ans. A solid is said to be amorphous if the constituent particles are not arranged in any regular fashion. They may have short range order. For example, glass, plastics, amorphous silica.

Q.2. What makes a glass different from a solid such as quartz ? Under what conditions could quartz be converted into glass ?

Ans. Quartz is a crystalline solid in which SiO_4 tetrahedral units are arranged in an orderly arrangement. Glass is a

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supercooled liquid and is an amorphous solid. In which SiO_4 tetrahedral units are not arranged in any regular order.

Quartz can be converted into glass by melting the quartz and then cooling it rapidly.

Q.3. Classify each of the following solids as ionic, metallic, molecular, network (covalent) or amorphous.

(*a*) Tetra phosphorus decoxide (P_4O_{10})

(*b*) Graphite (*c*) Brass

(*d*) Ammonium phosphate $(NH_4)_3PO_4$

(*e*) SiC (*f*) Rb (*g*) I_2 (*h*) LiBr (*i*) P_4 (*j*) Si (*k*) Plastic

Ans. *Refer Solved Example 2 (Page 8).*

Q.4. (*a*) What is meant by term 'coordination number'?

(*b*) What is the coordination number of atoms :

(*i*) in a cubic close packed structure

(*ii*) in a body centred cubic structure.

Ans. (*a*) Coordination number gives the number of nearest neighbours with which a given atom is in contact. In case of ionic crystals, coordination number of an ion in the crystal is the number of oppositely charged ions surrounding that ion.

(*b*) (*i*) 12 (*ii*) 8

Q.5. How can you determine the atomic mass of an unknown metal if you know its density and the dimension of its unit cell ? Explain.

Ans. *Refer Text ; page 35.*

$$\text{Atomic mass, } M = \frac{\rho \times a^3 \times N_A}{Z}$$

Q.6. 'Stability of a crystal is reflected in the magnitude of its melting points'. Comment. Collect melting points of solid water, ethyl alcohol, diethyl ether and methane from a data book. What can you say about the intermolecular forces between these molecules ?

Ans. The melting point of a crystal depends upon the magnitude of forces holding the constituent particles together, which determine the stability. Higher the melting point, greater are the forces holding the constituent particles together and hence greater is the stability. For example, ionic crystals such as NaCl, KNO_3, etc. have very high melting points and are stable. On the other hand, molecular solids such as naphthalene, iodine, etc. are less stable because they have low values of melting points.

The melting points of some compounds are :

Water = 273 K, ethyl alcohol = 155.8 K, diethyl ether = 156.8 K and methane = 90.5 K.

The intermolecular forces in water and ethyl alcohol are mainly hydrogen bonding. The higher melting point of water than ethyl alcohol indicates that the hydrogen bonding in water is stronger than in ethyl alcohol. Diethyl ether is a polar molecule and, therefore, the intermolecular forces in diethyl ether are dipole-dipole interactions. On the other hand, methane is a non-polar molecule and the only forces present in them are the weak van der Waals forces (London dispersion forces). These are weaker than dipole-dipole interactions and hence methane has very low melting point than diethyl ether.

Q.7. How will you distinguish between the following pair of terms :

(*i*) Hexagonal close packing and cubic close packing

(*ii*) Crystal lattice and unit cell.

(*iii*) Tetrahedral void and octahedral void.

Ans. (*i*)

Hexagonal close packing	Cubic close packing
(*i*) In *hcp*, the spheres of the third layer are exactly aligned with those of the first layer. This arrangement is represented as AB AB..... type.	(*i*) In *ccp*, the spheres of the third layer are not aligned with those of the first layer or second layer. The layers of fourth layer are aligned with those of the first layer. This pattern is represented as ABCABC .....
(*ii*) In *hcp*, the tetrahedral voids of the second layer may be covered by the spheres of the third layer.	(*ii*) In *ccp*, the third layer may be placed above the second layer in a manner such that its spheres cover the octahedral voids.

(*ii*) The three dimensional arrangement of constituent particles of a substance (atoms, ions or molecules) is called crystal lattice.

The smallest repeating pattern in a crystal lattice which when repeated in three dimensions gives the crystal is called unit cell.

(*iii*) A void surrounded by four spheres is called a tetrahedral void while a void surrounded by six spheres is called an octahedral void.

Q.8. How many lattice points are there in one unit cell of each of the following lattice ?

(*a*) face centred cubic (*b*) face centred tetragonal (*c*) body centred.

Ans. (*a*) In face centred cubic arrangement, number of lattice points are :

8 (at corners) + 6 (at face centres)

$$\text{Lattice points per unit cell} = 8 \times \frac{1}{8} + 6 \times \frac{1}{2} = 4$$

(*b*) In face centred tetragonal, number of lattice points are:

= 8 (at corners) + 6 (at face centres)

$$\text{Lattice points per unit cell} = 8 \times \frac{1}{8} + 6 \times \frac{1}{2} = 4$$

(*c*) In body centred cubic arrangement number of lattice points are :

= 8 (at corners) + 1 (at body center)

$$\text{Lattice points per unit cell} = 8 \times \frac{1}{8} + 1 = 2$$

Q.9. Explain : (*a*) The basis of similarities and differences between metallic and ionic crystals.

(*b*) Ionic solids are hard and brittle.

Ans. (*a*) Basis of similarities

(*i*) Both ionic and metallic crystals have electrostatic forces of attraction. In ionic crystals, these are between the oppositely charged ions while in metals, these are among the valence electrons and the kernels. That is why both ionic and metallic crystals have high melting points.

(*ii*) In both cases, the bond is non-directional.

Basis of differences

(*i*) In ionic crystals, the ions are not free to move and therefore, they do not conduct electricity in the solid state. They conduct electricity in the molten state or in their aqueous solution. However, in metals, the valence electrons are free to move and hence they conduct electricity in the solid state.

(*ii*) Ionic bond in ionic crystals is strong due to electrostatic forces of attraction. However, metallic bond may be weak or strong depending upon the number of valence electrons and the size of the kernels.

(***b***) Ionic crystals are hard because there are strong electrostatic forces of attraction among the oppositely charged ions. They are brittle because the ionic bond is non-directional.

Q.10. Calculate the efficiency of packing in case of a metal crystal for

(*a*) simple cubic (*b*) body centered cubic (*c*) face centered cubic

(with the assumptions that atoms are touching each other).

Ans. *Refer Text ; page 23–25.*

Q.11. Silver crystallizes in *fcc* lattice. If edge length of the cell is 4.077×10^{-8} cm and density is 10.5 g cm^{-3}. Calculate the atomic mass of silver.

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Ans. Density, $\rho = \dfrac{Z \times M}{a^3 \times N_A}$

or $M = \dfrac{\rho \times a^3 \times N_A}{Z}$

$Z = 4$ (*fcc* lattice), $\rho = 10.5$ g cm^{-3}, $N_A = 6.022 \times 10^{23}$, ($a = 4.077 \times 10^{-8}$ cm)

$\therefore \quad M = \dfrac{10.5 \times (4.077 \times 10^{-8})^3 \times 6.022 \times 10^{23}}{4}$

$= 107.12$ g mol^{-1}.

Q.12. A cubic solid is made of two elements P and Q. Atoms of Q are at the corners of the cube and P at the body centre. What is the formula of the compound ? What are the coordination numbers of P and Q ?

Ans. As atoms Q are present at the 8 corners of the cube, therefore, number of atoms of Q in the unit cell $= 8 \times \frac{1}{8} = 1$

As atoms P are present at the body centre, therefore, number of atoms P in the unit cell = 1

$\therefore$ Formula of the compound = PQ

Coordination number of each P and Q = 8

Q.13. Niobium crystallizes in body centered cubic structure. If density is 8.55 g cm^{-3}, calculate atomic radius of niobium using its atomic mass 93 u.

Ans. *Refer Solved Example 27 (Page 39).*

Q.14. If the radius of the octahedral void is *r* and radius of the atoms in close packing is R. Derive relation between *r* and R.

Ans. *Refer Text ; page 25–26.*

Q.15. Copper crystallizes into a *fcc* latice with edge length 3.61×10^{-8} cm. Show that the calculated density is in agreement with its measured value of 8.29 g cm^{-3}.

Ans. Density, $\rho = \dfrac{Z \times M}{a^3 \times N_A}$

For *fcc* lattice, Z = 4

Atomic mass, M of copper = 63.5

$a = 3.61 \times 10^{-8}$ cm

$\therefore \quad \rho = \dfrac{4 \times 63.5}{(3.61 \times 10^{-8})^3 \times 6.022 \times 10^{23}} = \mathbf{8.96\ g\ cm^{-3}}$

This value is close to measured value.

Q.16. Analysis shows that nickel oxide has formula $Ni_{0.98}O_{1.00}$. What fractions of nickel exist as Ni^{2+} and Ni^{3+} ions ?

Ans. *Refer Solved Example 34 (Page 47).*

Q.17. What is a semiconductor ? Describe the two main types of semiconductors and contrast their conduction mechanism.

Ans. The substances whose conductance lies between that of conductors (metals) and insulators are called semiconductors. They have conductivity values ranging from 10^{-6} to $10^4 \Omega^{-1} m^{-1}$. Two main types of semi-conductors are *n*-type and *p*-type. *For details Refer Text, page 52-53.*

Q.18. Non-stoichiometric cuprous oxide, Cu_2O can be prepared in laboratory. In this oxide, copper to oxygen ratio is slightly less than 2 : 1. Can you account for the fact that this substance is a *p*-type semi-conductor ?

Ans. Since the ratio of Cu : O in Cu_2O is less than 2 : 1, therefore, Cu_2O is non-stoichiometric crystal. This means that some Cu^+ ions have been replaced by Cu^{2+} ions. To maintain electrical neutrality, every two Cu^+ ions will be replaced by one Cu^{2+} ion thereby creating a hole. Since the conduction will be due to the presence of these positive holes, it is a *p*-types semi-conductor.

Q.19. Ferric oxide crystallizes in a hexagonal close packed array of oxide ions with two out of every three octahedral holes occupied by ferric ions. Derive the formula of the ferric oxide.

Ans. In a close packed arrangement, there is one octahedral site corresponding to each atom constituting the lattice.

No. of oxide ions per unit cell in *hcp* arrangement = 6

No. of octahedral holes = 6

No. of ferric ions $= 6 \times \frac{2}{3} = 4$

Formula of the compound Fe_4O_6 or Fe_2O_3.

Q.20. Classify each of the following as being either a *p*-type or a *n*-type semiconductor :

(*i*) Ge doped with In (*ii*) B doped with Si

Ans. (*i*) Ge belongs to group 14 and In belongs to group 13.

Therefore, an electron deficient hole is created and its is a ***p*-type semiconductor.**

(*ii*) B belongs to group 13 and Si belongs to group 14. Therefore, there will be a free electron and it is a ***n*-type semi conductor.**

Q.21. Gold (atomic radius = 0.144 nm) crystallizes in a face centered unit cell. What is the length of a side of the cell.

Ans. For face centred unit cell, radius of atom

$r = \dfrac{a}{2\sqrt{2}}$

or $a = 2r\sqrt{2}$

$r = 0.144$ nm

$\therefore \quad a = 2 \times 0.144 \times 1.414 = \mathbf{0.407\ nm.}$

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Q.22. In terms of band theory, what is the difference (*i*) between a conductor and an insulator (*ii*) between a conductor and a semi-conductor ?

Ans. (*i*) The energy gap between the valence band and the conduction band in an insulator is very large. As a result, under an applied electric field, the electrons cannot jump from valence band to conduction band and therefore, such a substance has very small conductivity and behaves as an insulator. On the other hand, in a conductor the energy gap is either very small or there is overlapping between valence band and conduction band. Therefore, under an applied electric field, the electron can jump from valence band to insulator band and the substance shows conductivity.

(*ii*) In a conductor, the energy gap between valence band and conductance band is very small or there is overlapping between valence band and conduction band. But in a semi-conductor, there is always a small energy gap between them. (*see Fig. 54 on page 51*).

Q.23. Explain the following terms with suitable examples :

(*i*) Schottky defect (*ii*) Frenkel defect

(*iii*) Interstitials (*iv*) F-centres

Ans. *Refer Text pages 43, 44, 45.*

Q.24. Aluminium crystallizes in a cubic close packed structure. Its metallic radius is 125 pm.

(*a*) What is the length of the side of the unit cell ?

(*b*) How many unit cells are there in 1.00 cm^3 of aluminium ?

Ans. *Refer Solved Example 29 (Page 39).*

Q.25. If NaCl is doped with 10^{-3} mol% of $SrCl_2$. What is the concentration of cation vacancies ?

Ans. *Refer Solved Example 33 (Page 47).*

Q.26. Explain the following with suitable examples :

(*a*) ferromagnetism (*b*) paramagnetism

(*c*) ferrimagnetism (*d*) antiferromagnetism

(*e*) 12–16 and 13–15 group compounds.

Ans. *Refer Text page 54 [for (a) to (d)].*

(*e*) The solid binary compounds prepared by combining elements of group 12 and 16 are called 12 – 16 compounds. For example, CdS, ZnS, etc. The compounds prepared by combining elements of group 13 and 15 are called 13–15 compounds. For example, AlP, GaAs, etc. These compounds are used as semiconductors.



NCERT Exemplar Problems Subjective Questions

Note: *Objective Questions from Exemplar Problems are given in Competition File, page 92.*

Short Answer Type Questions

1. Why are liquids and gases categorised as fluids?

Ans. The liquids and gases have a property to flow i.e. the molecules of liquids and gases can easily move past and tumble over one another freely. Because of their tendency to flow, these have been categorised as fluids.

2. Why are solids incompressible?

Ans. The internuclear distances between the constituent particles (atoms, molecules or ions) in solids are very less. On bringing them further closer, there will be large repulsive forces between electron clouds of these particles. Therefore, solids cannot be compressed.

3. Inspite of long range order in the arrangement of particles why are the crystals usually not perfect?

Ans. During the crystallisation process, some deviations from the ideal ordered arrangement may occur. As a result, crystals are usually not perfect.

4. Why does table salt, NaCl, some times appear yellow in colour?

Ans. The yellow colour of sodium chloride crystals is due to metal excess defect. In this defect, the unpaired electrons get trapped in anion vacancies. These sites are called F-centres. The yellow colour results by excitation of these electrons when they absorb energy from the visible light falling on the crystals.

5. Why is FeO(*s*) not formed in stoichiometric composition?

Ans. In the crystals of FeO, some of the Fe^{2+} cations are replaced by Fe^{3+} ions. To balance the charge, three Fe^{2+} ions are replaced by two Fe^{3+} ions to make up for the loss of positive charge. As a result, there would be less amount of metal as compared to stoichiometric proportion.

6. Why does white ZnO (s) becomes yellow upon heating?

Ans. When ZnO is heated it loses oxygen as :

$$ZnO \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} Zn^{2+} + \frac{1}{2}O_2 + 2e^-$$

The Zn^{2+} ions are entrapped in the interstitial sites and electrons are entrapped in the neighbouring interstitial sites to maintain electrical neutrality. This results in metal excess defect and F-centres are created. Due to the presence of electrons in the interstitial voids, the colour is yellow.

7. Why does the electrical conductivity of semiconductors increase with rise in temperature?

Ans. According to band model, the gap between conduction band and valence band is small in semiconductors as shown in Fig. 54 (Page 51).

Therefore, electrons from the valence band can jump to the conduction band on increasing temperature. Thus, they become more conducting as the temperature increases.

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8. Explain why does conductivity of germanium crystals increase on doping with gallium.

Ans. On doping germanium with gallium, some of the positions of lattice of germanium are occupied by gallium. Gallium atom has only three valence electrons. Therefore, fourth valency of nearby germanium atom is not satisfied and this site remains vacant. This place is deficient of electrons and is called electron hole or electron vacancy. Electron from neighbouring atom moves to fill the gap, thereby creating a hole in its original position. Under the influence of electric field, electrons move towards positively charged plates through these holes and conduct electricity. The holes appear to move towards negatively charged plates. The movement of electrons (or electron holes) results in increase in conductivity of germanium.

9. In a compound, nitrogen atoms (N) make cubic close packed lattice and metal atoms (M) occupy one-third of the tetrahedral voids present. Determine the formula of the compound formed by M and N?

Ans. N atoms make up ccp arrangement and there are two tetrahedral sites per atom of N.

No. of N atoms per unit cell = 4

No. of tetrahedral sites = $4 \times 2 = 8$

No. of sites occupied by M = $\frac{1}{3} \times 8 = \frac{8}{3}$

$\therefore$ No. of M atoms per unit cell = $\frac{8}{3}$

Formula $M_{8/3}N_4$ or M_8N_{12} or M_2N_3

10. Under which situations can an amorphous substance change to crystalline form?

Ans. On heating, amorphous solids become crystalline at some temperature. For example, some glass objects from ancient civilisations are found to become milky in appearance because of some crystallisation.



QUICK MEMORY TEST

A. Say True or False

1. Tetragonal and orthorhombic crystal systems have same axial angles.
2. In a *fcc* unit cell, the distance along one of the faces of the unit cell is 2.828 times the radius of the atoms.
3. In a face centred cubic system, number of atoms at faces is 4.
4. Copper crystallises in a *fcc* lattice. If radius of copper atom is 130 pm, then the edge length of the unit cell will be 450.32 pm.
5. The percentage of vacant space in *bcc* unit cell and simple cubic unit cell are 26% and 32% respectively.
6. Number of atoms per unit cell in *fcc* and *bcc* unit cells are 4 and 2 respectively.
7. For *bcc* metallic unit cell, the edge length (a) and radius (r) of atom are related as : $a = \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}} r$.
8. The volume of a *fcc* unit cell with atomic radius of atom 100 pm is 2.26×10^{-29} m^3.
9. The two ions A^+ and B^- have radii 90 and 200 pm respectively. In close packed crystal of a compound AB, the coordination number of A^+ is 4.
10. Number of Na^+ and Cl^- ions in a unit cell are 6 and 6 respectively.
11. Schottky defect results in the decrease in the density of the crystal.
12. Number of octahedral voids in 1 mole of a compound having *ccp* and *bcc* arrangement are 24.08×10^{23} and 12.04×10^{23} respectively.
13. The edge length of an ionic crystal XY having sodium chloride type structure is the sum of the radius of P and Q.
14. *hcp* arrangement has 6 atoms per unit cell.
15. Ferromagnetic and antiferromagnetic solids change into paramagnetic at high temperature.

B. Complete the missing links

1. The number of atoms for primitive unit cell is ....., for body centred cubic unit cell is ..... and for face centred cubic unit cell is ..... .
2. The electrical conductivity of metals ..... with decrease in temperature.
3. The substances which are strongly attracted by the magnetic field and show permanent magnetism even when magnetic field is removed are called ..... substances.
4. The formula of a compound is ..... in which atoms of element B form *hcp* lattice and those of the element A occupy 2/3rd of tetrahedral voids.
5. A group 14 element is to be converted in to n-type semiconductor by doping it with a suitable impurity belonging to group ..... of the periodic table.
6. If electrical conductivity is found to be same in all directions through a solid, the substance is ..... and this property is called ..... .
7. The coordination number of each sphere in hcp is ....., in *ccp* is ..... and in *bcc* packing is ..... .
8. The packing fraction of a simple unit cell is ..... .
9. The empty space in *hcp* is ..... and that in *bcc* packing is ..... .
10. In a body centred cubic crystal, the nearest neighbour distance is ..... times the edge of the crystal and in a face centred cubic crystal, the nearest neighbour distance is ..... times the edge of the crystal.
11. An octahedral void is ..... times larger than a tetrahedral void.
12. In a body centred cubic arrangement ..... atoms along the body diagonal touch each other.

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13. The compound showing both Frenkel and Schottky defects is ..... .
14. If there is a large energy gap between the filled valence band and empty conduction band, the substance acts as ..... .
15. In a body centred cubic crystal of an element, the ratio of edge of the unit cell to the radius of the atom is ..... .
16. NaCl crystals have yellow colour due to the presence of ..... .

C. Choose the correct alternative

1. Lithium, sodium, potassium and rubidium crystallize in the *bcc/fcc* structure.
2. Most unsymmetrical crystal system is *monoclinic/triclinic.*
3. Orthorhombic has *4/3* types of lattices.
4. Total number of tetrahedral and octahedral voids in *hcp* arrangement are *12/18.*
5. In a crystalline solid, anions B are arranged in a ccp. Cations A are equally distributed between octahedral and tetrahedral voids. If all the octahedral voids are oocupied, the formula of the compound is A_2B/A_3B.
6. In a body centred cubic unit cell of elements, the radius of an atom is *0.433/0.354* times the edge length of the unit cell.
7. For a hcp unit cell, the number of atoms per unit cell is *6/4.*
8. $CdCl_2$ added to AgCl crystal will introduce *Schottky defect/Frenkel defect.*
9. MnO_2 is *antiferromagnetic/ferromagnetic* substance.
10. *Ferrimagnetism/ferromagnetism* arises due to unequal number of domains in opposite direction resulting in net magnetic moment.
11. The substance showing both Schottky defect and Frenkel defect is *AgBr/ZnS.*
12. When silicon is doped with arsenic, *n-type/p-type* semiconductor is produced.

Answers QUICK MEMORY TEST

A. Say True or False

1. **True.** Both have axial angles $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90°$.
2. **True.** In *fcc* unit cell, the face diagonal is
$$4r = \sqrt{2}.a$$
or $$a = \frac{4r}{\sqrt{2}} = 2\sqrt{2}\, r$$
$$= 2 \times 1.414\, r = 2.828\, r$$
3. **False.** No. of atoms at faces = 3
4. **False.** Edge length $(a) = 2\sqrt{2}\, r$
$$= 2 \times 1.414 \times 130 = 367.64 \text{ pm}$$
5. **False.** In *bcc* vacant space = 32% and in simple cubic unit cell vacant space = 48%.
6. **True.** 7. **True.**
8. **True.** For *fcc* arrangement, $r = \frac{a}{2\sqrt{2}}$
$$a = 2\sqrt{2}\,.\,r = 2 \times 1.414 \times 100 \times 10^{-12}\text{ m}$$
$$= 2.828 \times 10^{-10}\text{ m}$$
$\therefore$ Volume of unit cell $= a^3 = (2.828 \times 10^{-10}\text{ m})^3$
$$= 2.26 \times 10^{-29}\text{ m}^3$$
9. **False.** $\frac{r(A^+)}{r(B^-)} = \frac{90 \text{ pm}}{200 \text{ pm}} = 0.45$
Since it lies in the range of 0.414 to 0.732, the coordination number of A^+ will be 6.
10. **False.** No. of Na^+ ions – 4, No. of Cl^- ions – 4.
11. **True.**
12. **False.** 1 mole of compound in *ccp* or *bcc* arrangement has 6.02×10^{23} atoms.
No. of octahedral voids in *ccp* or *bcc* arrangement $= 6.023 \times 10^{23}$
13. **False.** $d(XY) = 2(r_{X^+} + r_{Y^-})$
14. **True.** 15. **True.**

B. Complete the missing links

1. 1, 2, 4
2. increases
3. ferromagnetic
4. A_4B_3
5. 15
6. amorphous, isotropy
7. 12, 12, 8
8. 52.4%
9. 26%, 32%
10. $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}(0.866)$, $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(0.707)$
11. 0.414/0.225 = 1.84
12. three
13. AgBr
14. insulator
15. $\frac{a}{\sqrt{3}\,a/4} = \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}} = (2.309)$
16. F-centres

C. Choose the correct alternative

1. *bcc*
2. triclinic
3. 4
4. 18
5. A_2B
6. 0.433
7. 6
8. Schottky defect
9. antiferromagnetic
10. ferrimagnetism
11. AgBr
12. *n*-type

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QUESTIONS WITH ANSWERS

Q.1. Diamond and solid rhombic sulphur both are covalent solids but the latter has very low melting point than the former. Explain why ?

Ans. Diamond is a three dimensional network covalent solid having very strong interatomic forces while, rhombic sulphur is a molecular solid consisting of puckered eight membered rings (S_8) held together by weak van der Waals' forces.

Q.2. Why does the window glasses of the old buildings look milky ?

Ans. Due to heating during the day and cooling at night (*i.e.*, annealing) over a number of years, glass acquires some crystalline character and hence looks milky.

Q.3. Can cubic lattice have end-centred unit cell ?

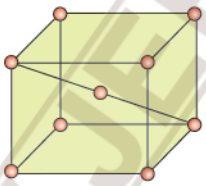
Ans. No, because a cubic unit cell must have all the faces to be same.

Q.4. Silver iodide crystallizes in the cubic close packed zinc sulphide structure. Assuming that ions occupy the lattice points, what fraction of the tetrahedral sites is occupied by Ag^+ ions ?

Ans. To maintain stoichiometry, Ag^+ ions occupy half the tetrahedral sites because there are two tetrahedral sites occupied for each I^- ion.

$\therefore$ 50% tetrahedral sites are occupied.

Q.5. An element 'X' has *bcc* lattice as shown below : The unit cell length, *a* is 306 pm.



(*a*) What is the distance between nearest neighbours ?

(*b*) What is the distance between next nearest neighbours ?

(*c*) How many nearest neighbours does each X atom have ?

(*d*) How many next nearest neighbours does each X have ?

Ans. (*a*) The body diagonal is $\sqrt{3}\,.\,a = 1.732 \times 306 = 530$ pm

Nearest neighbours along body diagonal are half the body diagonal.

$\therefore$ Distance between nearest neighbours $= \dfrac{530}{2} = 265$ pm

(*b*) The next nearest neighbours are along the edge.

$\therefore$ Distance between next nearest neighbour = 306 pm

(*c*) 8, because the body centre is next to 8 corners.

(*d*) 6, because each corner has neighbours along each edge.

Q.6. For a cubic crystal, the face diagonal is 4.25Å. Calculate its face length.

Ans. If a is the length of the face, then

$$\text{face diagonal} = \sqrt{a^2 + a^2} = \sqrt{2}a$$

$$\therefore \text{Face length, } a = \frac{\text{Face diagonal}}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{4.25}{1.414} = \mathbf{3.01\text{Å}}$$

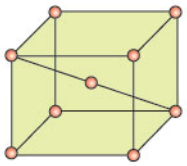
Q.7. What fraction of edge is not covered by atoms in *bcc* arrangement ?

Ans. If a is the edge length of *bcc* unit cell and r is the radius of atom, then

$$\text{edge not covered by atoms} = a - 2r$$

$$\text{In bcc, body diagonal} = \sqrt{3}\,a$$

$$4r = \sqrt{3}\,a \quad \text{or} \quad r = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}a$$



$$\therefore \text{Edge not covered by atoms} = a - 2\times\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}a$$

$$= \frac{a\left(\dfrac{2-\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)}{a} = \frac{2-1.732}{2} = \mathbf{0.134\%}$$

Q.8. A face centred cubic lattice of a single type of atoms has same defects and its one corner and one face centre is left unoccupied per unit cell. Calculate the packing fraction of such solid.

Ans. Suppose the edge length of unit cell is a and radius of each atom is r.

$$\text{No. of atoms per unit cell} = 7\times\frac{1}{8} + 5\times\frac{1}{2} = \frac{27}{8}$$

$$\text{For face centred unit cell, } a = 2\sqrt{2}\,r$$

$$\text{Volume of unit cell, } a^3 = (2\sqrt{2}\,r)^3 = 16\sqrt{2}\,r^3$$

$$\text{Total volume of } \frac{27}{8} \text{ atoms} = \frac{27}{8}\times\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 = \frac{9}{2}\pi r^3$$

$$\text{Packing fraction} = \frac{\dfrac{9}{2}\pi r^3}{16\sqrt{2}\,r^3}$$

$$= \frac{9\pi}{32\sqrt{2}} = \frac{9\times 3.142}{32\times 1.414}$$

$$= \mathbf{0.625}$$

Q.9. The CsCl has cubic structure of Cl^- ions in which Cs^+ ion is present in the body centre of the cube. Its density is 3.99 g cm^{-3}.

(*i*) Calculate the length of the edge of unit cell.

(*ii*) What is the distance between Cs^+ and Cl^- ions?

(*iii*) What is the radius of Cs^+ ion if the radius of Cl^- ion is 180 pm ?

Ans. The unit cell of CsCl has cubic arrangement of Cl^- ions and Cs^+ ion is present in the body centre of the cube. Therefore, the unit cell contains one Cs^+ and one Cl^- ion or one CsCl unit, *i.e.*, Z = 1

Molar mass of CsCl, M = 133 + 35.5 = 168.5 g mol^{-1}

$$\text{Density, } \rho = \frac{Z\times M}{a^3\times N_A}$$

$$3.99\,\text{g cm}^{-3} = \frac{1\times(168.5\text{ g mol}^{-1})}{a^3\times(6.022\times10^{23}\,\text{mol}^{-1})}$$

$$a^3 = \frac{1\times(168.5\text{ g mol}^{-1})}{(3.99\text{ g cm}^{-3})\times(6.022\times10^{23}\,\text{mol}^{-1})}$$

$$= 7.02\times10^{-23}\,\text{cm}^3$$

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(*i*) Let length of the edge of unit cell = a

$$a^3 = 7.02 \times 10^{-23}\ cm^3 = 70.2 \times 10^{-24}\ cm^3$$

$$a = (70.2 \times 10^{-24}\ cm)^{1/3}$$

$$= 4.12 \times 10^{-8}\ cm = \mathbf{412\ pm}$$

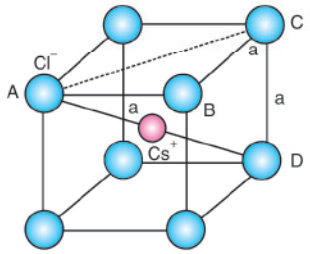
(*ii*) As shown in the figure, Cs^+ ion is present in the centre of unit cell and is in contact with 8 Cl^- ions at the corners. It is clear that the length of the body diagonal is equal to twice the distance between centre of Cs^+ and centre of Cl^- ion. The body diagonal can also be calculated as :

If length of unit cell edge is a, then face diagonal AC, is

$$AC = \sqrt{AB^2 + BC^2} = \sqrt{a^2 + a^2} = \sqrt{2}\,a$$

The body diagonal AD is :

$$AD = \sqrt{AC^2 + CD^2} = \sqrt{2a^2 + a^2} = \sqrt{3}\,a$$



Now,

$$2\,(\text{Distance between } Cs^+ \text{ and } Cl^-) = \sqrt{3}\,a$$

$$\text{or Distance between } Cs^+ \text{ and } Cl^- = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}a$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \times 412\ pm = 1.732 \times 206\ pm$$

$$= \mathbf{356.8\ pm.}$$

(*iii*) Let the radius of Cl^- be $r(Cl^-)$ so that

$$r(Cs^+) + r(Cl^-) = 356.8\ pm$$

$$r(Cl^-) = 356.8 - 180 = \mathbf{176.8\ pm.}$$

Q.10. A metal crystallizes into two cubic phases, face centred cubic (*fcc*) and body centred cubic (*bcc*), whose unit cell lengths are 3.5 Å and 3.0 Å respectively. Calculate the ratio of densities of *fcc* and *bcc*.

Ans. Density of a crystal is

$$d = \frac{Z \times \text{Formula mass of substance}}{N_A \times a^3}$$

Now, for *fcc*, Z = 4 and for *bcc*, Z = 2

$$\therefore \quad d(fcc) = \frac{Z \times \text{Formula mass of substance}}{N_A \times (305\ \text{Å})^3}$$

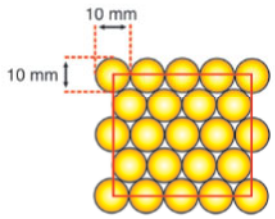
$$d(bcc) = \frac{2 \times \text{Atomic mass of metal}}{N_A \times (3.0\ \text{Å})^3}$$

$$\therefore \quad \frac{d(fcc)}{d(bcc)} = \frac{4}{2} \times \frac{(3.0)^3}{(3.5)^3} = \mathbf{1.26.}$$

Q.11. You are given marbles of diameter 10 mm. They are to be placed such that their centres are lying in a square bound by four lines each of length 40 mm. What will be the arrangement of marbles in a plane so that maximum number of marbles can be placed inside the area ? Sketch the diagram and derive an expression for the number of molecules per unit area. ***(I.I.T. 2003)***

Ans. Area of square = 40 × 40 = 1600 mm^2

To have maximum number of spheres, packing must be *hcp*. As shown in the figure, the maximum number of spheres of diameter 10 mm are = 18



Area = 1600 mm^2 = 16 cm^2

∴ No. of spheres per cm^2

$$= \frac{18}{16} = \mathbf{1.125}$$

Q.12. A compound AB has rock salt type structure. The formula weight of AB is 6.023 Y amu and the closest A—B distance is $Y^{1/3}$ nm, where Y is an arbitrary number.

***(a)* Find the density of the lattice.**

(b)* If the density of lattice is found to be 20 kg m^{-3}, predict the type of defect.** ***(I.I.T. 2004)

Ans. (*a*) Density of a crystal is

$$d = \frac{Z \times \text{Formula mass of substance}}{N_A \times a^3}$$

Now AB has rock salt type structure *i.e.*, *fcc* so that

$$Z = 4$$

$$\text{Formula mass} = 6.023\,Y \times 10^{-3}\ kg,\ a = 2Y^{1/3}\ nm = 2Y^{1/3} \times 10^{-9}\ m$$

$$\therefore \quad \text{Density} = \frac{4 \times 6.023\ Y \times 10^{-3}\ kg}{6.023 \times 10^{23} \times (2Y^{1/3} \times 10^{-9}\ m)^3}$$

$$= \mathbf{5.0\ kg\ m^{-3}.}$$

(*b*) Since the observed density (20 kg m^{-3}) is higher than the calculated value (5 kg m^{-3}), the compound must has either interstitial impurity defect or substitutional impurity defect.



Revision Exercises

Very Short Answer Questions *Carrying 1 mark*

1. Crystalline solids are anisotropic in nature. What does this statement mean? (*D.S.B. 2011*)
2. Define a unit cell. How many atoms are present in a simple cubic unit cell ?
3. In a close packed arrangement of N spheres, how many (*i*) tetrahedral and (*ii*) octahedral sites are present ?
4. Why is Frenkel defect not found in pure alkali metal halides ?
5. What is the coordination number of *hcp* and *ccp* structures ? (*Jammu S.B. 2015*)
6. State the type of crystal defects shown by AgBr. (*Meghalaya S.B. 2017*)
7. What is meant by point defects in crystals? (*Jharkhand S.B. 2011*)

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8. What is meant by 'doping' in a semiconductor ? (*D.S.B. 2012*)
9. What is the radius ratio (r^+/r^-) for an ion to occupy tetrahedral site ?
10. Explain the nature of crystal defect produced when sodium crystal is doped with $MgCl_2$?
11. What is the effect of Frenkel structural defect on the electrical conductivity of a crystalline solid?
12. Why does Frenkel defect not change the density of AgCl crystals?
13. What makes alkali metal halides sometimes coloured, which are otherwise colourless ? (*D.S.B. 2004*)
14. What is meant by coordination number? (*Uttarakhand S.B. 2014*)
15. How does temperature influence the conductivity of a semi-conductor ? (*Pb.S.B. 2007*)
16. What type of substances exhibit anti-ferromagnetism? (*D.S.B. 2008*)
17. Name an element with which silicon should be doped to given *n*-type of semiconductor. (*D.S.B. 2008C*)
18. How does electrical conductivity vary in metals with temperature? (*Pb.S.B. 2008*)
19. What is the relationship between the edge length (a) of the unit cell and the radius (r) of an atom in a face-centred unit cell? (*Meghalaya S.B. 2013*)
20. Which point defect in crystals of a solid does not change the density of the solid ? (*D.S.B. 2009, 2010*)
21. How does ferromagnetism arise ? (*Pb.S.B. 2011*)
22. A compound forms *hcp* structure. Calculate the total number of voids in 0.5 mol of it. (*Assam S.B. 2017*)
23. Write a point of distinction between a metallic solid and an ionic solid other than metallic lustre. (*D.S.B. 2012*)
24. How many lattice points are there in one unit cell of each of the following lattices?
    (*i*) Face centred cubic lattice
    (*ii*) Body centred cubic lattice. (*Pb.S.B. 2012*)
25. Identify each of the following as being either a *p*-type or *n*-type semiconductor:
    (*i*) Ge doped with In
    (*ii*) Si doped with As. (*Pb.S.B. 2012*)
26. How many atoms are there in a unit cell of a metal crystallizing in *fcc* structure ? (*D.S.B. 2013, Meghalaya S.B. 2015, Tripura S.B. 2016*)
27. What type of stoichiometric defect is shown by AgCl? (*D.S.B. 2013*)
28. What type of substances would make better permanent magnets: ferromagnetic or ferrimagnetic? (*D.S.B. 2013*)
29. What is the formula of a compound in which the element *Y* forms *ccp* lattice and atoms of *X* occupy 1/3 of tetrahedral voids ? (*D.S.B. 2015*)
30. What are the coordination number of Na^+ and Cl^- ions in NaCl? (*Nagaland S.B. 2016*)
31. What is Frenkel defect? How does it affect density of the solid? (*Karnataka S.B. 2018*)
32. What is the coordination number of particles present in fcc crystal structure? (*Kerala S.B. 2018*)

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33. Which point defect in crystals lowers the density of a crystal? (*A.I.S.B. 2009, Assam S.B. 2013, 2015*)
34. What type of semiconductor is obtained when silicon is doped with arsenic ? (*A.I.S.B. 2010*)
35. What type of interactions hold the molecules together in a polar molecular solid ? (*A.I.S.B. 2010*)
36. Which stoichiometric defect in crystals increases the density of a solid ? (*D.S.B. 2011, A.I.S.B. 2012*)
37. How the conductivity of an intrinsic semiconductor be increased ? (*A.I.S.B. 2012*)
38. What is the formula of a compound in which the element Y forms *hcp* lattice and atoms X occupy 2/3rd of tetrahedral voids ? (*A.I.S.B. 2015*)
39. Analysis shows that FeO has a non-stoichiometric composition with molecular formula $Fe_{0.95}O$. Give reason. (*A.I.S.B. 2018*)

MCQs from State Boards' Questions

40. Close packing is maximum in the crystal which is
    (a) *bcc* (b) *fcc*
    (c) simple cubic (d) end centred cubic
    (*H.P. S.B. 2013*)
41. In a solid lattice, the cation has left a lattice site and is located at an interstitial position. The lattice defect is
    (a) *n*-type (b) *p*-type
    (c) Frenkel defect (d) Schottky defect
    (*H.P.S.B. 2013*)
42. The coordination number of metal crystallizing in a hexagonal close packing structure are
    (a) 12 (b) 4
    (c) 8 (d) 10
    (*H.P.S.B. 2013, Mizoram S.B. 2015*)
43. In a body centred unit cell, the number of atoms present is
    (a) 1 (b) 2
    (c) 3 (d) 4
    (*Hr. S.B. 2013, 2018, Mizoram S.B. 2014, H.P. S.B. 2016, 2017, Nagaland S.B. 2018*)
44. In a trigonal crystal
    (a) $a = b = c$, $\alpha = \beta = \gamma \neq 90°$
    (b) $a = b \neq c$, $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90°$
    (c) $a \neq b \neq c$, $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90°$
    (d) $a = b \neq c$, $\alpha = \beta = 90°$, $\gamma = 120°$ (*Hr. S.B. 2013*)
45. The appearance of colour in solid alkali metal halides is generally due to
    (a) Schottky defect (b) Frenkel defect
    (c) F-centre (d) Interstitial position
    (*Mizoram S.B. 2013, H.P. S.B. 2016*)
46. In a body centred cubic structure, the space occupied is about
    (a) 74% (b) 20%
    (c) 68% (d) 52.4%
    (*Maharashtra S.B. 2013, H.P. S.B. 2015, 2018*)

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47. Some polar crystals when heated produce small electrical current. The phenomenon is called
(*a*) Ferroelectricity (*b*) Anti-ferroelectricity
(*c*) Pyroelectricity (*d*) Piezoelectricity.
(*Manipur S.B. 2014*)

48. The empty space within *hcp* arrangement is
(*a*) 34% (*b*) 47.6%
(*c*) 32% (*d*) 26%
(*H.P. S.B. 2015, Meghalaya S.B. 2015*)

49. A crystal system with axes $a \neq b \neq c$ and angles $\alpha \neq \beta \neq \gamma \neq 90°$ corresponds to
(*a*) monoclinic (*b*) triclinic
(*c*) cubic (*d*) tetragonal
(*Mizoram S.B. 2016*)

50. The number of Cl^- ions present around each Na^+ ion in NaCl crystal lattice is
(*a*) 3 (*b*) 4
(*c*) 8 (*d*) 6
(*Jharkhand S.B. 2016, West Bengal S.B. 2018*)

51. To get *n*-type semiconductor from silicon, it should be doped with an element having valence electrons of
(*a*) 2 (*b*) 1
(*c*) 3 (*d*) 5 (*Meghalaya S.B. 2016*)

52. Volume occupied by atoms in fcc is
(*a*) 74% (*b*) 68%
(*c*) 52.4% (*d*) 75%
(*H.P. S.B. 2018, Mizoram S.B. 2018*)

53. Percentage empty space in a *bcc* arrangement is
(*a*) 74% (*b*) 68%
(*c*) 32% (*d*) 26% (*Hr. S.B. 2017*)

54. To get *p*-type semiconductor, impurity to be added to silicon should have which of the following number of valence electrons?
(*a*) 2 (*b*) 3
(*c*) 1 (*d*) 5 (*Meghalaya S.B. 2018*)

55. A ferromagnetic substance becomes a permanent magnet when it is placed in a magnetic field because
(*a*) all the domains get oriented in the direction of magnetic field.
(*b*) all the domains get oriented in the direction opposite to the magnetic field.
(*c*) domains get oriented randomly.
(*d*) domains are not affected by magnetic field.
(*Manipur S.B. 2017*)

56. The presence of F-centres in a crystal make it
(*a*) conducting (*b*) non-conducting
(*c*) coloured (*d*) colourless
(*Nagaland. S.B. 2017*)

57. The number of tetrahedral voids in the unit cell of a *fcc* lattice of similar atoms is
(*a*) 4 (*b*) 6
(*c*) 8 (*d*) 10
(*Hr. S.B. 2017, Meghalaya S.B. 2017*)

58. Fe, Co and Ni are
(*a*) ferrimagnetic materials
(*b*) anti-ferromagnetic materials
(*c*) ferromagnetic materials
(*d*) diamagnetic materials (*Meghalaya S.B. 2017*)

59. Due to Frenkel defect, the density of the ionic solids
(*a*) increases
(*b*) decreases
(*c*) does not change
(*d*) depends on pressure (*Mizoram S.B. 2017*)

60. Which of the following is an amorphous solid?
(*a*) graphite (*b*) glass
(*c*) chrome alum (*d*) silicon carbide
(*H.P. S.B. 2017*)

61. In a face-centred cubic unit cell, the edge length is
(*a*) $\frac{4}{\sqrt{3}}r$ (*b*) $\frac{4}{\sqrt{2}}r$
(*c*) 2 r (*d*) $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}r$
(*Meghalaya S.B. 2018*)

62. Amorphous solid is
(*a*) rubber (*b*) plastic
(*c*) glass (*d*) all
(*Hr. S.B. 2018*)

Short Answer Questions *Carrying 2 or 3 marks*

1. How are the solids classified on the basis of bonding in them ? Give the constituents and one example of each type.
(*J.K.S.B. 2011*)

2. What do you understand by the terms 'space lattice' and 'unit cell' ? (*Pb.S.B. 2015*)

3. Explain with the help of diagrams the structural differences between three types of cubic crystals. (*J.K.S.B. 2011*)

4. What are crystalline solids? Give two examples.
(*Hr.S.B. 2017*)

5. What are crystalline and amorphous solids? Give four important differences between crystalline and amorphous solids. (*H.P.S.B. 2005, Pb. S.B. 2013*)

6. Explain :
(*a*) Zinc oxide is white but it turns yellow on heating and becomes highly conducting.
(*b*) $CdCl_2$ will induce Schottky defect if added to AgCl crystal.

7. If the radius of an octahedral void is *r* and the radius of atoms in close-packed arrangement is R, derive the relationship between *r* and R.

8. What is meant by coordination number ? What is the coordination number of atoms in a
(*a*) cubic close packed structure
(*b*) body centred cubic structure.

9. What is the radius ratio (r^+/r^-) for an ion to occupy :
(*i*) tetrahedral void. (*ii*) octahedral void ?

10. What are the differences between Schottky and Frenkel defects ? (*Pb.S.B. 2013, H.P.S.B. 2013, Hr. S.B. 2013*)

11. Explain the Schottky defects in stoichiometric crystals. What are the important consequences of Schottky and Frenkel defects? (*Uttarakhand S.B. 2012*)

12. Differentiate between *n*-type and *p*-type extrinsic semiconductors.

13. Account for electrical conductivity in ionic compounds having
(*i*) metal excess defects (*ii*) metal deficient defects.

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14. Name the types of semiconductors produced when germanium (Ge) is doped separately with boron (B) and arsenic (As). Which one will be a better semiconductor and why ? *(Manipur S.B. 2014)*

15. (*i*) Explain Schottky defect in sodium chloride crystal.
(*ii*) Explain electric properties of semiconductors on the basis of band theory. *(Uttarakhand S.B. 2014)*

16. (*a*) Calculate the packing efficiency in simple cubic lattice. *(Karnataka S.B. 2018)*
(*b*) What is Frenkel defect ? Give an example. *(Karnataka S.B. 2014)*

17. In terms of band theory, what is the difference between
(*a*) a conductor and an insulator
(*b*) a conductor and a semiconductor.

18. Explain the following :
(*i*) Why is Frenkel defect not found in pure alkali metal halides ? *(Meghalaya S.B.2014)*
(*ii*) Anti-ferromagnetic substances have unpaired electrons but their dipole moment is zero. *(Hr. S.B. 2006)*

19. What are semiconductors? How does electrical conductivity of semiconductors vary with temperature? Give one example of intrinsic semiconductor.

Or

What are paramagnetism and ferromagnetism? What type of substances would make better permanent magnets—ferromagnetic or ferrimagnetic? *(Assam S.B. 2018)*

20. Write two differences between ferromagnetic substances and antiferromagnetic substances. *(Pb.S.B. 2009, 2014)*

21. Explain the following terms :
(*i*) Schottky defects
(*ii*) Frenkel defects
(Uttarakhand S.B. 2015, Jammu S.B. 2016)

22. Explain the following terms with examples :
(*i*) Metal excess defects
(*ii*) Metal deficiency defects *(Hr. S.B. 2011)*

23. (*a*) What are imperfections in solids ?
(*b*) What are F-centres ? *(H.P.S.B. 2011)*

24. (*a*) Define ferromagnetism and ferrimagnetism.
(*b*) Differentiate between metals, insulators and semiconductors on the basis of band theory. *(Hr.S.B. 2012)*

25. (*a*) Why does Frenkel defect not change the density of AgCl crystals ?
(*b*) Why does electrical conductivity of a semiconductor increases with rise in temperature ? *(Pb.S.B. 2012)*

26. (*i*) What is a semiconductor? Mention two main types of semiconductors.
(*ii*) Sodium crystallizes in a body centred cubic (*bcc*) unit cell. Calculate the approximate number of unit cells in 9.2g of sodium. (Atomic mass of Na = 23*u*) *(Assam S.B. 2013)*

27. (*a*) Give two differences between ferromagnetic and anti-ferromagnetic substances.
(*b*) Tungsten crystallizes in body centred cubic lattice. Calculate the number of unit cells in 1.5 g of tungsten. (At. mass of tungsten = 184*u*) *(Pb. S.B. 2013)*

28. (*a*) A unit cell of sodium chloride has four formula units (number of atoms per unit cell). The edge length of unit cell is 0.564 nm. Find out the density of sodium chloride.
(*b*) Define Frenkel defect and Schottky defect. What is the difference between these two? *(Uttarakhand S.B. 2013)*

29. (*a*) NaCl has fcc structure. Calculate the number of NaCl units in a unit cell of NaCl.
(*b*) Calculate the density of NaCl if edge length of NaCl unit cell is 564 pm. (Molar mass of NaCl = 58.5 g mol^{-1}) *(Kerala S.B. 2013)*

30. (*a*) What type of semiconductor is obtained when silicon is doped with boron?
(*b*) What type of magnetism is shown in the following alignment of magnetic moments?

↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑

(*c*) What type of point defect is produced when AgCl is doped with $CdCl_2$? *(D.S.B. 2013)*

31. Examine the given defective crystal

A^+	B^-	A^+	B^-	A^+
B^-	O	B^-	A^+	B^-
A^+	B^-	A^+	O	A^+
B^-	A^+	B^-	A^+	B^-

Answer the following questions:
(*i*) What type of stoichiometric defect is shown by the crystal?
(*ii*) How is the density of the crystal affected by this defect ?
(*iii*) What type of ionic substances show such defect ? *(D.S.B. 2014)*

32. Explain the following
(*i*) F-centres
(*ii*) Doping *(H.P.S.B. 2015)*

33. Write any two differences between crystalline and amorphous solids. *(H.P.S.B. 2015, D.S.B. 2017)*

34. Distinguish between crystal lattice and unit cell. *(Hr.S.B. 2015)*

35. (*a*) Briefly discuss Schottky defect and give examples.
(*b*) Calculate the density of copper crystal which crystallises in *fcc* arrangement with edge length of 3.61×10^{-8} cm. *(Hr.S.B. 2015)*

36. Define ferromagnetism and ferrimagnetism. *(Pb.S.B. 2015)*

37. Unit cells can be divided into two categories, primitive and centred unit cells.
(*a*) Differentiate between unit cell and crystal lattice.
(*b*) Calculate the number of atoms per unit cell in the following:
(*i*) body centred cubic unit cell (*bcc*)
(*ii*) face centred cubic unit cell (*fcc*) *(Kerala S.B. 2015)*

38. Calculate packing effciency in simple cubic lattice. *(Karnataka S.B. 2018)*

39. Explain
(*i*) radius ratio (*ii*) unit cells
(*iii*) Ferromagnetism (*iv*) Ferrimagnetism
(*v*) F-centre (*vi*) Doping
(H.P.S.B. 2018)

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40. (*a*) Defince the following terms:
(*i*) F-centre
(*ii*) Unit cell (*Hr. S.B. 2018*)
(*b*) Explain Schottky defect with an example (*Hr. S.B. 2018*)

41. Differentiate between Schottky and Frenkel defects. (*Pb S.B. 2016*)

42. Differentiate between crystalline and amorphous solids. (*Pb S.B. 2016*)

43. What is Schottky defect? Find out the packing efficiency in a simple cubic lattice. (*Kolkata S.B. 2016*)

44. (*a*) Which of the following is a molecular solid?
(*i*) Diamond (*ii*) Graphite
(*iii*) Ice (*iv*) Quartz
(*b*) Unit cells can be classified into primitive and centred unit cells. Differentiate between primitive and centred unit cells.
(*c*) Presence of excess sodium makes NaCl crystal coloured. Explain on the basis of crystal defects. (*Kerala S.B. 2016*)

45. Write short notes on the following :
(*i*) Schottky defect
(*ii*) Ferromagnetic substances. (*H.P.S.B. 2017*)

46. (a) Based on the nature of intermolecular forces, classify the following solids?
(*i*) SiO_2 (*ii*) Ice
(b) ZnO turns yellow an heating. Why ? (*Kerala S.B. 2018*)

CBSE QUESTIONS

47. Assign reasons for the following :
(*i*) Phosphorus doped silicon is a semiconductor
(*ii*) Schottky defect lowers the density of a solid
(*iii*) Some of the very old objects appear slightly milky instead of being transparent. (*A.I.S.B. 2007*)

48. Explain the following properties with suitable examples:
(*i*) ferromagnetism (*ii*) paramagnetism
(*iii*) ferrimagnetism (*A.I.S.B. 2008*)

49. How do metallic and ionic substances differ in conducting electricity ? (*A.I.S.B. 2009*)

50. Explain how you can determine the atomic mass of an unknown metal if you know its mass, density and the dimensions of unit cell of its crystal. (*A.I.S.B. 2011, Manipur S.B. 2012*)

51. Calculate the packing efficiency of a metal crystal for a simple cubic lattice. (*A.I.S.B. 2011*)

52. Account for the following:
(*b*) Schottky defects lower the density of related solids.
(*c*) Conductivity of silicon increases on doping it with phosphorus. (*A.I.S.B. 2013*)

53. (*a*) What change occurs when AgCl is doped with $CdCl_2$?
(*b*) What type of semiconductor is produced when silicon is doped with boron? (*A.I.S.B. 2013*)

54. (*i*) What type of non-stoichiometric point defect is responsible for the pink colour of LiCl ?
(*ii*) What type of stoichiometric defect is shown by NaCl?
Or
How will you distinguish between the following pairs of terms :
(*i*) Tetrahedral and octahedral voids
(*ii*) Crystal lattice and unit cell (*A.I.S.B. 2014*)

55. (*i*) Write the type of magnetism observed when the magnetic moments are oppositely aligned and cancel out each other.
(*ii*) Which stoichiometric defect does not change the density of the crystal ? (*A.I.S.B. 2014*)

56. (*a*) Based on the nature of intermolecular forces, classify the following solids: Benzene, silver.
(*b*) AgCl shows Frenkel defect while NaCl does not. Give reason.
(*c*) What type of semiconductor is formed when Ge is doped with Al ? (*A.I.S.B. 2017*)

57. An element 'X' (At. mass = 40 g mol^{-1}) having f.c.c. structure, has unit cell edge length of 400 pm. Calculate the density of 'X' and the number of unit cells in 4 g of 'X'. ($N_A = 6.022 \times 10^{23}$ mol^{-1}) (*A.I.S.B. 2018*)

Long Answer Questions *Carrying 5 marks*

1. What do you understand by imperfections in solids? Explain stoichiometric defects in solids.

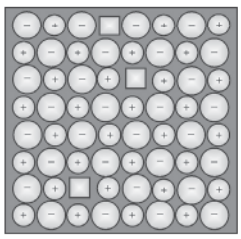
2. Discuss briefly the following properties of solids:
(*i*) electrical properties (*ii*) magnetic properties

3. (*a*) An element has atomic mass 93 g mol^{-1} and density 11.5 g cm^{-3}. If the edge length of its unit cell is 300 pm, identify the type of unit cell.
(*b*) Write any two differences between amorphous solids and crystalline solids.
OR
(*a*) Calculate the number of unit cells in 8.1 g of aluminium if it crystallizes in a *fcc* structure. (Atomic mass of Al = 27 g mol^{-1})
(*b*) Give reasons :
(*i*) In stoichiometric defects, NaCl exhibits Schottky defect and not Frenkel defect.
(*ii*) Silicon on doping with phosphorus forms *n*-type semiconductor.
(*iii*) Ferrimagnetic substances show better magnetism than antiferromagnetic substances. (*D.S.B. 2017*)

4. (*i*) Following is the schematic alignment of magnetic moments:



Identify the type of magnetism. What happens when these substances are heated ?
(*ii*) If the radius of the octahedral void is '*r*' and radius of the atoms in close packing is 'R'. What is the relation between '*r*' and 'R'.
(*iii*) Tungsten crystallizes in body centred cubic unit cell. If the edge length of the unit cell is 315.5 pm, what is the radius of tungsten atom?



OR
(*i*) Identify the type of defect shown in the following figure:
What type of substances show this defect ?

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(*ii*) A metal crystallizes in a body centred cubic structure. If '*a*' is the edge length of its unit cell, '*r*' is the radius of the sphere. What is the relationship between '*r*' and '*a*' ?

(*iii*) An element with molar mass 63 g / mol forms a cubic unit cell with edge length of 360.8 p.m. If its density is 8.92 g/ cm^3. What is the nature of the cubic unit cell ? (*CBSE Sample Paper 2017-18*)

NUMERICAL PROBLEMS

1. Potassium iodide has cubic unit cell with cell edge of 705 pm. The density of KI is 3.12 g cm^{-3}. How many K^+ and I^- ions are contained in the unit cell ?

[**Ans.** $4K^+$ and $4I^-$]

2. The unit of an element of atomic mass 96 and density 10.3 g cm^{-3} is a cube with edge length of 314 pm. Find the structure of the crystal lattice (simple cubic, FCC or BCC) (Avogadro's constant, $N_0 = 6.023 \times 10^{23}$ mol^{-1})

[**Ans.** BCC]

3. KCl and NaCl have fcc lattice. Calculate the ratio of density of NaCl to that of KCl if the ratio of edge of NaCl to that of KCl is 0.875. [**Ans.** 1.172]

4. Lithium metal has a body centred cubic structure. Its density is 0.53 g cm^{-3} and its molar mass is 6.94 g mol^{-1}. Calculate the volume of a unit cell of lithium metal.

[**Ans.** 4.35×10^{-23} cm^3]

5. Iron has body centred cubic unit cell edge of 286.65 pm. The density of iron is 7.87 g cm^{-3}. Use this information to calculate Avogadro's number (At. mass of iron = 56 g mol^{-1}) (*D.S.B. 2010*)

6. An element crystallizes in a structure having *fcc* unit cell of an edge 300 pm. Calculate its density if 180 g of this element contains 3.708×10^{24} atoms. (*Pb.S.B. 2012*)

7. An element (density 7.2 g cm^{-3}) crystallizes in a body centred cubic structure having its unit celll edge length 2.88 Å. Calculate the number of atoms present in 156 g of the element. (*Tripura Board 2016*)

8. Silver crystallizes in a fcc lattice. The edge length of its unit cell is 4.07×10^{-8} cm and its density is 10.48 g cm^{-3}. Calculate the relative atomic mass of silver ($N_A = 6.022 \times 10^{23}$ mol^{-1}). (*Kolkata S.B. 2016*)

CBSE QUESTIONS

9. Calculate the distance between Na^+ and Cl^- ions in NaCl crystal if its density is 2.165 g cm^{-3}. (Molar mass of NaCl = 58.5 g mol^{-1}, $N_A = 6.02 \times 10^{23}$ mol^{-1}). (*A.I.S.B. 2006*)

10. Iron has a body centred cubic unit cell with a cell edge of 286.65 pm. The density of iron is 7.85 g cm^{-3}. Use this information to calculate Avogadro's number. (*A.I.S.B. 2009*)

11. Silver crystallizes with face centred cubic unit cells. Each side of the unit cell has a length of 409 pm. What is the radius of an atom of silver ? (Assume that each face atom is touching four corner atoms). (*A.I.S.B. 2009*)

12. Tungsten crystallizes in a body centred cubic lattice. Calculate the number of unit cells in 1.5 g of tungsten. Atomic mass of tungsten = 184 u. (*A.I.S.B. 2009*)

13. The well known mineral fluorite is chemically calcium fluoride. It is known that in one unit cell of this mineral there are 4 Ca^{2+} ions and 8 F^- ions and that Ca^{2+} ions are arranged in a *fcc* lattice. The F^- ions fill all the tetrahedral holes in the face centred cubic lattice of Ca^{2+} ions. The edge of the unit cell is 5.46×10^{-8} cm in length. The density of the solid is 3.18 g cm^{-3}. Use this information to calculate Avogadro's number (Molar mass of CaF_2 = 78.08 g mol^{-1}). (*A.I.S.B. 2010, D.S.B. 2010*)

14. The density of copper metal is 8.95 g cm^{-3}. If the radius of copper atom be 127.8 pm, is the copper unit cell simple cubic, body-centred cubic or face-centred cubic ? (Given : atomic mass of Cu = 63.54 g mol^{-1} and $N_A = 6.022 \times 10^{23}$ mol^{-1}) (*A.I.S.B. 2010, D.S.B. 2010*)

15. Copper crystallises with face centred cubic unit cell. If the radius of copper atom is 127.8 pm, calculate the density of copper metal. (Atomic mass of Cu = 63.55 u and Avogadro's number $N_A = 6.02 \times 10^{23}$ mol^{-1}) (*A.I.S.B. 2012*)

16. Aluminium crystallizes in an *fcc* structure. Atomic radius of the metal is 125 pm. What is length of the side of the unit cell of metal ? (*A.I.S.B. 2013*)

[**Ans.** 353.3 pm]

17. An element with density 10 g cm^{-3} forms a cubic unit cell with edge length of 3×10^{-8} cm. What is the nature of the cubic unit cell if the atomic mass of the element is 81 g mol^{-1} ? (*A.I.S.B. 2015*)

[**Ans.** *bcc*]

18. An element crystallizes in *fcc* lattice with cell edge of 400 pm. The density of the element in 7 g cm^{-3}. How many atoms are present in 280 g of the element ? (*A.I.S.B. 2016*)

Hints & Answers for Revision Exercises

Very Short Answer Questions

2. 1

3. (*i*) 2N (*ii*) N **5.** 12, 12

6. Schottky and Frenkel defects

9. 0.225 – 0.414

11. Electrical conductance increases.

13. Metal excess defect due to anion vacancies.

15. Conductivity of a semi-conductor increases with temperature.

17. P

18. Conductivity of metals decreases with increase in temperature.

19. $a = 2\sqrt{2}\,r$ **22.** 1 mol

24. (*i*) 4 (*ii*) 2 **25.** (*i*) *p*-type (*ii*) *n*-type

26. 4 **27.** Frenkel defect

28. ferromagnetic **29.** X_2Y_3

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30. $Na^+ = 6$, $Cl^- = 6$ **32.** six
33. Schottky defect **34.** *n*-type
35. Dipole-dipole forces **36.** Interstitial defect
38. X_4Y_3 **40.** (*b*) **41.** (*c*) **42.** (*a*) **43.** (*b*)
44. (*a*) **45.** (*c*) **46.** (*c*) **47.** (*c*) **48.** (*d*)
49. (*b*) **50.** (*d*) **51.** (*d*) **52.** (*a*) **53.** (*c*)
54. (*b*) **55.** (*a*) **56.** (*c*) **57.** (*c*) **58.** (*c*)
59. (*c*) **60.** (*b*). **61.** (*b*) **62.** (*d*).

Numerical Problems

• **1.** $\text{Density} = \frac{Z \times M}{a^3 \times N_A}$

$M = 39 + 127 = 166$

Z = No. of formula units

$\therefore \quad 3.12 = \frac{Z \times 166}{(705 \times 10^{-10})^3 \times (6.022 \times 10^{23})}$

$Z = \frac{3.12 \times (705 \times 10^{-10})^3 \times (6.022 \times 10^{23})}{166}$

$= 3.96$ or 4

$\therefore$ **4 K^+ and 4 I^-** ions per unit cell.

• **2.** $\text{Density} = \frac{Z \times M}{a^3 \times N_A}$

$10.3 = \frac{Z \times 96}{(314 \times 10^{-10}\,\text{cm})^3 \times (6.022 \times 10^{23})}$

$Z = \frac{10.3 \times (314 \times 10^{-10})^3 \times 6.022 \times 10^{23}}{96} = \mathbf{2.0}$

$\therefore$ *bcc* structure

• **3.** $d(\text{NaCl}) = \frac{\frac{M(\text{KCl})}{N_A}}{\frac{a^3(\text{KCl})}{M(\text{KCl})}} \times 4$

$d(\text{KCl}) = \frac{N_A}{a^3(\text{KCl})} \times 4$

$\frac{d(\text{NaCl})}{d(\text{KCl})} = \frac{M(\text{NaCl})}{M(\text{KCl})} \times \left[\frac{a\,(\text{KCl})}{a\,(\text{NaCl})}\right]^3$

$= \frac{58.5}{74.5} \times \left(\frac{1}{0.875}\right)^3 = \mathbf{1.172}$

• **4.** $\text{Density} = \frac{Z \times M}{a^3 \times N_A}$

For *bcc*, $Z = 2$

$0.53 = \frac{2 \times 6.94}{a^3 \times 6.022 \times 10^{23}}$

$a^3 = \frac{2 \times 6.94}{0.53 \times 6.022 \times 10^{23}} = 4.35 \times 10^{-23}\ \text{cm}^3$

Volume $= a^3 =$ **4.35×10^{-23} cm^3**

• **5.** For *bcc* arrangement, $Z = 2$, $\rho = 7.87\ \text{g cm}^{-3}$, $M = 56\ \text{g mol}^{-1}$

Edge length, $a = 286.65 \times 10^{-12}\ \text{m} = 286.65 \times 10^{-10}\ \text{cm}$

$\rho = \frac{Z \times M}{a^3 \times N_A}$

or $N_A = \frac{Z \times M}{\rho^3 \times a^3}$

$= \frac{2 \times (56\ \text{g mol}^{-1})}{(7.87\ \text{g cm}^{-3}) \times (286.65 \times 10^{-10}\ \text{cm})^3}$

$= \mathbf{6.04 \times 10^{23}\ mol^{-1}}$.

• **6.** Mass of unit cell $= \frac{180}{3.708 \times 10^{24}} \times 4 = 194.17 \times 10^{-24}$

$\text{Density} = \frac{194.17 \times 10^{-24}}{(300 \times 10^{-10})^3} = 7.19\ \text{g cm}^{-3}$

• **7.** Volume of unit cell $= (2.88 \times 10^{-8}\ \text{cm})^3$

$= 23.89 \times 10^{-24}\ \text{cm}^3$.

Volume of 156 g of element $= \frac{156\ \text{g}}{7.2\ \text{g cm}^{-3}} = 21.67\ \text{cm}^3$

No. of unit cells in this volume $= \frac{21.67}{23.89 \times 10^{-24}}$

$= 0.907 \times 10^{24}$

For *bcc*, number of atoms per unit cell = 2

$\therefore$ No. of atoms in 156 g of element $= 0.907 \times 10^{24} \times 2$

$= \mathbf{1.814 \times 10^{24}}$

• **8.** *Refer Solved Example 31 (page 40).*

• **9.** *Refer Solution of Practice Problem 38 (page 60).*

• **10.** *Refer Solution of Practice Problem 29 (page 59).*

• **11.** For fcc unit cell, radius , $r = \frac{a}{2\sqrt{2}}$

$= \frac{409}{2 \times 1.414}$

$=$ **144.6pm**

• **12.** 1 mol of tungsten = 184 g = 6.022×10^{23} atoms

No. of atoms in 1.5 g of tungsten $= \frac{6.023 \times 10^{23}}{184} \times 1.5$

A body centred cubic cell contains 2 atoms.

No. of unit cells present $= \frac{6.023 \times 10^{23} \times 1.5}{184 \times 2}$

$=$ **2.45×10^{21}**

• **13.** $\text{Density} = \frac{Z \times M}{a^3 \times N_A}$

$3.18\ \text{g cm}^{-3} = \frac{4 \times 78.08\ \text{g mol}^{-1}}{(5.46 \times 10^{-8}\ \text{cm})^3 \times N_A}$

$\therefore \quad N_A =$ **6.02×10^{23}**

• **14.** Assuming *fcc* lattice for copper,

$a = 2\sqrt{2}\,r$

$= 2 \times 1.414 \times 127.8 \times 10^{-8}\ \text{cm}$

$= 3.614 \times 10^{-8}\ \text{cm}$

$\text{Density, } \rho = \frac{4 \times 63.54}{(3.614 \times 10^{-8}\ \text{cm})^3 \times (6.02 \times 10^{23})}$

$\therefore \quad = 8.94\ \text{g cm}^{-3}$

Since the density is same as observed, the lattice is ***fcc*** lattice.

• **15.** *Refer Solved Example 15 (page 36).*

• **16.** *Refer Solved Example 7 (page 18).*

• **17.** *Refer Solution of Practice Problem 32 (page 59).*

• **18.** *Refer Solution of Practice Problem 24 (page 58).*

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Additional Useful Information and Objective Questions

ADDITIONAL USEFUL INFORMATION

X-RAYS DIFFRACTION STUDIES

X-rays studies have helped to know the arrangement of atoms, ions or molecules in crystals. The phenomenon of X-rays by the crystals was studied by W.L. Bragg and W.H. Bragg. By analysing the diffraction patterns, Bragg deduced a simple relationship between the distance between the planes of constituent particles in the crystal (d), the wavelength of X-rays used (λ) and the angle of diffraction (θ). This relation is known as Bragg equation and is given as:

$$n\lambda = 2d \sin \theta,$$

where 2θ = angle made by a diffracted X-ray beam with the direction of incident beam.

n = positive integer (1, 2, 3.... etc,) which stands for serial order of diffracted beams.

Using Bragg's law, we can calculate the distance between rows of constituent particles in a crystal. These distances are characteristic of a crystal and depend upon the size and geometry or arrangement of these particles.

LAW OF CONSTANCY OF INTERFACIAL ANGLES

Crystals are bound by plane faces. The angle between any two faces is called an **interfacial angle.** It is measured by an instrument known as **goniometer.** The **law of constancy of interfacial angles** states that

irrespective of the size and shape of the crystals (which depend upon the conditions of their formation), the angles between any two corresponding faces of the crystal of a particular substance are always the same.

This is also known as **Steno's law.**

STRUCTURE OF METALS

The crystal structures adopted by some metallic elements at 25°C and 1 bar pressure are :

Crystal structure	Elements
hcp	Be, Cd, Co, Mg, Ca, Ti, Zn
fcc	Ag, Al, Au, Ca, Cu, Ni, Pb, Pt
bcc	Ba, Cr, Fe, Ir, Alkali metals
Primitive cubic	Po

PACKING IN OXIDES OF IRON

The packing in oxides of iron such as FeO and Fe_3O_4 is very interesting.

Structure of Iron oxide (FeO)

Iron oxide (FeO) has rock salt (NaCl) structure. In this case O^{2-} ions adopt face centred cubic arrangement (*fcc*) and Fe^{2+} ions occupy octahedral sites. This is the ideal arrangement. However, this oxide is always non-stoichiometic *i.e.,* the composition of Fe^{2+} and O^{2-} ions is not 1 : 1. It has been found to be generally $Fe_{0.95}$ O (wustite). This composition can be obtained if a small number of Fe^{3+} ions are replaced by two-third as many Fe^{2+} ions in octahedral sites.

Structure of Magnetite (Fe_3O_4)

Magnetite may be considered as having the composition FeO. Fe_2O_3. This composition can be obtained if we convert 2/3 of Fe^{2+} ions in FeO into Fe^{3+} ions (for every three Fe^{2+} ions two Fe^{3+} ions). In Fe_3O_4, the oxide ions are arranged in cubic close packing arrangement. Fe^{2+} ions occupy octahedral sites and the Fe^{3+} ions are equally distributed between octahedral and tetrahedral sites. This structure is known as **inverse spinel structure**. Fe_3O_4 is the load stone used by ancient travellers to find the direction. Another example of this structure is $MgFe_2O_4$ in which Fe^{2+} ions of Fe_3O_4 are replaced by Mg^{2+} ions.

Normal Spinel Structure

A spinel is an important class of oxides consisting of two types of metal ions with the oxide ions. The general formula of the compounds adopting spinel structure is AB_2O_4 such as $MgAl_2O_4$ and ferrites such as Zn Fe_2O_4. In this case, the oxide ions are arranged in cubic close packing arrangement, the divalent cations (Mg^{2+} or Fe^{2+}) are in tetrahedral sites and trivalent ions (Fe^{3+}, Al^{3+}) are in octahedral sites. In normal spinel structure, one-eighth of the tetrahedral holes are occupied by divalent metal ions and one-half of the octahedral holes are occupied by trivalent metal ions. Many of the ferrites which have spinel type structures are important magnetic materials used in telephones or memory loops in computers.

DIELECTRIC PROPERTIES OF SOLIDS

Depending upon the alignment of dipoles, the crystals have the following dielectric properties:

(*a*) **Piezoelectricity** in which the dipoles align themselves in an ordered manner such that there is a net dipole moment in the crystal, *e.g.,* titanates of barium and lead, lead zirconate ($PbZrO_3$), ammonium dihydrogen phosphate ($NH_4H_2PO_4$), quartz.

(*b*) **Ferroelectricity** in which the dipoles are permanently aligned up even in the absence of electric field and the direction of polarization can be changed by applying an electric field. *e.g.,* barium titanate ($BaTiO_3$), sodium potassium tartarate (Rochelle salt), potassium dihydrogen phosphate (KH_2PO_4), etc.

(*c*) **Pyroelectricity.** Some polar crystals when heated produce small electric current called **pyroelectricity**.

(*d*) **Anti-ferroelectricity.** There is no net dipole moment in some crystals inspite of small dipoles because of alignment of dipoles in opposite directions and therefore they donot show ferroelectric character, *e.g.,* lead zirconate ($PbZrO_3$).

SUPERCONDUCTING MATERIALS

Ordinary metals conduct electricity and their conductivity is of order of 10^5 ohm^{-1} m^{-1}. **Superconducting materials** are those which offer no resistance to the passage of electricity. In this state, the materials become diamagnetic and are repelled by the magnets. Most metals become superconducting at very low temperatures (2–5 K). The highest temperature at which superconductivity was known till recently was 23 K in alloys of niobium (*e.g.,* Nb_3Ge). Some organic compounds also become superconducting at temperatures below 5 K.

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The common examples of some superconducting materials along with their temperatures at which they become superconducting are given below :

Material	Temperature
Alloys of niobium	23 K
$Ba_{0.7}K_{0.3}BiO_3$	30 K
$La_{1.8}Sr_{0.2}CuO_4$	40 K
$Bi_2Ca_2Sr_2Cu_3O_{10}$	105 K
$Tl_2Ca_2Ba_2Cu_3O_{10}$	125 K

The important possible uses of super conducting materials are in electronics, building magnets, levitation, transportation, power transmission, etc.

DESIGNATION OF PLANES IN CRYSTALS : MILLER INDICES (*h,k,l*)

The structure of a crystal is also described by various planes which pass through lattice points of the crystal. A number of methods have been suggested to represent various planes in the crystal. The method proposed by W.H. Miller is commonly used. In this method, the planes are described by a set of integers (h, k and l) known as **Miller indices. The Miller indices of a plane of a crystal are the reciprocals of the intercepts of that plane corresponding to unit length** on the various axes. In this method, the unit lengths a, b and c along the three axes are choosen and the intercepts in terms of a, b and c are noted. The reciprocal of these numbers as simple integers are the Miller indices. The simple procedure for determining Miller indices for a plane is :

(*i*) Determine the intercept (expressed as a multiple of a, b and c) of the plane with X, Y and Z axes.

(*ii*) Invert all numbers.

(*iii*) Clear fractions by taking LCM to obtain h, k and l values.

Let us illustrate this by some examples :

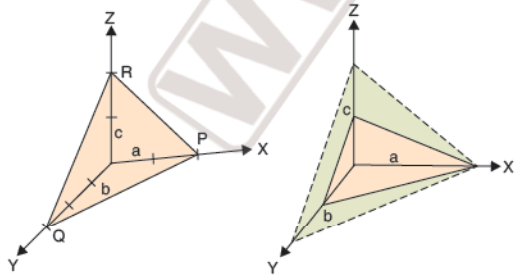
Consider a shaded plane PQR which makes intercepts $2a$, $3b$ and $2c$ where a, b and c are unit lengths along X, Y and Z axes.

Intercepts of shaded plane PQR

	$2a$	$3b$	$2c$
or	2	3	2 (for unit lengths)

∴ Miller indices (reciprocal of intercepts) are :

	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
or	3	2	3 (by taking LCM)



[**Note :** The numbers corresponding to intercepts *i.e.*, 2, 3 and 2 are also called **Weiss indices**].

Let us consider another example in which the plane makes fractional intercepts.

The unit length a, b and c are shown by dotted lines. Intercepts of shaded plane along X, Y and Z axes are

	a	$b/2$	$c/2$
	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$

Miller indices (reciprocal of intercepts).

	$\frac{1}{1}$	$\frac{2}{1}$	$\frac{2}{1}$
	1	**2**	**2**

Alternatively, h, k and l can be calculated as :

$$h = \frac{a}{\text{Intercept of plane along X-axis}}$$

$$k = \frac{b}{\text{Intercept of plane along Y-axis}}$$

$$l = \frac{c}{\text{Intercept of plane along Z-axis}}$$

Then express h, k, l as integers. For example, for the above PQR plane making intercepts $2a$, $3b$ and $2c$ we have

$$h = \frac{a}{2a}, \quad k = \frac{b}{3b}, \quad l = \frac{c}{2c}$$

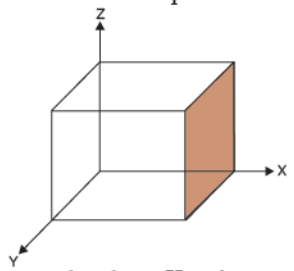
or $\frac{1}{2}, \quad \frac{1}{3}, \quad \frac{1}{2}$

∴ Miller indices are 323.

We can easily describe Miller indices of planes in a cube.

It may be noted that if a plane is parallel to one of the base axes, its intercept with that axis would be infinity. Therefore, the Miller index for that plane will be zero ($1/\infty = 0$).

For example, consider the shaded plane in a cube at unit length.

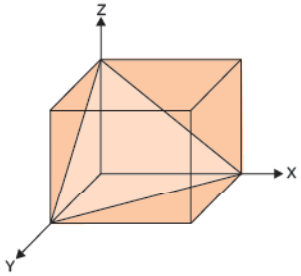


It makes intercept only along X axis

Intercepts	1	∞	∞
Miller indices	$\frac{1}{1}$	$\frac{1}{\infty}$	$\frac{1}{\infty}$
	1	**0**	**0**

Similarly, consider the following examples :

(*i*)

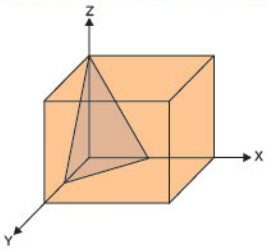


Intercepts	1	1	1
Miller indices	$\frac{1}{1}$	$\frac{1}{1}$	$\frac{1}{1}$
	1	**1**	**1**

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(ii)



Intercepts	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1
Miller indices	$\frac{2}{1}$	$\frac{2}{1}$	$\frac{1}{1}$
	2	**2**	**1**

OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTIONS

Multiple Choice Questions *M. C. Q.*

A Topicwise MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS *with only one correct answer*

Select the Correct Answer :

Space Lattice, Unit Cell and Crystal Systems

A1. The crystal system of a compound with unit cell dimensions, $a = 0.387$, $b = 0.387$ and $c = 0.504$ nm and $\alpha = \beta = 90°$ and $\gamma = 120°$ is
(*a*) cubic (*b*) hexagonal
(*c*) orthorhombic (*d*) rhombohedral

A2. In which of the following pair, both the crystals are not of the same type
(*a*) Ice, solid CO_2 (*b*) NaCl, BaO
(*c*) SiC, diamond (*d*) Mg, Ar

A3. Which of the following statements is not true about crystalline solids?
(*a*) Polar molecular solids have higher enthalpies of vaporisation than those of non-polar molecular solids.
(*b*) Graphite, though covalent solid is a good conductor of electricity.
(*c*) Ionic solids are conductors in molten state.
(*d*) Non-polar molecular solids have London forces between the constituents and have higher melting points than polar molecular solids.

A4. The most unsymmetrical and symmetrical systems are respectively
(*a*) tetragonal, cubic
(*b*) triclinic, cubic
(*c*) rhombohedral, hexagonal
(*d*) orthorhombic, cubic

A5. The packing fraction for a body centred cube is
(*a*) 0.42 (*b*) 0.54 (*c*) 0.68 (*d*) 0.74

A6. The number of atoms in *bcc* and *fcc* arrangement are respectively :
(*a*) 1, 2 (*b*) 2, 4 (*c*) 4, 2 (*d*) 2, 1

A7. The co-ordination number in *ccp* and *hcp* arrangement of metal atoms are respectively
(*a*) 6, 6 (*b*) 12, 6
(*c*) 8, 6 (*d*) 12, 12

A8. A metal crystallizes in a *ccp* structure. Its metallic radius is 141.5 pm. The number of unit cells in 64 cm^3 of the metal are
(*a*) 2×10^{32} (*b*) 1.5×10^{23}
(*c*) 1×10^{24} (*d*) 1.5×10^{22}

A9. The portion of edge length not occupied by atoms for simple cubic, *fcc* and *bcc* are respectively (a is edge length)
(*a*) $0 ; a\left(1-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) ; a\left(1-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$
(*b*) $a\left(1-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) ; 0 ; a\left(2-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$
(*c*) $0 ; a\left(1-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) ; a\left(1-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$
(*d*) $a ; 2\sqrt{2}\,a ; \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}a$

A10. Total volume of atoms present in face centred cubic unit cell of metal is (r is atomic radius)
(*a*) $\frac{24}{3}\pi r^3$ (*b*) $\frac{12}{3}\pi r^3$
(*c*) $\frac{16}{3}\pi r^3$ (*d*) $\frac{20}{3}\pi r^3$

A11. In a face centred cubic unit cell of close packed atoms, the radius of atom (r) is related to the edge length (a) of the unit cell by the expression
(*a*) $r = \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}$ (*b*) $r = \frac{a}{2}$
(*c*) $r = \frac{a}{2\sqrt{2}}$ (*d*) $r = \frac{\sqrt{3}a}{4}$

A12. The number of atoms present in a hexagonal close packed unit cell is
(*a*) 4 (*b*) 6 (*c*) 8 (*d*) 12

Answers

A1. (*b*) **A2.** (*d*) **A3.** (*d*) **A4.** (*b*) **A5.** (*c*) **A6.** (*b*) **A7.** (*d*) **A8.** (*c*) **A9.** (*c*) **A10.** (*c*) **A11.** (*c*) **A12.** (*b*)

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A13. In a *hcp* arrangement, each atom at the corner contributes to the unit cell equal to
(*a*) 1/2 (*b*) 1/8 (*c*) 1/6 (*d*) 1/4

A14. A metal crystallizes in *bcc* lattice. The percentage of edge length not covered by atoms is
(*a*) 12.4% (*b*) 13.4%
(*c*) 87.6% (*d*) 50.0%

A15. A metal crystallizes in *fcc* lattice and edge of the unit cell is 620 pm. The radius of metal atom is
(*a*) 265.5 pm (*b*) 310 pm
(*c*) 219.2 pm (*d*) 438.6 pm

A16. How many unit cells are present in a cubic shaped ideal crystal of NaCl of mass 1.0 g ?
(*a*) 2.57×10^{21} (*b*) 1.28×10^{21}
(*c*) 1.71×10^{21} (*d*) 5.14×10^{21}

Interstitial Voids, Structure and Density of Ionic solids

A17. For tetrahedral co-ordination, the radius ratio (r_+/r_-) should be :
(*a*) 0.155 – 0.225 (*b*) 0.225 – 0.414
(*c*) 0.414 – 0.732 (*d*) 0.732 – 1

A18. A compound formed by elements A and B crystallises in the cubic structure where A atoms are at the corners of a cube and B atoms are at the face centre. The formula of the compound is :
(*a*) AB_3 (*b*) A_2B (*c*) AB_2 (*d*) A_2B_3.

A19. The number of second nearest Na^+ ions neighbour of a Na^+ ion in NaCl structure is
(*a*) 12 (*b*) 6 (*c*) 8 (*d*) 4

A20. The cubic unit cell of Al (molar mass = 27 g mol^{-1}) has an edge length of 405 pm. Its density is 2.7 g cm^{-3}. The cubic unit cell is
(*a*) body centred (*b*) primitive
(*c*) edge centred (*d*) face centred

A21. In magnetite, O^{2-} have *ccp* arrangement with Fe^{2+} ions in $1/8^{th}$ tetrahedral voids and Fe^{3+} ions in 1/4th octahedral and $1/8^{th}$ tetrahedral voids. The formula of magnetite is
(*a*) Fe_3O_4 (*b*) Fe_2O_3
(*c*) FeO (*d*) Fe_3O_8

A22. An alloy of Cu, Au and Ag is found to have Cu constituting the *ccp* lattice. If Ag atoms occupy edge centres and Au is present at body centres, the alloy has formula :
(*a*) $Cu_4\ Ag_2\ Au$ (*b*) $Cu_4\ Ag_4\ Au$
(*c*) $Cu_4\ Ag_3\ Au$ (*d*) Cu Ag Au

A23. In spinel structure, O^{2-} ions are cubic-closed packed, whereas 1/8th of the tetrahedral holes are occupied by A^{2+} cations and 1/2 of the octahedral holes are occupied by cations B^{3+}. The general formula of this compound is
(*a*) A_2BO_4 (*b*) AB_2O_4
(*c*) A_2B_4O (*d*) A_4B_2O

A24. A crystalline solid has a cubic structure in which tungsten (W) atoms are located at the cubic corners of the unit cell, oxygen atoms at the edges of the cube and sodium atoms at the cube centre. The molecular formula of the compound is
(*a*) Na_2WO_3 (*b*) $NaWO_4$
(*c*) $NaWO_3$ (*d*) Na_2WO_4

A25. A mineral of titanium (perovskite) is found to contain calcium ions at the corners, oxygen atoms at the face centres and titanium atoms at the centre of the cube. The oxidation state of titanium in the mineral is
(*a*) + 1 (*b*) + 3 (*c*) + 4 (*d*) + 2

A26. The number of tetrahedral and octahedral holes in a hexagonal primitive unit cell are
(*a*) 8, 4 (*b*) 6, 12 (*c*) 2, 1 (*d*) 12, 6

A27. In which of the following structures, the anion has maximum co-ordination number ?
(*a*) NaCl (*b*) ZnS (*c*) CaF_2 (*d*) Na_2O

A28. In a *fcc* arrangement of P and Q atoms, where P atoms are at the corners of the unit cell, Q atoms at the face centres and two atoms are missing from two corners in each unit cell, then the formula of the compound is
(*a*) P_2Q_3 (*b*) P_4Q (*c*) P_4Q_5 (*d*) PQ_4

A29. The pyknometer density of sodium chloride crystal is 2.165×10^3 kg m^{-3} while its X-ray density is 2.178×10^3 kg m^{-3}. The fraction of the unoccupied sites in sodium chloride crystal is
(*a*) 5.96 (*b*) 5.96×10^{-2}
(*c*) 5.96×10^{-1} (*d*) 5.96×10^{-3}

A30. Three elements A, B and C crystallise into a cubic solid lattice. Atoms A occupy the corners, B occupy the cube centres and C occupy the edges. The formula of the compound is
(*a*) ABC (*b*) ABC_2
(*c*) ABC_3 (*d*) ABC_4

A31. A element cystallizes in *fcc* lattice and edge length of unit cell is 400 pm. If density of unit cell is 11.2 g cm^{-3}, then atomic mass of the element is
(*a*) 215.6 (*b*) 431.2
(*c*) 107.8 (*d*) 98.6

A32. An element (atomic mass = 60 g mol^{-1}) having fcc unit cell has density 6.23 g cm^{-3}. The edge length of the unit cell is ($N_A = 6.02 \times 10^{23}$)
(*a*) 300 pm (*b*) 250 pm
(*c*) 400 pm (*d*) 160 pm

Answers

A13. (*c*) **A14.** (*b*) **A15.** (*c*) **A16.** (*a*) **A17.** (*b*) **A18.** (*a*) **A19.** (*a*) **A20.** (*d*) **A21.** (*a*) **A22.** (*c*)
A23. (*b*) **A24.** (*c*) **A25.** (*c*) **A26.** (*d*) **A27.** (*d*) **A28.** (*d*) **A29.** (*d*) **A30.** (*c*) **A31.** (*c*) **A32.** (*c*)

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A33. The cell edge of a fcc crystal is 100 pm and its density is 10.0 g cm^{-3}. The number of atoms in 100 g of this crystal is
(a) 1×10^{25} (b) 2×10^{25}
(c) 3×10^{25} (d) 4×10^{25}

A34. Copper crystallizes in a cubic lattice structure. Atomic radius of copper is 128 pm and its atomic mass is 63.5. The density of copper is
(a) 10.71 g cm^{-3} (b) 4.93 g cm^{-3}
(c) 8.9 g cm^{-3} (d) 11.2 g cm^{-3}

Defects in Crystal Structures, Magnetic and Electrical Properties

A35. Which of the following is not an example of 13–15 compound?
(a) InSb (b) GaAs
(c) CdSe (d) AlP.

A36. If the alignment of magnetic moments in a substance is in a compensatory way so as to give zero net magnetic moment, then the substance is said to be
(a) ferromagnetism (b) anti-ferromagnetism
(c) ferrimagnetism (d) diamagnetism.

A37. Fe_3O_4 is ferrimagnetic at room temperature but at 850 K it becomes :
(a) diamagnetic (b) ferromagnetic
(c) non-magnetic (d) paramagnetic

A38. Iron (II) oxide has cubic structure and each unit cell has side 5Å. If the density of the compound is 4 g cm^{-3}, calculate the number of Fe^{2+} and O^{2-} ions present in each unit cell. (molar mass of FeO = 72 g mol^{-1}, $N_A = 6.02 \times 10^{23}$ mol^{-1})
(a) 1 (b) 2
(c) 4 (d) 6

A39. The appearance of colour in solid alkali metal halides is generally due to
(a) Schottky defect (b) Frenkel defect
(c) Interstitial position (d) F-centres
(C.B.S.E PMT. 2006)

A40. An example of a ferromagnetic oxide is
(a) CrO_2 (b) TiO_2
(c) Fe_3O_4 (d) Mn_2O_7

Answers

A33. (d) **A34.** (c) **A35.** (c) **A36.** (b) **A37.** (d) **A38.** (c) **A39.** (d) **A40.** (a)

B MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS *from Competitive Examinations*

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B1. If NaCl is doped with 10^{-4} mol % of $SrCl_2$, the concentration of cation vacancies will be ($N_A = 6.02 \times 10^{23}$ mol^{-1})
(a) 6.02×10^{16} mol^{-1} (b) 6.02×10^{17} mol^{-1}
(c) 6.02×10^{14} mol^{-1} (d) 6.02×10^{15} mol^{-1}
(C.B.S.E. PMT. 2007)

B2. The fraction of total volume occupied by the atoms present in a simple cube is
(a) $\frac{\pi}{3\sqrt{2}}$ (b) $\frac{\pi}{4\sqrt{2}}$
(c) $\frac{\pi}{4}$ (d) $\frac{\pi}{6}$ *(C.B.S.E. P.M.T. 2007)*

B3. If '*a*' stands for the edge length of the cubic systems : simple cubic, body centred cubic and face centred cubic, then the ratio of the radii of the spheres in these systems will be respectively :
(a) $\frac{1}{2}a : \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}a : \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}a$ (b) $\frac{1}{2}a : \sqrt{3}a : \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}a$
(c) $\frac{1}{2}a : \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}a : \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}a$ (d) $1a : \sqrt{3}a : \sqrt{2}a$
(C.B.S.E. PMT 2008)

B4. Lithium metal crytallises in a body centred cubic crystal. If the length of the side of the unit cell of lithium is 351 pm, the atomic radius of the lithium will be :
(a) 151.8 pm (b) 75.5 pm
(c) 300.5 pm (d) 240.8 pm
(C.B.S.E. PMT 2009)

B5. A metal crystallises with a face-centred cubic lattice. The edge of the unit cell is 408 pm. The diameter of the metal atom is
(a) 288 pm (b) 408 pm
(c) 144 pm (d) 204 pm *(A.I.P.M.T. 2012)*

B6. A metal has a *fcc* lattice. The edge length of the unit cell is 404 pm. The density of the metal is 2.72 g cm^{-3}. The molar mass of the metal is:
(Avogadro's constant, $N_A = 6.02 \times 10^{23}$ mol^{-1})
(a) 27 g mol^{-1} (b) 20 g mol^{-1}
(c) 40 g mol^{-1} (d) 30 g mol^{-1} *(NEET 2013)*

B7. The number of carbon atoms per unit cell of diamond unit cell is
(a) 6 (b) 1
(c) 4 (d) 8 *(NEET 2013)*

Answers

B1. (b) **B2.** (d) **B3.** (a) **B4.** (a) **B5.** (a) **B6.** (a) **B7.** (d)

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B8. If a is the length of the side of a cube, the distance between the body centered atom and *one* corner atom in the cube will be

(a) $\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}a$ (b) $\frac{4}{\sqrt{3}}a$

(c) $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}a$ (d) $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}a$ *(AIPMT 2014)*

B9. The vacant space in *bcc* lattice unit cell is :

(a) 23% (b) 32%

(c) 26% (d) 48% *(AIPMT 2015)*

B10. The correct statement regarding defects in crystalline solids is :

(a) Frenkel defect is a dislocation defect.

(b) Frenkel defect is found in halides of alkaline earth metals.

(c) Schottky defects have no effect on the density of crystalline solids.

(d) Frenkel defects decrease the density of crystalline solids. *(AIPMT 2015)*

B11. A given metal crystallises out with a cubic structure having edge length of 361 pm. If there are four metal atoms in one unit cell, what is the radius of one atom ?

(a) 80 pm (b) 108 pm

(c) 40 pm (d) 127 pm *(AIPMT 2015)*

B12. Lithium has a *bcc* structure. Its density is 530 kg m^{-3} and its atomic mass is 6.94 g mol^{-1}. Calculate the edge length of a unit cell of lithium metal. ($N_A = 6.02 \times 10^{23}$ mol^{-1})

(a) 527 pm (b) 264 pm

(c) 154 pm (d) 352 pm *(NEET 2016)*

B13. The ionic radii of A^+ and B^- ions are 0.98×10^{-10} m and 1.81×10^{-10} m. The coordination number of each ion in AB is

(a) 8 (b) 2

(c) 6 (d) 4 *(NEET 2016)*

B14. In calcium fluoride, having the fluorite structure, the coordination numbers for calcium ion (Ca^{2+}) and fluoride ion (F^-) are

(a) 4 and 2 (b) 6 and 6

(c) 8 and 4 (d) 4 and 8 *(NEET 2016)*

B15. Which is the incorrect statement ?

(a) Density decreases in case of crystals with Schottky defect.

(b) NaCl(*s*) is insulator, silicon is semiconductor, silver is conductor, quartz is piezoelectric crystal.

(c) Frenkel defect is favoured in those ionic compounds in which sizes of cations and anions are almost equal.

(d) $FeO_{0.98}$ has non-stoichiometric metal deficiency defect.

(NEET 2017)

B16. Iron exhibits bcc structure at room temperature. Above 900 °C, it transforms to fcc structure. The ratio of density of iron at room temperature to that at 900 °C (assuming molar mass and atomic radii of iron remain constant with temperature) is

(a) $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2}}$ (b) $\frac{4\sqrt{3}}{3\sqrt{2}}$

(c) $\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4\sqrt{2}}$ (d) $\frac{1}{2}$ *(NEET 2018)*

B17. Total number of tetrahedral and octahedral voids in 0.5 mol of a compound forming *hcp* structure are :

(a) 6.022×10^{23} (b) 3.011×10^{23}

(c) 9.033×10^{23} (d) 4.516×10^{23}

(A.M.U Med. 2010)

B18. Which one of the following compound exhibits both Schottky and Frenkel defects ?

(a) NaCl (b) AgCl

(c) AgBr (d) AgI *(A.M.U. Med. 2010)*

B19. The mass percentage of iron present as Fe(III) in $Fe_{0.93}O_{1.0}$ is

(a) 8.3% (b) 9.6%

(c) 11.5% (d) 17.7% *(A.M.U. Med. 2013)*

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B20. In a compound, atoms of element Y form ccp lattice and those of element X occupy 2/3rd of tetrahedral voids. The formula of the compound will be

(a) X_3Y_4 (b) X_4Y_3

(c) X_2Y_3 (d) X_2Y *(A.I.E.E.E. 2008)*

B21. The edge length of a face centred cubic cell of an ionic substance is 508 pm. If the radius of the cation is 110 pm, the radius of the anion is :

(a) 618 pm (b) 144 pm

(c) 288 pm (d) 398 pm *(A.I.E.E.E. 2010)*

B22. Percentage of free space in cubic close packed structure and in body centred packed structure are respectively :

(a) 32 % and 48 % (b) 48 % and 26%

(c) 30 % and 26 % (d) 26% and 32%

(A.I.E.E.E. 2010)

Answers

B8. (d) **B9.** (b) **B10.** (a) **B11.** (d) **B12.** (d) **B13.** (c) **B14.** (c) **B15.** (c,d) **B16.** (c) **B17.** (c)
B18. (c) **B19.** (c) **B20.** (b) **B21.** (b) **B22.** (d)

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B23. In a face centred cubic lattice, atom A occupies the corner positions and atom B occupies the face centre positions. If one atom of B is missing from one of the face centred points, the formula of the compound is

(*a*) A_2B (*b*) AB_2

(*c*) A_2B_3 (*d*) A_2B_5 (*AIEEE 2011*)

B24. Copper crystallises in *fcc* lattice with a unit cell edge of 361 pm. The radius of copper atom is :

(*a*) 108 pm (*b*) 128 pm

(*c*) 157 pm (*d*) 181 pm (*AIEEE 2011*)

B25. Lithium forms body centred cubic structure. The length of the side of its unit cell is 351 pm. Atomic radius of the lithium will be

(*a*) 300 pm (*b*) 240 pm

(*c*) 152 pm (*d*) 75 pm (*A.I.E.E.E. 2012*)

B26. Experimentally it was found that a metal oxide has formula $M_{0.98}O$. Metal M is present as M^{2+} and M^{3+} in its oxide. Fraction of the metal which exists as M^{3+} would be

(*a*) 5.08% (*b*) 7.01%

(*c*) 4.08% (*d*) 6.05% (*JEE Main 2013*)

B27. CsCl crystallises in body-centred cubic lattice. If '*a*' is its edge length then which of the following expression is correct ?

(*a*) $r_{Cs^+} + r_{Cl^-} = \sqrt{3}\,a$ (*b*) $r_{Cs^+} + r_{Cl^-} = 3a$

(*c*) $r_{Cs^+} + r_{Cl^-} = \frac{3a}{2}$ (*d*) $r_{Cs^+} + r_{Cl^-} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}a$

(*JEE Main 2014*)

B28. Sodium metal crystallizes in a body centred cubic lattice with a unit cell edge 4.29 Å. The radius of sodium atom is approximately

(*a*) 5.72 Å (*b*) 0.93 Å

(*c*) 1.86 Å (*d*) 3.22 Å (*JEE Main 2015*)

B29. Which of the following compound is metallic and ferromagnetic?

(*a*) TiO_2 (*b*) CrO_2

(*c*) VO_2 (*d*) MnO_2 (*JEE Main 2016*)

B30. A metal crystallises in a face centred cubic structure. If the edge length of its unit cell is '*a*', the closest approach between two atoms in metallic crystal will be

(*a*) $2a$ (*b*) $2\sqrt{2}a$

(*c*) $\sqrt{2}a$ (*d*) $\frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}$ (*JEE Main 2017*)

B31. Which type of 'defect' has the presence of cations in the interstitial sites?

(*a*) Schottky defect (*b*) Vacancy defect

(*c*) Frenkel defect (*d*) Metal deficiency defect

(*JEE Main 2018*)

B32. An ionic compound is expected to have tetrahedral structure if r_+/r_- lies in the range of

(*a*) 0.155 to 0.225 (*b*) 0.732 to 1

(*c*) 0.414 to 0.732 (*d*) 0.225 to 0.414

(*Karnataka C.E.T. 2008*)

B33. A solid compound contains X, Y and Z atoms in a cubic lattice with X atoms occupying the corners, Y atoms in the body centred position and Z atoms at the centres of faces of the unit cell. What is the empirical formula of the compound?

(*a*) XY_2Z_3 (*b*) XYZ_3

(*c*) $X_2Y_2Z_3$ (*d*) X_8YZ_6

(*e*) XYZ (*Kerala P.E.T. 2008*)

B34. KCl crystallizes in the same type of lattice as does NaCl. Given that $r_{Na^+}/r_{Cl^-} = 0.55$ and $r_{K^+}/r_{Cl^-} = 0.74$, calculate the ratio of the side of the unit cell for KCl to that of NaCl.

(*a*) 1.123 (*b*) 0.891

(*c*) 1.414 (*d*) 0.414

(*e*) 1.732 (*Kerala P.E.T. 2008*)

B35. The white ZnO turns yellow on heating because of

(*a*) Frenkel defect

(*b*) Metal excess defect

(*c*) Metal deficiency defect

(*d*) Schottky defect (*A.M.U. Engg. 2010*)

B36. In face-centred cubic lattice, a unit cell is shared equally by how many unit cells?

(*a*) 6 (*b*) 4

(*c*) 2 (*d*) 8 (*Karnataka C.E.T. 2013*)

B37. Potassium dichromate belongs to which crystal system?

(*a*) Tetragonal (*b*) Orthorthombic

(*c*) Triclinic (*d*) Hexagonal

(*e*) Monoclinic (*Kerala PET 2014*)

B38. Which one of the following is used as a piezoelectric material ?

(*a*) Silicones (*b*) Graphite

(*c*) Silica gel (*d*) Kieselguhr

(*e*) Quartz (*Kerala PET 2014, Karnataka CET 2016*)

Answers

B23. (*d*) **B24.** (*b*) **B25.** (*c*) **B26.** (*c*) **B27.** (*d*) **B28.** (*c*) **B29.** (*b*) **B30.** (*d*) **B31.** (*c*) **B32.** (*d*)
B33. (*b*) **B34.** (*a*) **B35.** (*b*) **B36.** (*a*) **B37.** (*c*) **B38.** (*e*)

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B39. Suppose the mass of a single Ag atom is '*m*'. Ag metal crystallizes in *fcc* lattice with unit cell of length '*a*'. The density of Ag metal in terms of '*a*' and '*m*' is

(*a*) $\frac{4m}{a^3}$ (*b*) $\frac{2m}{a^3}$

(*c*) $\frac{m}{a^3}$ (*d*) $\frac{m}{4a^3}$ (*WB JEE 2015*)

B40. The unit cell with crystallographic dimensions, $a \neq b \neq c$, $\alpha = \gamma = 90°$ and $\beta \neq 90°$ is

(*a*) monoclinic (*b*) tetragonal

(*c*) triclinic (*d*) orthorhombic

(*Karnataka CET 2015*)

B41. Ionic solids with Schottky defect may contain in their structure

(*a*) cation vacancies only

(*b*) cation vacancies and interstitial cations

(*c*) equal number of cation and anion vacancies

(*d*) anion vacancies and interstitial anions

(*WB JEE 2016, Karnataka CET 2016*)

B42. In a face centred cubic unit cell, what is the volume occupied?

(*a*) $\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$ (*b*) $\frac{8}{3}\pi r^3$

(*c*) $\frac{16}{3}\pi r^3$ (*d*) $\frac{64r^3}{3\sqrt{3}}$ (*MH–CET 2016*)

B43. An element crystallising in body centred cubic lattice has an edge length of 500 pm. If its density is 4 g cm^{-3}, the atomic mass of the element (in g mol^{-1}) is (consider $N_A = 6 \times 10^{23}$)

(*a*) 100 (*b*) 250

(*c*) 125 (*d*) 150

(*e*) 50 (*Kerala PET 2016*)

B44. The contribution of a particle at the edge centre of a particular unit cell is,

(*a*) $\frac{1}{2}$ (*b*) $\frac{1}{4}$

(*c*) 1 (*d*) $\frac{1}{8}$ (*Karnataka CET 2016*)

B45. The correct statement regarding defect in solids is

(*a*) Schottky defect has no effect on the physical properties of solids

(*b*) Frenkel defect is a dislocation defect

(*c*) Frenkel defect is usually favoured by a very small difference in the sizes of cations and anions

(*d*) Trapping of proton in the lattice leads to the formation of F-centres. (*Karnataka CET 2017*)

B46. Which of the following crystals has unit cell such that $a \neq b \neq c$ and $\alpha \neq \beta \neq \Upsilon \neq 90°$?

(*a*) $K_2Cr_2O_7$ (*b*) $NaNO_3$

(*c*) KNO_3 (*d*) A_8B_7

(*Karnataka CET 2017*)

B47. In a face centred cubic arrangement of A and B atoms in which 'A' atoms are at the corners of the unit cell and 'B' atoms are at the face centres. One of the 'A' atoms is missing from one corner in unit cell. The simplest formula of compound is

(*a*) AB_3 (*b*) A_7B_{24}

(*c*) A_7B_8 (*d*) A_7B_3

(*Karnataka CET 2017*)

B48. A compound formed by elements X and Y crystallises in the cubic structure, where X atoms at the corners of a cube and Y atoms are at the centres of the body. The formula of the compound is

(*a*) XY (*b*) XY_2

(*c*) X_2Y_3 (*d*) XY_3

(*WB JEE 2018*)

B49. Edge length of a cube is 300 pm. Its body diagonal would be

(*a*) 600 pm (*b*) 423 pm

(*c*) 519.6 pm (*d*) 450.5 pm

(*Karnataka CET 2018*)

B50. Which of the following is not a conductor of electricity?

(*a*) Solid NaCl (*b*) Cu

(*c*) Fused NaCl (*d*) Brine solution

(*Karnataka CET 2018*)

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B51. In a solid 'AB' having NaCl structure, 'A' atoms occupy the corners of the cubic unit cell. If all the face-centred atoms along one of the axes are removed, then the resultant stiochiometry of the solid is

(*a*) AB_2 (*b*) A_2B

(*c*) A_4B_3 (*d*) A_3B_4 (*I.I.T. 2001*)

B52. In which of the following crystals alternate tetrahedral voids are occupied ?

(*a*) NaCl (*b*) ZnS

(*c*) CaF_2 (*d*) Na_2O (*I.I.T. 2005*)

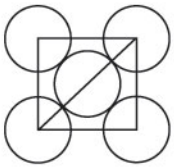
Answers

B39. (*a*) **B40.** (*a*) **B41.** (*c*) **B42.** (*c*) **B43.** (*d*) **B44.** (*b*) **B45.** (*b*) **B46.** (*a*) **B47.** (*b*) **B48.** (*a*)
B49. (*c*) **B50.** (*a*) **B51.** (*d*) **B52.** (*b*)

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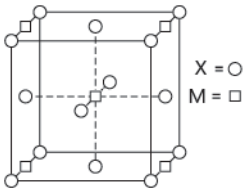
B53. The packing efficiency of the two dimensional square unit cell shown is :



(*a*) 39.27 % (*b*) 68.02%
(*c*) 74.05% (*d*) 78.54%

(*I.I.T. 2010*)

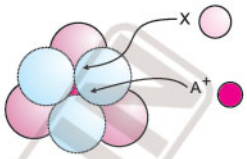
B54. A compound M_pX_q has cubic close packing (*ccp*) arrangement of X. Its unit cell structure is shown below. The empirical formula of the compound is



(*a*) MX (*b*) MX_2
(*c*) M_2X (*d*) M_5X_{14}

(*I.I.T. J.E.E. 2012*)

B55. The arrangement of X^- ions around A^+ ion in solid AX is given in the figure (not drawn to scale). If the radius of X^- is 250 pm, the radius of A^+ is



(*a*) 104 pm (*b*) 125 pm
(*c*) 183 pm (*d*) 57 pm

(*JEE Advance 2013*)

B56. If the unit cell of a mineral has cubic close packed (*ccp*) array of oxygen atoms with *m* fraction of octahedral holes occupied by aluminium ions and *n* fraction of tetrahedral holes occupied by magnesium ions, *m* and *n*, respectively, are

(*a*) $\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{8}$ (*b*) $1,\frac{1}{4}$
(*c*) $\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2}$ (*d*) $\frac{1}{4},\frac{1}{8}$ (*JEE Advance 2015*)

Answers

B53. (*d*) **B54.** (*b*) **B55.** (*a*) **B56.** (*a*)

C MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS
with more than one correct answer

C1. Which of the following is/are not true about hexagonal close packing ?
(*a*) It has 26% empty space
(*b*) In this arrangement, third layer is identical to the first layer.
(*c*) The coordination number in this arrangement is 6.
(*d*) It is as closely packed as body centred cubic packing.

C2. Which of the following statements are correct ?
(*a*) The coordination number of each type of ion in CsCl crystal is 8.
(*b*) A metal that crystallizes in bcc structure has coordination number 12.
(*c*) A unit cell of an ionic crystal shares some of its ions with other unit cells.
(*d*) The length of the unit cell in NaCl is 552 pm (r_{Na^+} = 95 pm, r_{Cl^-} = 181 pm)

C3. In which of the following structures, the coordination number of both the ions are same ?
(*a*) Cesium chloride
(*b*) Sodium chloride
(*c*) Zinc sulphide
(*d*) Sodium oxide

C4. Which of the following is not correct for Frenkel defect in crystals ?
(*a*) It is due to equal number of cations and anions missing from lattice sites.
(*b*) It has no effect on density of the crystal.
(*c*) It occurs in crystals where the difference in the size of cations and anions is small.
(*d*) Silver halides show Frenkel defect.

C5. The coordination number of eight for cation is found in
(*a*) CsCl (*b*) NaCl
(*c*) CaF_2 (*d*) Na_2O

C6. Which of the following systems do not give correct description of axial lengths and axial angles ?
(*a*) Hexagonal : $a = b \neq c$, $\alpha = \beta = 90°, \gamma = 120°$
(*b*) Tetragonal : $a = b \neq c$, $\alpha = \beta = 90°, \gamma \neq 90°$

Answers

C1. (*c*), (*d*) **C2.** (*a*), (*c*), (*d*) **C3.** (*a*), (*b*), (*c*) **C4.** (*a*), (*c*) **C5.** (*a*), (*c*) **C6.** (*b*), (*c*)

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(c) Monoclinic : $a \neq b \neq c$, $\alpha = \beta = \gamma \neq 90°$

(d) Cubic : $a = b = c$, $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90°$

C7. The correct statement(s) regarding defects in solids is (are)

(a) Frenkel defect is usually favoured by a very small difference in the sizes of cation and anion

(b) Frenkel defect is a dislocation defect

(c) Trapping of an electron in the lattice leads to the formation of F-centre

(d) Schottky defects have no effect on the physical properties of solids. *(IIT-JEE 2009)*

C8. With respect to graphite and diamond, which of the statement(s) given is(are) correct ?

(a) Graphite is harder than diamond.

(b) Graphite has higher electrical conductivity than diamond.

(c) Graphite has higher thermal conductivity than diamond.

(d) Graphite has higher C—C bond order than diamond.

(IIT-JEE 2012)

C9. Which type of defects are present in AgBr and ZnS crystal systems ?

(a) Frenkel and Schottky

(b) Schottky and Frenkel

(c) Frenkel and Frenkel

(d) Schottky and Schottky

(A.M.U. (Engg.) 2015)

C10. The correct statement(s) for cubic close packed (*ccp*) in three dimensional structure is(are)

(a) the number of the nearest neighbours of an atom present in the top most layer is 12.

(b) the efficiency of atom packing is 74%.

(c) the number of octahedral and tetrahedral voids per atom are 1 and 2, respectively.

(d) the unit cell edge length is $2\sqrt{2}$ times the radius of the atom.

(JEE Advance 2016)

Answers

C7. (b), (c) **C8.** (b), (d) **C9.** (b), (c) **C10.** (b), (c), (d)

D MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

based on the given passage/comprehension

Passage I.

In the crystalline solids the smallest repeating part in the lattice is known as unit cell. The unit cells are described as simple (points at all the corners), body centred (points at all the corners and in the centre), face centred (points at all the corners and centre of all faces), and end centred (points at all the corners and centres of two opposite end faces) unit cells. In two common types of packing *ccp* and *hcp*, 26% of space is left unoccupied in the form of interstitial sites. For the stable ionic crystalline structures, there is definite radius ratio limit for a cation to fit perfectly in the lattice of anions, called radius ratio rule. This also defines the coordination number of an ion, which is the number of nearest neighbours of opposite charges. This depends upon the ratio of radii of two types of ions, r_+/r_-. This ratio for coordination numbers 3, 4, 6 and 8 is respectively 0.155–0.225, 0.225–0.414, 0.414–0.732 and 0.732–1 respetively.

Answer the following questions :

D1. The number of atoms per unit cell in simple (s), body centred (*b*), face centred (*f*) and end centred (*e*) unit cell decreases as

(a) $f > b > e > s$ (b) $f > b = e > s$

(c) $b > f > s = e$ (d) $f > b > e = s$

D2. Gold crystallizes in a face centred unit cell. Its edge length is 0.410 nm. The radius of gold atom is

(a) 0.205 nm (b) 0.290 nm

(c) 0.145 nm (d) 0.578 nm

D3. In a cubic lattice of XYZ, X atoms are present at all corners except one corner which is occupied by Y atoms. Z atoms are present at face centres. The formula of the compound is

(a) X_8YZ_{24} (b) XYZ_3

(c) $X_7Y_{24}Z$ (d) X_7YZ_{24}

D4. The ionic radii of K^+, Rb^+ and Br^- are 137, 148 and 195 pm. The coordination number of cation in RbBr and KBr structures are respectively

(a) 8, 6 (b) 6, 4

(c) 6, 8 (d) 4, 6

D5. A face centred cubic lattice of a metal M and a body centred cubic lattice of metal N contain same number of 2.25×10^{22} unit cells. If density of M is twice than that of N, the ratio between the number of atoms per unit cell is

(a) 4 : 1 (b) 1 : 1

(c) 2 : 1 (d) 1 : 4

Passage II.

Density of a unit cell is same as the density of the substance. If the density of the substance is known, number of atoms or dimensions of the unit cell can be calculated. The density of the unit cell is related to its mass (M), no. of atoms per unit cell (Z), edge length (*a* in cm) and Avogadro number N_A as :

$$\rho = \frac{Z \times M}{a^3 \times N_A}$$

Answers

Passage – I **D1.** (b) **D2.** (c) **D3.** (d) **D4.** (a) **D5.** (c)

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Answer the following questions :

D6. An element crystallizes in a structure having a fcc unit cell of an edge 100 pm. If 24 g of the element contains 24×10^{23} atoms, the density is

(*a*) 2.40 g cm^{-3} (*b*) 40 g cm^{-3}

(*c*) 4 g cm^{-3} (*d*) 24 g cm^{-3}

D7. The number of atoms present in 100 g of a *bcc* crystal (density = 12.5 g cm^{-3}) having cell edge 200 pm is

(*a*) 1×10^{25} (*b*) 1×10^{24}

(*c*) 2×10^{24} (*d*) 2×10^{26}

D8. A metal X (at. mass = 60) has a body centred cubic crystal structure. The density of the metal is 4.2 g cm^{-3}. The volume of unit cell is

(*a*) 8.2×10^{-23} cm^3 (*b*) 4.75×10^{-23} cm^3

(*c*) 3.86×10^{23} cm^3 (*d*) 3.86×10^{-23} cm^3

Passage III.

In hexagonal systems of crystals, a frequently encountered arrangement of atoms is described as a hexagonal prism. Here, the top and bottom of the cell are regular hexagons and three atoms are sandwiched in between them. A space-filling model of this structure, called hexagonal close-packed (*hcp*), is constituted of a sphere on a flat surface surrounded in the same plane by six identical spheres as closely as possible. Three spheres are then placed over the first layer so that they touch each other and represent the second layer. Each one of the three spheres touches three spheres of the bottom layer. Finally, the second layer is covered with a third layer that is identical to the bottom layer in relative position. Assume radius of every sphere to be '*r*'.

Answer the following questions :

D9. The number of atoms in this *hcp* unit cell is

(*a*) 4 (*b*) 6 (*c*) 12 (*d*) 17

D10. The volume of this *hcp* unit cell is

(*a*) $24\sqrt{2}r^3$ (*b*) $16\sqrt{2}r^3$

(*c*) $12\sqrt{2}r^3$ (*d*) $\frac{64}{3\sqrt{3}}r^3$

D11. The empty space in this *hcp* unit cell is

(*a*) 74% (*b*) 47.6%

(*c*) 32% (*d*) 26% (*I.I.T. 2008*)

Answers

Passage–II	**D6.** (*b*)	**D7.** (*c*)	**D8.** (*b*)
Passage–III	**D9.** (*b*)	**D10.** (*a*)	**D11.** (*d*)

Assertion Reason Type Questions

The questions given below consist of an Assertion and the Reason. Use the following key to choose the appropriate answer.

(*a*) If both assertion and reason are CORRECT and reason is the correct explanation of the assertion.

(*b*) If both assertion and reason are CORRECT, but reason is NOT THE CORRECT explanation of the assertion.

(*c*) If assertion is CORRECT but reason is INCORRECT.

(*d*) If assertion is INCORRECT but reason is CORRECT.

(*e*) If both assertion and reason are INCORRECT.

1. Assertion : In any ionic solid (MX) with Schottky defects, the number of positive and negative ions are same.
Reason : Equal number of cation and anion vacancies are present. (*I.I.T. 2001*)

2. Assertion : ZnS has a tetrahedral arrangement.
Reason : In ZnS, S^{2-} ions occupy the tetrahedral sites while Zn^{2+} ions form cubic close packed structure.

3. Assertion : In CsCl structure, the co-ordination number of Cs^+ ion is 8.
Reason : Cl^- ions in CsCl have body centred cubic arrangement.

4. Assertion : In ZnO, the excess Zn^{2+} ions are present in interstitial sites.
Reason : Metal excess crystals have either missing cation or anion in interstitial site.

5. Assertion : FeO is non-stoichiometric with $Fe_{0.95}O$.
Reason : Some Fe^{2+} ions are replaced by Fe^{3+} as $3Fe^{2+} = 2Fe^{3+}$ to maintain electrical neutrality.

6. Assertion : In CaF_2, F^- ions occupy all the tetrahedral sites.
Reason : The number of Ca^{2+} is double the number of F^- ions.

7. Assertion : Size of cation is larger in tetrahedral void than in octahedral void.
Reason : The cations occupy more space than anions in crystal close packing

8. Assertion : Frenkel defect is shown by silver halides.
Reason : Silver ions are small in size and can easily fit in interstitial sites.

9. Assertion : In Frenkel defect, density of the crystalline solid does not change.
Reason : In Frenkel defect, no cation or anion leaves the crystal.

10. Assertion : Frenkel and Schottky defects are stoichiometric defects.
Reason : Both defects change the density of the crystalline solid.

Answers

(1) – (*a*) **(2)** – (*e*) **(3)** – (*c*) **(4)** – (*c*) **(5)** – (*a*) **(6)** – (*c*) **(7)** – (*e*) **(8)** – (*a*) **(9)** – (*a*) **(10)** – (*c*)

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Matching Type Questions

Each question has matching list. The codes for the lists have choices (*a*), (*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) out of which only one is correct.

1. Match the type of crystal system given in List I with its description given in List II.

	List I	List II
P.	Monoclinic	1. $a \neq b \neq c$, $\alpha \neq \beta \neq \gamma \neq 90°$
Q.	Tetragonal	2. $a \neq b \neq c$, $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90°$
R.	Triclinic	3. $a \neq b \neq c$, $\alpha = \gamma = 90°$, $\beta \neq 90°$
S.	Rhombic	4. $a = b \neq c$, $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90°$

	P	Q	R	S
(*a*)	3	4	2	1
(*b*)	4	3	1	2
(*c*)	3	4	1	2
(*d*)	2	3	4	1

2. Match the type of crystal given in List I with example in List II.

	List I	List II
P.	Ionic	1. AlN
Q.	Network	2. Mg
R.	Metallic	3. MgO
S.	Molecular	4. Solid CO_2

	P	Q	R	S
(*a*)	3	1	4	2
(*b*)	3	1	2	4
(*c*)	1	3	2	4
(*d*)	4	2	3	1

3. Match the distribution of particles A and B in List I with formula given in List II.

	List I	List II
P.	A in *ccp* and B equally distributed in octahedral and tetrahedral	1. A_2B_3
Q.	B in *hcp* and A occupy 2/3rd of octahedral voids	2. A_3B
R.	A at the corners and face centres and B at edge centres and body centre	3. AB
S.	B in ccp and A occupy all the octahedral and tetrahedral sites	4. AB_2

	P	Q	R	S
(*a*)	4	1	3	2
(*b*)	4	1	2	3
(*c*)	3	2	1	4
(*d*)	4	2	3	1

4. Match the entries of column I with appropriate entries of column II.

	Compound	Magnetic property
(A)	NaCl	(*p*) Ferrimagnetic
(B)	MnO	(*q*) Paramagnetic
(C)	$CrCl_3$	(*r*) Ferromagnetic
(D)	CrO_2	(*s*) Diamagnetic
(E)	$MgFe_2O_4$	(*t*) Antiferromagnetic

	A	B	C	D	E
(*a*)	*p*	*r*	*q*	*t*	*s*
(*b*)	*t*	*q*	*r*	*p*	*s*
(*c*)	*r*	*t*	*q*	*p*	*s*
(*d*)	*s*	*t*	*q*	*r*	*p*
(*e*)	*s*	*r*	*t*	*q*	*p*

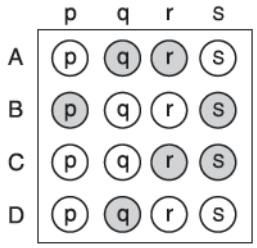
(*Kerala PMT 2015*)

Answers

1. (*c*) **2.** (*b*) **3.** (*a*) **4.** (*d*)

Matrix Match Type Questions

Each question contains statements given in two columns, which have to be matched. Statements in Column I are labelled as A, B, C and D whereas statements in Column II are labelled as *p*, *q*, *r* and *s*. Match the entries of Column I with appropriate entries of Column II. Each entry in Column I may have one or more than one correct option from Column II. The answers to these questions have to be appropriately bubbled as illustrated in the given example.



1. Match the crystal system/unit cells mentioned in column I with their characteristic features mentioned in column II.

Column I	Column II
(A) Simple cubic and face centred cubic	(*p*) have these cells parameters $a = b = c$ and $\alpha = \beta = \gamma$
(B) Cubic and rhombohedral	(*q*) are two crystal systems
(C) Cubic and tetragonal	(*r*) have only two crystallographic angles of 90°
(D) Hexagonal and monoclinic	(*s*) belong to same crystal system.

(*I.I.T. 2007*)

Answers

(1) : (A) – (*p*) (*s*) (B) – (*p*) (*q*) (C) – (*q*) (D) – (*q*) (*r*)

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2. Match the imperfections in solids mentioned in column I with the characteristic features mentioned in column II.

Column I	Column II
(A) Schottky defects	(*p*) excess cations occupy interstitial sites
(B) Frenkel defects	(*q*) conduct electricity due to free electrons
(C) Metal excess defects	(*r*) act as *p*-type semi-conductors
(D) Metal deficient defects	(*s*) are non-stoichiometric defects

3. Match the type of arrangement in column I with the characteristic feature mentioned in column II.

Column I	Column II
(A) Cubic close packing	(*p*) occupy 74% of the space
(B) Hexagonal close packing	(*q*) occupy 68% of the space
(C) Body centred cubic	(*r*) have 1 atom per unit cell
(D) Simple cubic	(*s*) have more number of atoms per unit cell than simple cubic arrangement

Answers

(2) : (A) – (*q*) (B) – (*p*) (*q*) (C) – (*p*) (*q*) (*s*) (D) – (*r*) (*s*)
(3) : (A) – (*p*) (*s*) (B) – (*p*) (*r*) (*s*) (C) – (*s*) (D) – (*q*).

Integer Type or Numerical Value Type Questions

Interger Type: The answer to each of the following question is a **single-digit**-integer ranging from 0 to 9.

1. Silver (atomic weight = 108 g mol^{-1}) has a density of 10.5 g cm^{-3}. The number of silver atoms on a surface of area 10^{-12} m^2 can be expressed in scientific notation as $y \times 10^{x}$. The value of x is *(I.I.T. 2010)*

2. In NaCl structure, Cl^- ions have ccp arrangement and Na^+ ions occupy all the octahedral sites. The total number of Na^+ and Cl^- ions per unit cell is :

3. A metal 'X' crytallizes in a unit cell in which the radius of atom (r) is related to edge of unit cell (a) as $r = 0.3535\ a$. The total number of atoms present per unit cell is

4. The radius ratio of an ionic solid r_+/r_- is 0.524. The coordination number of this type of structure is

5. Atoms of element N form *hcp* arrangement and those of element M occupy 2/3rd of tetrahedral voids. The total number of M and N per formula unit is

6. In hexagonal close packing, the difference in the number of tetrahedral and octahedral voids per unit cell is

7. The ratio of coordination number of each sphere in *ccp* and *hcp* in three dimensions is

8. A compound is formed by two elements X and Y. The element Y form *ccp* and atoms of X occupy 1/3 of tetrahedral voids. If the formula of the compound is $X_a Y_b$, then value of $a + b$ is

9. A cubic unit cell has one atom on each corner and one atom on each body diagonal. The number of atoms in the unit cell is

10. The number of hexagonal faces that are present in a truncated octahedron is *(I.I.T. 2011)*

11. A crystalline solid of a pure substance has a face centred cubic structure with a cell edge of 400 pm. If the density of the substance in the crystal is 8 g cm^{-3}, then the number of atoms present in 256 g of the crystal is $N \times 10^{24}$. The value of N is *(JEE Advance 2017)*

Numerical Value Type: Give the correct numerical value (in decimal notation truncated/rounded off to the second decimal place).

12. Consider an ionic solid MX with NaCl structure. Construct a new structure (Z) whose unit cell is constructed from the unit cell of MX following the sequential instructions given below. Neglect the charge balance.

(1) Remove all the anions (X) except the central one
(2) Replace all the face centred cations (M) by anions (X)
(3) Remove all the corner cations (M)
(4) Replace the central anion (X) with cation (M)

The value of $\left(\frac{\text{number of anions}}{\text{number of cations}}\right)$ in Z is _____ .
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Answers

1. 7 **2.** 8 **3.** 4 **4.** 6 **5.** 7 **6.** 6 **7.** 1 **8.** 5 **9.** 5 **10.** 8
11. 2 **12.** 3.00

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NCERT Exemplar Problems

Objective Questions

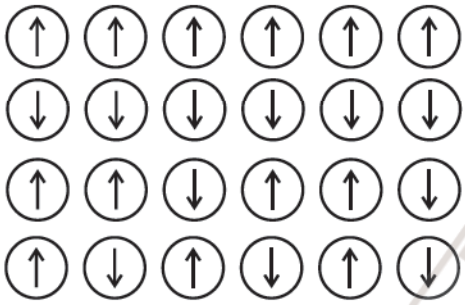
Multiple Choice Questions (Type-I)

1. Which of the following conditions favours the existence of a substance in the solid state?
(a) High temperature (b) Low temperature
(c) High thermal energy (d) Weak cohesive forces

2. Which of the following is not a characteristic of a crystalline solid ?
(a) Definite and characteristic heat of fusion.
(b) Isotropic nature.
(c) A regular periodically repeated pattern of arrangement of constituent particles in the entire crystal.
(d) A true solid

3. Which of the following is an amorphous solid ?
(a) Graphite (C) (b) Quartz glass (SiO_2)
(c) Chrome alum (d) Silicon carbide (SiC)

4. Which of the following arrangements shows schematic alignment of magnetic moments of antiferromagnetic substances ?
(a) (b) (c) (d)



5. Which of the following is true about the value of refractive index of quartz glass?
(a) Same in all directions
(b) Different in different directions
(c) Cannot be measured
(d) Always zero

6. Which of the following statement is not true about amorphous solids?
(a) On heating they may become crystalline at certain temperature.
(b) They may become crystalline on keeping for long time.
(c) Amorphous solids can be moulded by heating.
(d) They are anisotropic in nature.

7. The sharp melting point of crystalline solids is due to _____.
(a) a regular arrangement of constituent particles observed over a short distance in the crystal lattice.
(b) a regular arrangement of constituent particles observed over a long distance in the crystal lattice.
(c) same arrangement of constituent particles in different directions.
(d) different arrangement of constituent particles in different directions.

8. Iodine molecules are held in the crystals lattice by _____.
(a) London forces
(b) dipole-dipole interactions
(c) covalent bonds
(d) coulombic forces

9. Which of the following is a network solid?
(a) SO_2 (Solid) (b) I_2
(c) Diamond (d) H_2O (Ice)

10. Which of the following solids is not an electrical conductor?
(A) Mg(s) (B) TiO(s) (C) $I_2(s)$ (D) $H_2O(s)$
(a) (A) only (b) (B) Only
(c) (C) and (D) (d) (B), (C) and (D)

11. Which of the following is not the characteristic of ionic solids?
(a) Very low value of electrical conductivity in the molten state.
(b) Brittle nature.
(c) Very strong forces of interactions.
(d) Anisotropic nature.

12. Graphite is a good conductor of electricity due to the presence of _____.
(a) lone pair of electrons (b) free valence electrons
(c) cations (d) anions

13. Which of the following oxides behaves as conductor or insulator depending upon temperature ?
(a) TiO (b) SiO_2 (c) TiO_3 (d) MgO

14. Which of the following oxides shows electrical properties like metals ?
(a) SiO_2 (b) MgO (c) $SO_2(s)$ (d) CrO_2

15. The lattice site in a pure crystal cannot be occupied by _____.
(a) molecule (b) ion
(c) electron (d) atom

16. Graphite cannot be classified as _____.
(a) conducting solid (b) network solid
(c) covalent solid (d) ionic solid

17. Cations are present in the interstitial sites in _____.
(a) Frenkel defect (b) Schottky defect
(c) Vacancy defect (d) Metal deficiency defect

18. Schottky defect is observed in crystals when _____.
(a) some cations move from their lattice site to interstitial sites.
(b) equal number of cations and anions are missing from the lattice.
(c) some lattice sites are occupied by electrons.
(d) some impurity is present in the lattice.

Answers

1. (b)	2. (b)	3. (b)	4. (d)	5. (a)	6. (d)	7. (b)	8. (a)	9. (c)	10. (c)
11. (a)	12. (b)	13. (c)	14. (d)	15. (c)	16. (d)	17. (a)	18. (b)		

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19. Which of the following is true about the charge acquired by *p*-type semiconductors ?
(*a*) positive
(*b*) neutral
(*c*) negative
(*d*) depends on concentration of *p* impurity

20. To get a *n*-type semiconductor from silicon, it should be doped with a substance with valence_____.
(*a*) 2 (*b*) 1 (*c*) 3 (*d*) 5

21. The total number of tetrahedral voids in the face centred unit cell is _____.
(*a*) 6 (*b*) 8 (*c*) 10 (*d*) 12

22. Which of the following point defects are shown by AgBr(*s*) crystals ?
(A) Schottky defect
(B) Frenkel defect
(C) Metal excess defect
(D) Metal deficiency defect
(*a*) (A) and (B) (*b*) (C) and (D)
(*c*) (A) and (C) (*d*) (B) and (D)

23. In which pair most efficient packing is present?
(*a*) *hcp* and *bcc* (*b*) *hcp* and *ccp*
(*c*) *bcc* and *ccp* (*d*) *bcc* and simple cubic cell

24. The percentage of empty space in a body centred cubic arrangement is _____.
(*a*) 74 (*b*) 68
(*c*) 32 (*d*) 26

25. Which of the following statement is not true about the hexagonal close packing ?
(*a*) The coordination number is 12.
(*b*) It has 74% packing efficiency.
(*c*) Tetrahedral voids of the second layer are covered by the spheres of the third layer.
(*d*) In this arrangement spheres of the fourth layer are exactly aligned with those of the first layer.

26. In which of the following structures coordination number for cations and anions in the packed structure will be same?
(*a*) Cl^- ions form *fcc* lattice and Na^+ ions occupy all octahedral voids of the unit cell.
(*b*) Ca^{2+} ions form *fcc* lattice and F^- ions occupy all the eight tetrahedral voids of the unit cell.
(*c*) O^{2-} ions form *fcc* lattice and Na^+ ions occupy all the eight tetrahedral voids of the unit cell.
(*d*) S^{2-} ions form *fcc* lattice and Zn^{2+} ions go into alternate tetrahedral voids of the unit cell.

27. What is the coordination number in a square close packed structure in two dimensions ?
(*a*) 2 (*b*) 3
(*c*) 4 (*d*) 6

28. Which kind of defects are introduced by doping?
(*a*) Dislocation defect
(*b*) Schottky defect
(*c*) Frenkel defects
(*d*) Electronic defects

29. Silicon doped with electron-rich impurity forms _____.
(*a*) *p*-type semiconductor
(*b*) *n*-type semiconductor
(*c*) intrinsic semiconductor
(*d*) insulator

30. Which of the following statements is not true ?
(*a*) Paramagnetic substances are weakly attracted by magnetic field.
(*b*) Ferromagnetic substances cannot be magnetised permanently.
(*c*) The domains in antiferromagnetic substances are oppositely oriented with respect to each other.
(*d*) Pairing of electrons cancels their magnetic moment in the diamagnetic substances.

31. Which of the following is not true about the ionic solids?
(*a*) Bigger ions form the close packed structure.
(*b*) Smaller ions occupy either the tetrahedral or the octahedral voids depending upon their size.
(*c*) Occupation of all the voids is not necessary.
(*d*) The fraction of octahedral or tetrahedral voids occupied depends upon the radii of the ions occupying the voids.

32. A ferromagnetic substance becomes a permanent magnet when it is placed in a magnetic field becuase _____.
(*a*) all the domains get oriented in the direction of magnetic field.
(*b*) all the domains get oriented in the direction opposite to the direction of magnetic field.
(*c*) domains get oriented randomly.
(*d*) domains are not affected by magnetic field.

33. The correct order of the packing efficiency in different types of unit cells is _____.
(*a*) *fcc* < *bcc* < simple cubic
(*b*) *fcc* > *bcc* > simple cubic
(*c*) *fcc* < *bcc* > simple cubic
(*d*) *bcc* < *fcc* > simple cubic

34. Which of the following defects is also known as dislocation defect?
(*a*) Frenkel defect
(*b*) Schottky defect
(*c*) Non-stoichiometric defect
(*d*) Simple interstitial defect

35. In the cubic close packing, the unit cell has _____.
(*a*) 4 tetrahedral voids each of which is shared by four adjacent unit cells.
(*b*) 4 tetrahedral voids within the unit cell.
(*c*) 8 tetrahedral voids each of the which is shared by four adjacent unit cells.
(*d*) 8 tetrahedral voids within the unit cells.

Answers

19. (*b*) **20.** (*d*) **21.** (*b*) **22.** (*a*) **23.** (*b*) **24.** (*c*) **25.** (*d*) **26.** (*a, d*) **27.** (*c*) **28.** (*d*)
29. (*b*) **30.** (*b*) **31.** (*d*) **32.** (*a*) **33.** (*b*) **34.** (*a*) **35.** (*d*)

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36. The edge lengths of the unit cells in terms of the radius of spheres constituting *fcc*, *bcc* and simple cubic unit cell are respectively_____.

(*a*) $2\sqrt{2r}$, $\frac{4r}{\sqrt{3}}$, $2r$ (*b*) $\frac{4r}{\sqrt{3}}$, $2\sqrt{2r}$, $2r$

(*c*) $2r$, $2\sqrt{2r}$, $\frac{4r}{\sqrt{3}}$ (*d*) $2r$, $\frac{4r}{\sqrt{3}}$, $2\sqrt{2r}$

37. Which of the following represents correct order of conductivity in solids?

(*a*) $\kappa_{metals} >> \kappa_{insulators} < \kappa_{semiconductors}$

(*b*) $\kappa_{metals} << \kappa_{insulators} < \kappa_{semiconductors}$

(*c*) $\kappa_{metals} \simeq \kappa_{semiconductors} > \kappa_{insulators} = zero$

(*d*) $\kappa_{metals} < \kappa_{semiconductors} > \kappa_{insulators} \neq zero$

Answers

36. (*a*) **37.** (*a*)

Multiple Choice Questions (Type-II)

Note : *In the following questions two or more options may be correct.*

38. Which of the following is not true about the voids formed in three dimensional hexagonal close packed structure ?

(*a*) A tetrahedral void is formed when a sphere of the second layer is present above triangular void in the first layer.

(*b*) All the triangular voids are not covered by the spheres of the second layer.

(*c*) Tetrahedral voids are formed when the triangular voids in the second layer lie above the triangular voids in the first layer and the triangular shapes of these voids do not overlap.

(*d*) Octahedral voids are formed when the triangular voids in the second layer exactly overlap with similar voids in the first layer.

39. The value of magnetic moment is zero in the case of antiferromagnetic substances because the domains _____.

(*a*) get oriented in the direction of the applied magnetic field.

(*b*) get oriented opposite to the direction of the applied magnetic field.

(*c*) are oppositely oriented with respect to each other without the application of magnetic field.

(*d*) cancel out each other's magnetic moment.

40. Which of the following statements are not true?

(*a*) Vacancy defect results in a decrease in the density of the substance.

(*b*) Interstitial defects results in an increase in the density of the substance.

(*c*) Impurity defect has no effect on the density of the substance.

(*d*) Frenkel defect results in an increase in the density of the substance.

41. Which of the following statements are true about metals ?

(*a*) Valence band overlaps with conduction band.

(*b*) The gap between valence band and conduction band is negligible.

(*c*) The gap between valence band and conduction band cannot be determined.

(*d*) Valence band may remain partially filled.

42. Under the influence of electric field, which of the following statements is true about the movement of electrons and holes in a *p*-type semiconductor?

(*a*) Electron will move towards the positvely charged plate through electron holes.

(*b*) Holes will appear to be moving towards the negatively charged plate.

(*c*) Both electrons and holes appear to move towards the positively charged plate.

(*d*) Movement of electrons is not related to the movement of holes.

43. Which of the following statements are true about semiconductors?

(*a*) Silicon doped with electron rich impurity is a *p*-type semiconductor.

(*b*) Silicon doped with an electron rich impurity is an *n*-type semiconductor.

(*c*) Delocalised electrons increase the conductivity of doped silicon.

(*d*) An electron vacancy increases the conductivity of *n*-type semiconductor.

44. An excess of potassium ions makes KCl crystals appear violet or lilac in colour since _____.

(*a*) some of the anionic sites are occupied by an unpaired electron.

(*b*) some of the anionic sites are occupied by a pair of electrons.

(*c*) there are vacancies at some anionic sites.

(*d*) F-centres are created which impart colour to the crystals.

45. The number of tetrahedral voids per unit cell in NaCl crystal is _____.

(*a*) 4

(*b*) 8

(*c*) twice the number of octahedral voids.

(*d*) four times the number of octahedral voids.

Answers

38. (*c*), (*d*) **39.** (*c*), (*d*) **40.** (*c*), (*d*) **41.** (*a*), (*b*), (*d*) **42.** (*a*), (*b*) **43.** (*b*), (*c*) **44.** (*a*), (*d*) **45.** (*b*), (*c*)

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46. Amorphous solid can also be called _____.
(*a*) pseudo solids (*b*) true solids
(*c*) super cooled liquids (*d*) super cooled solids

47. A perfect crystal of silicon (Fig.1) is doped with some elements as given in the options. Which of these options show *n*-type semiconductors?

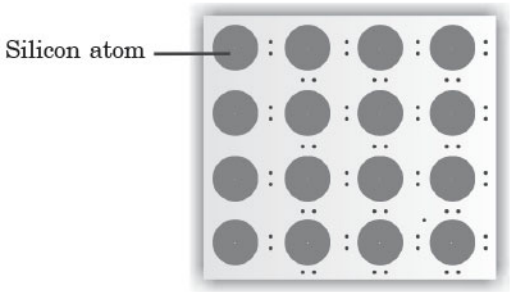
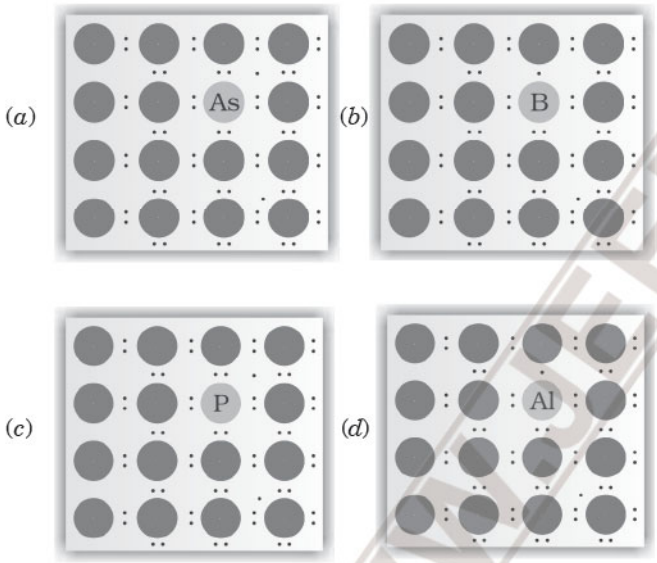


Fig. 1. Pure crystal



48. Which of the following statements are correct?
(*a*) Ferrimagnetic substances lose ferrimagnetism on heating and become paramagnetic.
(*b*) Ferrimagnetic substances do not lose ferrimagnetism on heating and remain ferrimagnetic.
(*c*) Antiferromagnetic substances have domain structures similar to ferromagnetic substances and their magnetic moments are not cancelled by each other.
(*d*) In ferromagnetic substances all the domains get oriented in the direction of magnetic field and remain as such even after removing magnetic field.

49. Which of the following features are not shown by quartz glass?
(*a*) This is a crystalline solid.
(*b*) Refractive index is same in all the directions.
(*c*) This has definite heat of fusion.
(*d*) This is also called super cooled liquid.

50. Which of the following cannot be regarded as molecular solid?
(*a*) SiC (Silicon carbide) (*b*) AlN
(*c*) Diamond (*d*) I_2

51. In which of the following arrangements octahedral voids are formed?
(*a*) *hcp* (*b*) *bcc*
(*c*) simple cubic (*d*) *fcc*

52. Frenkel defect is also known as _____.
(*a*) stoichiometric defect
(*b*) dislocation defect
(*c*) impurity defect
(*d*) non-stoichometric defect

53. Which of the following defects decrease the density?
(*a*) Interstitial defect (*b*) Vacancy defect
(*c*) Frenkel defect (*d*) Schottky defect

Answers

46. (*a*), (*c*) **47.** (*a*), (*c*) **48.** (*a*), (*d*) **49.** (*a*), (*c*) **50.** (*a*), (*b*), (*c*) **51.** (*a*), (*d*) **52.** (*a*), (*b*) **53.** (*b*), (*d*)

Matching Type Questions

Note : *In the following questions match the items given in Column I with the items given in Column II. In some questions more than one item of Column I and Column II may match.*

54. Match the defects given in Column I with the statements in given Column II.

Column I	*Column II*
(*a*) Simple vacancy defect	(*i*) shown by non-ionic solids and increases density of the solid.
(*b*) Simple interstitial defect	(*ii*) shown by ionic solids and decreases density of the solid.
(*c*) Frenkel defect	(*iii*) shown by non ionic solids and density of the solid decreases.
(*d*) Schottky defect	(*iv*) shown by ionic solids and density of the solid remains the same.

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55. Match the type of unit cell given in Column I with the features given in Column II.

Column I	*Column II*
(*a*) Primitive cubic unit cell.	(*i*) Each of the three perpendicular edges compulsorily have the different edge length *i.e.*, $a \neq b \neq c$.
(*b*) Body centred cubic unit cell.	(*ii*) Number of atoms per unit cell is one.
(*c*) Face centred cubic unit cell.	(*iii*) Each of the three perpendicular edges compulsorily have the same edge length *i.e.*, $a = b = c$.
(*d*) End centred orthorhombic.	(*iv*) In addition to the contribution from unit cell the corner atoms the number of atoms present in a unit cell is one.
	(*v*) In addition to the contribution from the corner atoms the number of atoms present in a unit cell is three.

56. Match the types of defect given in Column I with the statement given in Column II.

Column I	*Column II*
(*a*) Impurity defect.	(*i*) NaCl with anionic sites called F-centres.
(*b*) Metal excess defect.	(*ii*) FeO with Fe^{3+}.
(*c*) Metal deficiency defect.	(*iii*) NaCl with Sr^{2+} and some cationic sites vacant.

57. Match the items given in Column I with the items given in Column II.

Column I	*Column II*
(*a*) Mg in solid state.	(*i*) *p*-Type semiconductor.
(*b*) $MgCl_2$ in molten state.	(*ii*) *n*-Type semiconductor.
(*c*) Silicon with phosphorus.	(*iii*) Electrolytic conductors.
(*d*) Germanium with boron.	(*iv*) Electronic conductors.

58. Match the type of packing given in Column I with the items given in Column II.

Column I	*Column II*
(*a*) Square close packing in two dimensions.	(*i*) Triangular voids.
(*b*) Hexagonalclose packing in two dimensions.	(*ii*) Pattern of spheres is repeated in every fourth layer.
(*c*) Hexagonal close packing in three dimensions.	(*iii*) Coordination number 4.
(*d*) Cubic close packing in three dimensions.	(*iv*) Pattern of sphere is repeated in alternate layers.

Answers

54. (*a*)–(*iii*); (*b*)–(*i*); (*c*)–(*iv*); (*d*)–(*ii*) **55.** (*a*)–(*ii, iii*); (*b*)–(*iii, iv*); (*c*)–(*iii, v*); (*d*)–(*i, iv*) **56.** (*a*)–(*iii*); (*b*)–(*i*); (*c*)–(*ii*)
57. (*a*)–(*iv*); (*b*)–(*iii*); (*c*)–(*ii*); (*d*)–(*i*) **58.** (*a*)–(*iii*); (*b*)–(*i*); (*c*)–(*iv*); (*d*)–(*ii*)

Assertion and Reason Type Questions

Note : *In the following questions a statement of assertion followed by a statement of reason is given. Choose the correct answer out of the following choices.*

(*a*) *Assertion and reason both are correct statements and reason is correct explanation for assertion.*

(*b*) *Assertion and reason both are correct statements but reason is not correct explanation for assertion.*

(*c*) *Assertion is correct statement but reason is wrong statement.*

(*d*) *Assertion is wrong statement but reason is correct statement.*

59. Assertion : The total number of atoms present in a simple cubic unit cell is one.

Reason : Simple cubic unit cell has atoms at its corners, each of which is shared between eight adjacent unit cells.

60. Assertion : Graphite is a good conductor of electricity however diamond belongs to the category of insulators.

Reason : Graphite is soft in nature on the other hand diamond is very hard and brittle.

61. Assertion : Total number of octahedral voids present in unit cell of cubic close packing including the one that is present at the body centre, is four.

Reason : Besides the body centre there is one octahedral void present at the centre of each of the six faces of the unit cell and each of which is shared between two adjacent unit cells.

62. Assertion : The packing efficiency is maximum for the *fcc* structure.

Reason : The cordination number is 12 in *fcc* structures.

63. Assertion : Semiconductors are solids with conductivities in the intermediate range from $10^{-6} - 10^{4}$ $ohm^{-1}m^{-1}$.

Reason : Intermediate conductivity in semiconductor is due to partially filled valence band.

Answers

59. (*a*) **60.** (*b*) **61.** (*c*) **62.** (*b*) **63.** (*c*)

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Hints & Explanations for *Difficult Objective Type Questions*

A. *mcq with only one correct answer*

A8. (*c*) : $a = 2\sqrt{2}\, r$

$= 2 \times 1.414 \times 141.5 = 400$ pm

Volume of unit cell

$= (400 \times 10^{-10}\ \text{cm})^3 = 6.4 \times 10^{-23}\ \text{cm}^3$

No. of unit cells in 64 cm^3

$= \dfrac{64}{6.4 \times 10^{-23}} = 1 \times 10^{24}$ unit cells

A9. (*c*) : For simple cubic, distance between nearest neighbours = a

Empty space = 0

For *fcc* distance between nearest neighbours,

$$d = \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\text{Empty space} = a - \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}} = a\left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$$

For *bcc*, $d = \dfrac{\sqrt{3}a}{2}$

$$\text{Empty space} = a - \frac{\sqrt{3}a}{2} = a\left(1 - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$$

A10. (*c*) **:** No of atoms present in *fcc* unit cell = 4

Total volume of atoms present in *fcc* unit cell

$$= 4 \times \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 = \frac{16}{3}\pi r^3$$

A14. (*b*) : In *bcc*, radius of atom,

$$r = \frac{\sqrt{3}a}{4}$$

where a is the edge length

The edge length not covered by atoms = $a - 2r$

$$= a - 2 \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}a = a\left(\frac{2-\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$$

$$= \frac{a(2-1.732)}{2} = 0.134a$$

Percentage of edge length not covered

$$= \frac{0.134a}{a} \times 100 = 13.4\%$$

A15. (*c*) : $r = \dfrac{a}{2\sqrt{2}} = \dfrac{620}{2 \times 1.414} = 219.20$ pm

A16. (*a*) : No. of NaCl molecules in a unit cell = 4

$$\text{Mass of unit cell} = \frac{4 \times 58.5}{6.022 \times 10^{23}}$$

$$\text{No. of unit cells in 1g} = \frac{1 \times 6.022 \times 10^{23}}{4 \times 58.5} = 2.57 \times 10^{21}$$

A18. (*a*) : No. of A atoms per unit cell = 8 (at corners) $\times \dfrac{1}{8}$ = 1

No. of B atoms per unit cell

= 6 (at the face centre) $\times \dfrac{1}{2} = 3$

Formula AB_3

A20. (*d*) : $d = \dfrac{Z \times M}{a^3 \times N_A}$

$$2.7 = \frac{Z \times 27}{\left(405 \times 10^{-10}\right)^3 \times \left(6.02 \times 10^{23}\right)}$$

or $Z = \dfrac{2.7 \times \left(405 \times 10^{-10}\right)^3 \times 6.02 \times 10^{23}}{27} = 4$

$\therefore$ Lattice is *fcc*.

A21. (*a*) : No. of O^{2-} ions in *ccp* = 4

There will be 8 tetrahedral sites and 4 octahedral sites

No. of Fe^{2+} ions = $\dfrac{1}{8} \times 8 = 1$

No. of Fe^{3+} ions = $\dfrac{1}{8} \times 8 + \dfrac{1}{4} \times 4 = 2$

Formula of magnetite : $Fe^{2+}\, Fe_2^{3+} O_4^{2-} \cong Fe_3O_4$

A22. (*c*) : No. of Cu atoms = 4 (*ccp* arrangement)

No. of Ag atoms = 12 (edges) $\times \dfrac{1}{4} = 3$

No. of Au atoms = 1 (body centre)

Formula $Cu_4\, Ag_3\, Au$

A23. (*b*) : No. of O^{2-} ions in *ccp* arrangement = 4

No. of octahedral holes = 4

No. of B^{3+} ions = $4 \times \dfrac{1}{2} = 2$

No. of tetrahedral holes = $4 \times 2 = 8$

No. of A^{2+} ions = $8 \times \dfrac{1}{8} = 1$

Formula $A\, B_2O_4$

A24. (*c*) : No. of W atoms per unit cell = 1

No. of O atoms per unit cell = $12 \times \dfrac{1}{4}$ (edge centre) = 3

No. of Na atoms per unit cell = 1 (cube centre)

Formula $NaWO_3$

A25. (*c*) : No of Ca atoms per unit cell = 8 (corners) $\times \dfrac{1}{8} = 1$

O atoms per unit cell = 6 (face centres) $\times \dfrac{1}{2} = 3$

Ti atoms per unit cell = 1

$\therefore$ Formula of mineral = $Ca\, TiO_3$

Suppose oxidation state of Ti be x

$+2 + x + 3(-2) = 0$ or $x = +4$

A26. (*d*) : No. of atoms per unit cell of hexagonal primitive unit cell = 6

No of tetrahedral holes = $6 \times 2 = 12$

No. of octahedral holes = $6 \times 1 = 6$

A28. (*d*) : No. of atoms at the corners = 6

Contribution of each atom = 1/8

$\therefore$ No. of P atoms = $6 \times \dfrac{1}{8} = 3/4$

No. of atoms at the faces = 6

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Contribution of each atom = 1/2

$\therefore$ No. of Q atoms = $6 \times \frac{1}{2} = 3$

Formula $P_{\frac{3}{4}}Q_3$ or PQ_4

A29. (*d*) Molar volume from pyknometer density

$$= \frac{M}{2.165 \times 10^3} \text{ m}^3$$

Molar volume from X-ray density

$$= \frac{M}{2.178 \times 10^3} \text{ m}^3$$

$$\therefore \text{Volume unoccupied} = \frac{M}{10^3}\left[\frac{1}{2.165} - \frac{1}{2.178}\right] \text{m}^3$$

$$= \frac{0.013\,M \times 10^{-3}}{2.165 \times 2.178}$$

$$\therefore \quad \text{Fraction unoccupied} = \frac{0.013\,M \times 10^{-3}}{2.165 \times 2.178} \Big/ \frac{M \times 10^{-3}}{2.165}$$

$$= \mathbf{5.96 \times 10^{-3}.}$$

A30. (*c*) : No. of 'A' atoms = $\frac{1}{8} \times 8 = 1$

No. of 'B' atoms = $1 \times 1 = 1$

No. of 'C' atoms = $\frac{1}{4} \times 12 = 3$

Formula = ABC_3

A31. (*c*) : $d = \frac{Z \times M}{a^3 \times N_A}$

$$11.2 = \frac{4 \times M}{\left(400 \times 10^{-10}\right)^3 \times \left(6.02 \times 10^{23}\right)}$$

or $$M = \frac{11.2 \times \left(400 \times 10^{-10}\right)^3 \times \left(6.02 \times 10^{23}\right)}{4} = 107.8$$

A32. (*c*) : $$d = \frac{Z \times M}{a^3 \times N_A}$$

$$6.23 = \frac{4 \times 60}{a^3 \times 6.02 \times 10^{23}}$$

$$a^3 = \frac{4 \times 60}{6.23 \times 6.02 \times 10^{23}} = 64 \times 10^{-24}$$

$$a = 4 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm} = 400 \text{ pm}$$

A33. (*d*) : Volume of unit cell = $(100 \times 10^{-10} \text{ cm})^3$

$= 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^3$

Mass of unit cell = $V \times d = 10^{-24} \times 10.0 = 10^{-23}$ g

No. of unit cells in 100 g = $\frac{100}{10^{-23}} = 10^{25}$

Since lattice is fcc and each unit cell has 4 atoms per unit cell.

No. of atoms = 4×10^{25}.

A34. (*c*) : For *fcc*, $r = \frac{a}{2\sqrt{2}}$

or $a = 2\sqrt{2}\,r = 2 \times 1.414 \times 128$

$= 362$ pm

$$d = \frac{Z \times M}{a^3 \times N_A}$$

$$= \frac{4 \times 63.5}{\left(362 \times 10^{-10}\right)^3 \times \left(6.02 \times 10^{23}\right)}$$

$= 8.9 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$

A38. (*c*) : $$d = \frac{Z \times M}{a^3 \times N_A}$$

$$4 = \frac{Z \times 72}{\left(5 \times 10^{-8}\right)^3 \times \left(6.02 \times 10^{23}\right)}$$

or $$Z = \frac{4 \times \left(5 \times 10^{-8}\right)^3 \times \left(6.02 \times 10^{23}\right)}{72} = 4$$

No. of Fe^{2+} and O^{2-} ions present in each unit cell = 4

B. *mcq from Competitive Examinations*

B1. (*b*) : One cation of Sr^{2+} would create one cation vacancy in NaCl. Therefore, the number of cation vacancies created in the lattice of NaCl is equal to the number of divalent Sr^{2+} ions added.

No. of moles of cationic vacancies

$$= \frac{10^{-4}}{10^2} = 10^{-6} \text{ mol}$$

No. of cation vacancies

$= 10^{-6} \times 6.02 \times 10^{23}$

$= 6.02 \times 10^{17}$

B2. (*d*) : Packing fraction of a simple cube

$$= \frac{\text{Volume of one sphere}}{\text{Volume of cubic unit cell}}$$

Edge length $a = 2r$ or $r = a/2$

$$\therefore \text{Packing fraction} = \frac{\frac{4}{3}\pi\left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^3}{a^3} = \frac{\pi}{6}.$$

B3. (*a*) : For simple cubic, $a = 2r$ $\therefore$ $r = \frac{a}{2}$

For *bcc*, $4r = \sqrt{3}a$ $\therefore$ $r = \frac{\sqrt{3}a}{4}$

For *fcc*, $4r = \sqrt{2}a$ $\therefore$ $r = \frac{\sqrt{2}a}{4}$

Ratio is : $\frac{a}{2} : \frac{\sqrt{3}a}{4} : \frac{\sqrt{2}a}{4}$

or $\frac{1}{2}a : \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}a : \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}a$

B4. (*a*) : For *bcc* structure,

$$r = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}a = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \times 351 = 151.98 \text{ pm}$$

B5. (*a*) : For *fcc* lattice, radius (r) is related to edge length (a)

$$r = \frac{a}{2\sqrt{2}}; \quad a = 408 \text{ pm}$$

$$r = \frac{408}{2 \times 1.414} = 144 \text{ pm}$$

$\therefore$ Diameter = $2 \times 144 = 288$ pm

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B6. (*a*) : $d = \dfrac{Z \times M}{a^3 \times N_A}$

$d = 2.72\ g\ cm^{-3}$, $Z = 4$,

$a = 404\ pm = 4.04 \times 10^{-8}\ cm$

$$2.72 = \frac{4 \times M}{(4.04 \times 10^{-8})^3 \times 6.02 \times 10^{23}}$$

or $M = 27\ g\ mol^{-1}$

B7. (*d*) : Carbon has structure similar to ZnS (zinc blende). Carbon forming *fcc* or *ccp* and also occupying half tetrahedral sites.

Total no. of carbon atoms $= 8 \times \frac{1}{8}$ (corners) $+ 6 \times \frac{1}{2}$ (faces) + 4 (tetrahedral sites) = 8.

B8. (*d*) : The distance between body centred atom and one corner atom is $\frac{\sqrt{3}\,a}{2}$ (*i.e.* half of body diagonal)

B9. (*b*) : In *bcc* arrangement, volume of space occupied = 68%

$\therefore$ Vacant space = 100 – 68 = 32%

B11. (*d*) : For Z = 4, structure is *fcc*

$$r = \frac{\sqrt{2}a}{4} = \frac{1.414 \times 361}{4} = 127\ pm$$

B12. (*d*) : $\rho = \dfrac{Z \times M}{a^3 \times N_A}$

For *bcc*, Z = 2, M = 6.94 g mol^{-1}

$$\rho = 530\ kg\ m^{-3} = \frac{530\ g \times 10^3}{cm^3 \times 10^6} = 0.530\ g\ cm^{-3}$$

$$0.53 = \frac{2 \times 6.94}{a^3 \times 6.02 \times 10^{23}}$$

$$a^3 = \frac{2 \times 6.94}{0.53 \times 6.02 \times 10^{23}} = 43.5 \times 10^{-24}\ cm^3$$

$\therefore$ $a = 3.52 \times 10^{-8}\ cm = 352\ pm$

B13. (*c*) : $\dfrac{r_+}{r_-} = \dfrac{0.98 \times 10^{-10}\,m}{1.81 \times 10^{-10}\,m} = 0.54$

Since the radius ratio lies between 0.414 – 0.732, its coordination number is 6.

B15. (*c*) : In Frenkel defect the size of cation should be smaller than that of anion.

(*d*) : is also incorrect because $Fe_{0.93}O$ is metal deficient non-stoichiometric compound.

B16. (*c*) : For bcc structure : $4r = \sqrt{3}\,a$

or $a = \dfrac{4r}{\sqrt{3}}$

$Z = 2$

For fcc structure : $4r = \sqrt{2}a$

$a = \dfrac{4r}{\sqrt{2}}$

$Z = 4$

$$\frac{d(bcc)}{d(fcc)} = \frac{\frac{Z(bcc) \times M}{a^3 \times N_A}}{\frac{Z(fcc) \times M}{a^3 \times N_A}} = \frac{\frac{2 \times M}{\left(\frac{4r}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^3 \times N_A}}{\frac{4 \times M}{\left(\frac{4r}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^3 \times N_A}}$$

$$= \frac{2 \times M}{\left(\frac{4r}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^3 \times N_A} \times \frac{\left(\frac{4r}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^3 \times N_A}{4 \times M}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{3}{2} \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4\sqrt{2}}$$

B17. (*c*) : For 1 mol of a compound, number of tetrahedral and octahedral voids = 2 + 1 = 3

$\therefore$ No. of voids $= 3 \times 0.5 \times 6.022 \times 10^{23} = 9.033 \times 10^{23}$

B18. (*c*) : AgBr shows both Schottky and Frenkel defects

B19. (*c*) : Let x atoms of Fe^{3+} ions are present. This means x Fe^{3+} ions have been replaced by Fe^{2+} ions.

No. of Fe^{2+} ions $= 0.93 - x$

For electrical neutrality,

$2(0.93 - x) + 3x = 2$

$1.86 + x = 2$ or $x = 0.14$

Fraction of $Fe^{3+} = 0.14$, $Fe^{2+} = 0.93 - 0.14 = 0.79$

Formula : $Fe^{2+}_{0.79}\ Fe^{3+}_{0.14}\ O^{2-}_{1.0}$

Total molar mass $= 0.93 \times 56 + 1 \times 16 = 68.08$

$$\%\ \text{of Fe (III)} = \frac{0.14 \times 56}{68.08} \times 100 = 11.5\%$$

B20. (*b*) : No. of Y atoms in a unit cell = 4

No. of tetrahedral sites $= 4 \times 2 = 8$

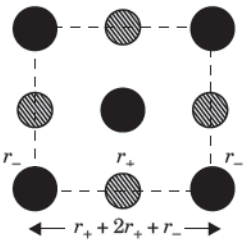
No. of X atoms in unit cell $= 8 \times \frac{2}{3} = \frac{16}{3}$

Formula : $X_{\frac{16}{3}}Y_4$ or $X_{\frac{1}{3}}Y_{\frac{1}{4}}$ or X_4Y_3

B21. (*b*) : For *fcc*

$a = 2r_+ + 2r_-$

$a = 2(r_+ + r_-)$



or $r_+ + r_- = \dfrac{a}{2}$

$r_- = \dfrac{a}{2} - r_+ = \dfrac{508}{2} - 110 = 144\ pm$

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B22. (*d*) : Percentage of free space in *ccp* = 26% and in *bcc* = 32%.

B23. (*d*) : No. of 'A' atoms at corners = $8\times\frac{1}{8}=1$

No. of 'B' atoms at face centres = $5\times\frac{1}{2}=\frac{5}{2}$

Formula = $AB_{5/2}$ or A_2B_5

B24. (*b*) : In a *fcc* lattice

$$4r = \sqrt{2}a$$

$$r = \frac{\sqrt{2}a}{4} = \frac{1.414\times361}{4} = 127.61 \simeq \mathbf{128\ pm}$$

B25. (*c*) : For *bcc* structure,

$$r = \frac{a\sqrt{3}}{4} = \frac{351\times1.732}{4} = 152\ \text{pm}$$

B26. (*c*) : Let fraction of metal which exits as M^{3+} be x

Fraction of metal as $M^{2+} = 0.98 - x$

$\therefore\ 3x + 2(0.98 - x) = 2$

$x + 1.96 = 2$ or $x = 0.04$

$$\%\ \text{of } M^{3+} = \frac{0.04}{0.98}\times100 = 4.08$$

B27. (*d*) : Body diagonal = $\sqrt{3}\,a$

or $2r_{Cs^+} + 2r_{Cl^-} = \sqrt{3}\,a$

$$\therefore\ r_{Cs^+} + r_{Cl^-} = \frac{\sqrt{3}\,a}{2}$$

B28. (*c*) : For *bcc* lattice,

$$r = \frac{\sqrt{3}a}{4} = \frac{1.732\times4.29}{4} = 1.86\ \text{Å}$$

B29. (*b*) : CrO_2 is metallic and ferromagnetic.

B30. (*d*) : In *fcc*, the closest approach distance between two atoms,

$$d = \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}$$

B31. (*c*) : In Frenkel defect, the cations are dislocated from their normal sites to interstitial sites.

B33. (*b*) : Atoms of X per unit cell = $8\times\frac{1}{8}=1$

Atoms of Y per unit cell = 1

Atoms of Z per unit cell = $6\times\frac{1}{2}=3$

$\therefore$ Formula of the compound is XYZ_3.

B34. (*a*) : $\frac{r_{Na^+}}{r_{Cl^-}} = 0.55, \quad \frac{r_{K^+}}{r_{Cl^-}} = 0.74$

or $\frac{r_{Na^+}}{r_{Cl^-}} + 1 = 0.55 + 1, \quad \frac{r_{K^+}}{r_{Cl^-}} = 0.74 + 1$

$\frac{r_{Na^+} + r_{Cl^-}}{r_{Cl^-}} = 1.55, \quad \frac{r_{K^+} + r_{Cl^-}}{r_{Cl^-}} = 1.74$

Edge length ratio is

$$\frac{r_{K^+} + r_{Cl^-}}{r_{Cl^-}}\times\frac{r_{Cl^-}}{r_{Na^+} + r_{Cl^-}} = \frac{1.74}{1.55} \Rightarrow \frac{r_{K^+} + r_{Cl^-}}{r_{Na^+} + r_{Cl^-}} = 1.122$$

B36. (*a*) : Each unit cell is surrounded by 6 other unit cells because a *fcc* unit cell has six faces.

B39. (*a*) : $$\text{Density} = \frac{\text{Mass of unit cell}}{\text{Volume of unit cell}} = \frac{\text{No. of atoms}\times\text{Mass of each atom}}{\text{Volume of unit cell}}$$

For *fcc*, no. of atoms per unit cell = 4

$$\text{Density} = \frac{4\times m}{a^3}$$

B41. (*c*) : In Schottky defect equal number of cations and anions are missing from their lattice sites.

B42. (*c*) : No. of atoms in *fcc* unit cell = 4

Volume occupied by 1 atom = $\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$

Volume occupied by 4 atoms = $4\times\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 = \frac{16}{3}\pi r^3$

B43. (*d*) : $\rho = \frac{Z\times M}{a^3\times N_A}$

For *bcc*, Z = 2, $a = 500\times10^{-10}$ cm

$d = 4\ \text{g cm}^{-3}$

$$4 = \frac{2\times M}{\left(500\times10^{-10}\right)^3\times\left(6\times10^{23}\right)}$$

$$M = \frac{4\times\left(500\times10^{-10}\right)^3\times6\times10^{23}}{2}$$

$= 150\ \text{g mol}^{-1}$

B44. (*b*) : Each particle at the edge centre is surrounded by four unit cells. Therefore, its contribution per unit cell is $\frac{1}{4}$.

B45. (*b*) : Frenkel defect is a dislocation defect.

B46. (*a*) : The dimensions; $\alpha\neq\beta\neq\gamma\neq90°$ and $a\neq b\neq c$ represent triclinic crystal system. Among the given options only $K_2Cr_2O_7$ exhibits triclinic crystal system.

B47. (*b*) : No. of A atoms at the corners = $7\times\frac{1}{8}=\frac{7}{8}$

No. of B atoms at face centres = $6\times\frac{1}{2}=3$

Ratio of A : B = $\frac{7}{8}$: 3

Formula of compound is A_7B_{24}

B48. (*a*) : No. of X atoms = $8\times\frac{1}{8}=1$

No. of Y atoms = 1

Formula : XY

B49. (*c*) : Length of body diagonal = $\sqrt{3}.a$

$= 1.732\times300$

$= 519.6$ pm

B51. (*d*) : No. of atoms (A) on the corners – 8

No. of atoms (A) on the face centres = 6

Removing face centred atoms along one of the axes means removal of 2A atoms so that

No. of A atoms per unit cell = $8\times\frac{1}{8} + 4\times\frac{1}{2} = 3$

No. of B atoms per unit cell in NaCl type structure = 4

Formula = A_3B_4

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B52. (*b*) : In ZnS, S^{2-} ions are present in all the corners and centres of each face (*fcc* or *ccp* arrangement). Zn^{2+} ions occupy alternate tetrahedral sites.

B53. (*d*) : Packing efficiency = $\frac{\text{Area covered by particles}}{\text{Total area}}$

If a is the length of unit cell

Face diagonal, AC = $\sqrt{2}\,a$

But $AC = 4r$

$\therefore \quad \sqrt{2}\,a = 4r$

$$a = \frac{4r}{\sqrt{2}} = 2\sqrt{2}r$$

No. of particles $= 4\times\frac{1}{4}+1 = 2$

Area occupied by particles $= 2 \times \pi r^2$

$$\therefore \text{ Packing efficiency} = \frac{2\times\pi r^2}{(2\sqrt{2}r)^2} = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$= 0.7857 \text{ or } 78.57\ \%.$$

B54. (*b*) : X are present at all the corners and face centres

No. of X atoms $= 8\times\frac{1}{8}+6\times\frac{1}{2} = 4$

M are present at 4 edges and at body centre

No. of M atoms $= 4\times\frac{1}{4}+1\times1 = 2$

The empirical formula of compound : M_2X_4 or MX_2

B55. (*a*) : Cation A^+ occupies octahedral void of arrangement of X^- anions

$$\frac{r_{A^+}}{r_{X^-}} = 0.414 \Rightarrow \frac{r_{A^+}}{250} = 0.414$$

or $r_{A^+} = 0.414 \times 250 = 104$ pm.

B56. (*a*) : For *ccp* arrangement, Z = 4

$\therefore$ No. of O atoms = 4

No. of octahedral voids = 4

No. of tetrahedral voids = $4 \times 2 = 8$

No. of Al^{3+} ions = $m \times 4$

No. of Mg^{2+} ions = $n \times 8$

Thus the formula of mineral is

$Al_{4m}\ Mg_{8n}\ O_4$

$$4m(+3) + 8n(+2) + 4(-2) = 0$$

$$12m + 16n - 8 = 0$$

$$4(3m + 4n - 2) = 0$$

$$\therefore \quad 3m + 4n = 2$$

Possible values of m and n are

$3\times\frac{1}{2}+4\times\frac{1}{8} = 2$ true

$3\times1+4\times\frac{1}{4} = 2$ not true

$3\times\frac{1}{2}+4\times\frac{1}{2} = 2$ not true

$3\times\frac{1}{4}+4\times\frac{1}{8} = 2$ not true

C. mcq with more than one correct answer

C1. (*c,d*) : A hexagonal close packing has coordination number 12 and is not as closely packed as *bcc*.

C2. (*a,c,d*) : (*b*) is not correct because it has coordination number 8.

C3. (*a,b,c*) : $Cs^+(8)$, $Cl^-(8)$; $Na^+(6)$; $Cl^-(6)$; $Zn^{2+}(4)$, $S^{2-}(4)$; $Na^+(4)$, $O^{2-}(8)$.

C9. (*b,c*) : ZnS shows Frenkel defect while AgBr shows both Frenkel and Schottky defects. Therefore, options (*b*) and (*c*) are correct.

D. mcq based on passage/comprehension

Passage I.

D1. (*b*) : The number of atoms per unit cell in different types of unit cells are :

$f = 4$, $b = 2$, $e = 2$ and $s = 1$

D2. (*c*) : From geometry we can prove that, $r = \frac{a}{2\sqrt{2}}$

$$\therefore \quad r = \frac{0.410}{2\times1.414} = 0.145 \text{ nm}$$

D3. (*d*) :

No. of X atoms $= 7 \times \frac{1}{8} = 7/8$

No. of Y atoms $= 1 \times \frac{1}{8} = 1/8$

No. of Z atoms $= 6 \times \frac{1}{2} = 3$

Formula $= X_{7/8}\,Y_{1/8}\,Z_3 = X_7YZ_{24}$

D4. (*a*) : $\frac{r(Rb^+)}{r(Br^-)} = \frac{148}{195} = 0.76$ (C.N. 8 above 0.732)

$\frac{r(K^+)}{r(Br^-)} = \frac{137}{195} = 0.702$

(C.N. 6 between 0.414 – 0.732)

D5. (*c*) : *fcc* arrangement has 4 atoms per unit cell while *bcc* arrangement has 2 atoms per unit cell. Therefore, ratio between atoms is 4 : 2 or 2 : 1. Here density does not make any difference.

Passage II.

D6. (*b*) :

Vol. of unit cell $= (100 \times 10^{-10}\ \text{cm})^3$

$= 1 \times 10^{-24}\ \text{cm}^3$

Mass of an atom $= \frac{24.0}{24\times10^{23}} = 1 \times 10^{-23}$ g

(No. of atoms in *fcc* = 4)

Mass of unit cell $= 4 \times 1 \times 10^{-23} = 4 \times 10^{-23}$ g

Density $= \frac{4\times10^{-23}}{1\times10^{-24}} = \mathbf{40\ g\ cm^{-3}}$

D7. (*c*) : Vol. of unit cell $= (200 \times 10^{-10})^3 = 8 \times 10^{-24}\ \text{cm}^3$

Volume of 100 g of element $= \frac{100}{12.5} = 8\ \text{cm}^3$

No. of unit cell $= \frac{8}{8\times10^{-24}} = 1 \times 10^{24}$

No. of atoms in 100 g $= 2 \times 1 \times 10^{24} = \mathbf{2 \times 10^{24}}$

(No. of atoms in *bcc* unit cell = 2)

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D8. (*b*) : $\text{Mass of unit cell} = \frac{2\times60}{6.02\times10^{23}}$

$$\text{Density} = \frac{\text{Mass}}{\text{Volume}}$$

$$4.2 = \frac{2\times60}{6.02\times10^{23}\times V}$$

$$\text{or } V = \frac{2\times60}{6.02\times10^{23}\times4.2} = \mathbf{4.75\times10^{-23}\ cm^3.}$$

Passage III.

D9. (*b*) : Effective no. of atoms present in unit cell of *hcp*

$$= 2\times\frac{1}{2} + 3\times1 + 12\times\frac{1}{6} = 6$$

D10. (*a*) : Volume = Base area × Height

$$= 6\times\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}a^2\times2\times\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}a$$

Putting $a = 2r$

$$6\times\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}(2r)^2\times2\times\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}.2r$$

$$= 6\times\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}\times4r^2\times2\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}.2r = 24\sqrt{2}r^3$$

D11. (*d*) : Packing fraction in *hcp* = 0.74

∴ Void fraction = 1 – 0.74 = 0.26

∴ Empty space in *hcp* unit cell = 26%.

Assertion Reason Type Questions

2. (*e*) : **Correct assertion :** ZnS has *fcc* structure.
Correct reason : S^{2-} ions adopt *ccp* or *fcc* arrangement and Zn^{2+} ions occupy alternate tetrahedral sites.

3. (*c*) : **Correct reason :** Cl^- ions in CsCl have simple cubic arrangement.

5. (*a*) : Both assertion and reason are correct.

6. (*c*) : **Correct reason :** Since there are two tetrahedral sites for each Ca^{2+} ion, the number of F^- ions are double the number of Ca^{2+} ions.

7. (*e*) : **Correct assertion :** Octahedral void is larger in size than tetrahedral void.
Correct reason : Cations are generally smaller than anions and therefore occupy less space.

8. (*a*) : Both assertion and reason are correct.

9. (*a*) : Both assertion and reason are correct.

10. (*c*) : **Correct reason :** In Frenkel and Schottky defect, the number of cations and anions remains the same.

Integer Type or Numerical Value Type Questions

1. (7) : $\text{Density} = \frac{\text{Mass}}{\text{Volume}}$

10.5 g/cm^3 means in 1 cm^3 Ag = 10.5 g

$$\text{No. of atoms in 1 cm}^3 = \frac{10.5}{108}N_A$$

$$\text{No. of atoms in 1 cm} = \left(\frac{10.5}{108}N_A\right)^{1/3}$$

$$\text{No. of atoms in 1 cm}^2 = \left(\frac{10.5}{108}N_A\right)^{2/3}$$

No. of atoms in 10^{-12} m^2 or 10^{-8} cm^2

$$= \left(\frac{10.5}{108}N_A\right)^{2/3}\times10^{-8}$$

$$= \left(\frac{10.5\times6.022\times10^{23}}{108}\right)^{2/3}\times10^{-8}$$

$$= 1.50\times10^7$$

∴ $x = 7$

2. (8) : There are $4Na^+$ ion and $4Cl^-$ ions per unit cell. Total Na^+ and Cl^- ions are 8.

3. (4) : It corresponds to fcc unit cell. Therefore, the number of atoms present per unit cell is 4.

4. (6) : Since radius ratio lies between 0.414 – 0.732, its coordination number is 6.

5. (7) : Suppose number of atoms N in *hcp* lattice = *n*
No. of tetrahedral voids = 2*n*

$$\text{No. of M atoms} = \frac{2}{3}\times2n = \frac{4n}{3}$$

$$\text{Formula} = M_{\frac{4n}{3}}N_n \text{ or } M_{\frac{4}{3}}N_1 \text{ or } M_4N_3.$$

Total number of M and N atoms = 7.

6. (6) : In one *hcp* unit cell, there are 6 atoms.
No. of octahedral voids = 6
No. of tetrahedral voids = 12
Difference = 12 – 6 = 6.

7. (1) : Coordination no. in *ccp* = 12
Coordination no. in *hcp* = 12
Ratio = 12/12 = 1.

8. (5) : Suppose the atoms Y in *ccp* = *n*
No. of tetrahedral voids = 2*n*
No. of X atoms = 2*n*/3
Formul $X_{2/3n}Y_n$ or X_2Y_3
∴ $a + b = 5$

9. (5) : Contribution of atoms on the corners = $8\times\frac{1}{8} = 1$.
Since atoms on the body diagonal are not shared by any other unit cell and there are four body diagonals, their contribution per unit cell = 4
∴ Total number of atoms in the unit cell = 4 + 1 = 5.

10. (8) : A truncated octahedron has 14 faces (8 regular hexagons and 6 squares), 36 edges and 24 vertices.

11. (2) : Volume of unit cell = $(400\times10^{-10})^3$ cm^3
Mass of element = 256 g
Density of element = 8 g cm^{-3}

$$\text{Volume of 256 g of element} = \frac{256}{8} = 32\text{ cm}^3$$

$$\text{No. of unit cells} = \frac{32}{(400\times10^{-10})^3} = 5\times10^{23}\text{ unit cells}$$

Since the structure is *fcc*, number of atoms present in a unit cell = 4
No. of atoms in 256 g = $5\times10^{23}\times4$
= 2×10^{24} atoms

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12. (3.00) : MX having NaCl structure

No. of M^+ ions = 4 No. of X^- ions = 4

For structure Z constructed from MX

(*i*) After removing all X^- ions except the centred one,

No. of M^+ ions = 4 No. of X^- ions = 1

(*ii*) No. of face centred M^+ ions removed = $6\times\frac{1}{2}=3$

No. of M^+ ions replaced by X^- ions = 3

$\therefore$ No. of M^+ ions left = 1 No. of X^- ions = 1 + 3 = 4

(*iii*) No. of corners M^+ ions $=8\times\frac{1}{8}=1$.

No. of M^+ ions left =1–1=0 No. of X^- ions = 4

(*iv*) Replacing central X^- by M^+

No. of M^+ ions = 0+1=1 No. of X^- ions =4–1=3

$$\frac{\text{No. of } X^- \text{ ions}}{\text{No. of } M^+ \text{ ions}}=\frac{3}{1}=3.00$$

NCERT Exemplar Problems : MCQs Type-I

2. (*b*) : Crystalline solids are not isotropic in nature. These are anisotropic in nature.

4. (*d*) : In antiferromagnetism, the magnetic moments are in a compensatory way so as to give zero net magnetic moment because of cancellation of individual magnetic moments.

5. (*a*) : Quartz glass is amorphous and therefore, refractive index is same in all directions.

12. (*b*) : Graphite is a good conductor of electricity due to the presence of free (π) electrons.

14. (*d*) : CrO_2 show electrical behaviour as metals.

19. (*b*) : The overall charge is neutral.

20. (*d*) : *n*-type of semiconductor is formed when silicon is doped with atoms having more than four electrons (*e.g.* P, As).

21. (*b*) : A *fcc* unit cell has 4 atoms per unit cell and each atom has two tetrahedral sites. Therefore, the number of tetrahedral sites in *fcc* unit cell is eight.

22. (*a*) : AgBr shows both Schottky defect and Frenkel defect.

23. (*b*) : *hcp* and *ccp* occupy 74% of the available space and have most efficient packing.

25. (*d*) : It has AB AB AB type of arrangement and therefore, fourth layer is not aligned with particles of first layer.

26. (*a*), (*d*) : In NaCl, both Na^+ and Cl^- ions have six C.N. (*d*) is also correct. The C.N. of both Zn^{2+} and S^{2-} ions are four.

28. (*d*) : Electronic defects are introduced by doping.

30. (*b*): In ferromagnetic substances ordering of magnetic moments may persist even when magnetic field is removed. Therefore, these can be magnetised permanently.

31. (*d*) : Opposite to the direction of magnetic field.

33. (*b*) : *fcc* (74%) > *bcc* (68%) > Simple cubic (52.4%)

34. (*a*): because cations are dislocated to interstitial sites.

35. (*d*) : In *ccp*, there are four atoms per unit cell and therefore eight tetrahedral voids.

36. (*a*) : In *fcc*; $a=\frac{4r}{\sqrt{2}}$ or $2\sqrt{2}r$; in *bcc* $a=\frac{4r}{\sqrt{3}}$ and in cubic, $a = 2r$.

37. (*a*): The conductivity of metals is much more than that of insulators but the conductivity of semiconductors is less than metals and more than insulators.

NCERT Exemplar Problems : MCQs Type-II

40. (*c, d*) : (*c*) is not true because impurity defect changes the mass but not the volume and therefore, density changes.

(*d*) Frenkel defect neither changes mass nor volume.

42. (*a, b*) : (*c*) is wrong because electrons move towards anode and holes move towards cathode.

(*d*) is also not true.

43. (*b, c*) : (*a*) is false because silicon doped with electron rich impurity is *n*-type semiconductor.

(*d*) is false because conductivity of *n*-type semiconductor increases due to extra electrons and not due to vacancy.

45. (*b, c*) : In NaCl, Cl^- ions have fcc arrangement and number of Cl^- ions per unit cell = 4. Number of tetrahedral voids will be 4 × 2 = 8.

Tetrahedral voids are double the number of octahedral voids.

47. (*a, c*) : Impurities of As and P when doped to silicon give *n*-type semiconductor.

50. (*a, b, c*) : SiC, AlN and diamond are covalent network solids.

53. (*b, d*) : Vacancy defect and Schottky defect decrease the density.

NCERT Exemplar Problems : Assertion Reason Type Questions

59. (*a*) : Simple cubic unit cell has one atom because there are 8 atoms at the corners, each contributing 1/8.

60. (*b*) : Graphite is a good conductor of electricity because of the presence of π electrons.

61. (*c*) : Reason is not correct though assertion is correct.

62. (*b*) : Both assertion and reason statements are correct but reason is not correct explanation for the assertion.

63. (*c*) : Assertion is correct but the reason is not the correct explanation of assertion. This is because intermediate conductivity of semiconductors is due to small energy gap between filled valence band and empty conduction band.

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Unit Practice Test

for Board Examination

Time Allowed : 2 Hrs. Maximum Marks : 35

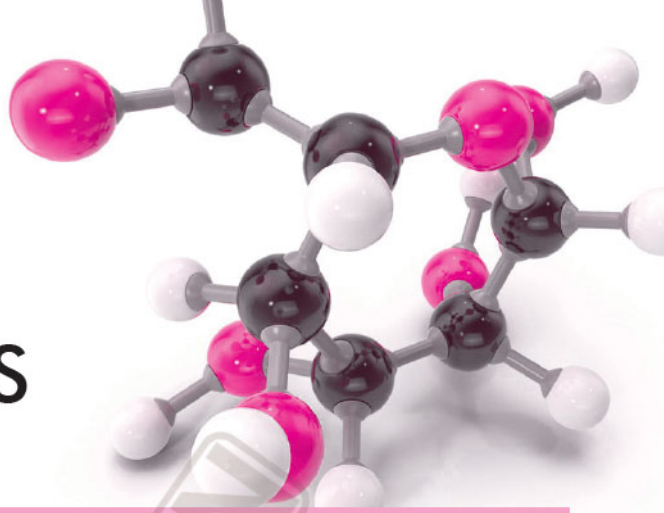
1. What is the maximum coordination number of an atom in a *hcp* crystal structure of an element? (1)
2. Both diamond and rhombic sulphur are covalent solids but the latter has very low melting point than the former. Why? (1)
3. Why is Frenkel defect not found in pure alkali metal halides? (1)
4. A group 14 element is to be converted into *n*-type semiconductor by doping with a suitable impurity. To which group should this impurity belong? (1)
5. How do the structures of quartz and quartz glass differ from each other. (1)
6. Calculate the packing efficiency for body centred cubic arrangement. (2)
7. Analysis of a metal oxide shows its empirical formula $M_{0.96}O_{1.0}$. Calculate the percentage of M^{2+} and M^{3+} ions in the crystal. (2)
8. What are Schottky and Frenkel defects? How does density of a solid get affected by these defects? (2)
9. What is the difference between anti-ferromagnetic and ferromagnetic substances? What is the cause of this difference? (2)
10. Ferric oxide crystallizes in a hexagonal close packed array of oxide ions with two out of every three octahedral voids occupied by ferric ions. Derive the formula of the ferric oxide. (2)
11. An element crystallizes in a body centred cubic structure with a cell edge of 288 pm. The density of the element is 7.2 g cm^{-3}. How many atoms are present in 208 g of the element ? (3)
12. Explain
    (*i*) Some of the very old glass objects appear slightly milky instead of being transparent.
    (*ii*) Zinc oxide exhibits enhanced electrical conductivity on heating.
    (*iii*) $CdCl_2$ will induce Schottky defect if added to silver chloride crystal. (3)
13. Explain the following terms with suitable examples :
    (*i*) Ferrimagnetism
    (*ii*) Intrinsic conduction of solids
    (*iii*) Ferromagnetism. (3)
14. Niobium crystallizes in body centred cubic structure. If its density is 8.55 g cm^{-3}, calculate atomic radius of niobium given its atomic mass 93 u. (3)
15. Chromium metal crystallises in body centred cubic lattice. The length of the unit cell edge is found to be 287 pm. calculate the atomic radius. What would be the density of chromium in g cm^{-3} ? (Atomic mass of Cr = 51.996).(3)
16. (*a*) If the radius of octahedral void is r and the radius of the atoms in the close packing is R, derive a relationship between r and R.
    (*b*) What is a semiconductor ? Describe the two main types of semiconductors and contrast conduction mechanism in them. (5)

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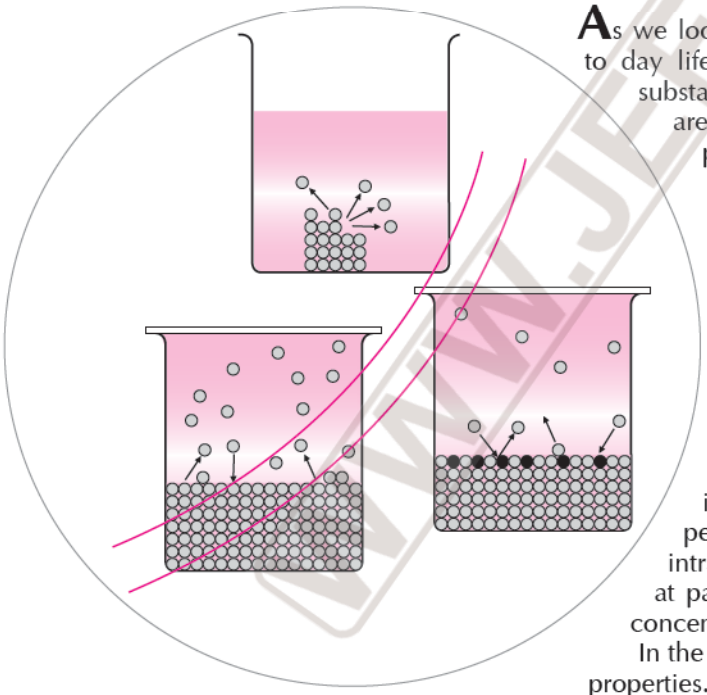
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As we look around, we rarely come across pure substances in our day to day life. Most of these are mixtures containing two or more pure substances. The homogeneous mixtures of two or more substances are called solutions. The air around us is a gaseous mixture of primarily oxygen and nitrogen, our blood is a liquid mixture of different components, the substances like milk, jaggery, sharbat drink etc. which appear to contain only one type of substance are, in fact, mixtures. Alloys such as brass, bronze, stainless steel etc. which we use in our daily life are also mixtures. The homogeneous mixtures of two or more substances are called solutions.

The importance or utility of solutions depends upon their compositions.

Many medicines dissolved in suitable non-aqueous solvents such as alcohol are given to patients. Saline glucose is administered to persons suffering from dehydration, 1 parts per million (*ppm*) of F^- ions in water prevents tooth decay and intravenous injections are always dissolved in water containing salts at particular ionic concentration which match with blood plasma concentrations and so on.

In the present unit we shall consider mostly liquid solutions and their properties.

SOLUTIONS

A solution *is the homogeneous mixture of two or more substances whose composition can be varied within certain limits.*

By homogeneous mixture we mean that its composition and properties are uniform throughout the mixture. The substances making up the solution are called **components** of the solution. Depending upon the total components present in the solution, it is called the ***binary solution*** (two components), ***ternary solution*** (three components), ***quaternary solution*** (four components), etc. For simplicity, we shall consider only binary solutions. The components

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of a binary solution are generally referred to as ***solute*** and the ***solvent.*** In general,

a component which is present in the largest quantity is called **the solvent** while

the component which is present in lesser quantity is termed **the solute.**

In other words, a solute is a substance that dissolves and a solvent is a substance in which dissolution takes place. For example, if a crystal of sugar is dropped into a beaker of water, it dissolves to form a solution. In this case, sugar is solute and water is solvent. The solvent determines the physical state in which solution exists. In a solution, the particles are of molecular size (about 1000 pm) and the different components cannot be separated by any of the physical methods such as filtration, settling, centrifugation, etc.

TYPES OF SOLUTIONS

Depending upon the physical states of the solute and the solvent, the solutions can be classified into the following types.

Table 1. Different types of solutions.

Solute	Solvent	Common Examples
	Gaseous solutions	
Gas	Gas	Mixture of nitrogen and oxygen gases, air
Liquid	Gas	Chloroform mixed with nitrogen gas, water vapour in air (humidity)
Solid	Gas	Camphor in nitrogen gas, dust or smoke particles in air
	Liquid solutions	
Gas	Liquid	Oxygen dissolved in water, CO_2 dissolved in water
Liquid	Liquid	Ethanol or methanol dissolved in water
Solid	Liquid	Sucrose or salt in water
	Solid solutions	
Gas	Solid	Solution of hydrogen in palladium (phenomenon of adsorption of gases over metals)
Liquid	Solid	Mercury with sodium (amalgams)
Solid	Solid	Copper dissolved in gold (alloys)

Out of these nine types of solutions, three solutions, namely *solid in liquid*, *liquid in liquid* and *gas in liquid* are very common. In all these three types of solutions, liquid acts as solvent.

The solutions in which water is the solvent are called ***aqueous solutions*** while those in which the solvent is other than water are called ***non-aqueous solutions***. The common non-aqueous solvents are ether, benzene, carbon tetrachloride, etc.

METHODS FOR EXPRESSING THE CONCENTRATION OF SOLUTIONS : UNITS OF CONCENTRATION

The concentration of a solution may be defined as

the amount of solute present in the given quantity of the solution.

The concentration of solution may be expressed by several ways as discussed below :

1. Mass percentage or volume percentage

The **mass percentage** *of a component in a given solution is* ***the mass of the component per 100 g of the solution.***

$$\text{Mass \% of component} = \frac{\text{Mass of the component in the solution}}{\text{Total mass of the solution}} \times 100$$

For example, if W_A is the mass of component A and W_B is the mass of component B in a solution, then

$$\text{Mass percentage of A} = \frac{W_A}{W_A + W_B} \times 100 \qquad ...(1)$$

This can be expressed as w/w. For example, a 10% (w/w) solution of sodium chloride means that 10 g of sodium chloride is present in 90 g of water so that the total mass of the solution is 100 g or simply 10 g of sodium chloride is present in 100 g of solution.

Volume percentage. In case of a liquid dissolved in another liquid, it is

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convenient to express the concentrations in volume percentage. The **volume percentage** is defined as ***the volume of the component per 100 parts by volume of the solution.*** For example, if V_A and V_B are the volumes of two components A and B respectively in a solution, then

$$\text{Volume percentage of A} = \frac{\text{Volume of A}}{\text{Volume of A + Volume of B}} \times 100$$

This may be expressed as *v/v*. For example, 10% by volume of ethanol solution means that 10 mL of ethanol is dissolved in water such that the total volume of the solution is 100 mL.

Mass by volume percentage (*w/v*). Sometimes, we express the concentrations as weight/volume. It is ***the mass of solute dissolved in 100 mL of the solution.*** For example, a 10% solution of sodium chloride (*w/v*) means that 10 g of sodium chloride are dissolved in 100 mL of solution.

Mass percentage of a component $\Rightarrow$ *w/w*

Volume percentage of a component $\Rightarrow$ *v/v*

Mass by volume percentage of a component $\Rightarrow$ *w/v*

2. Parts per million

When a solute is present in very minute amounts (trace quantities), the concentration is expressed in *parts per million* abbreviated as ***ppm.*** It is ***the parts of a component per million parts of the solution.*** It is expressed as :

$$ppm \text{ A} = \frac{\text{Mass of component A}}{\text{Total mass of solution}} \times 10^6 \quad ...(2)$$

Like percentage, concentration in parts per million can also be expressed as mass to mass, volume to volume or mass to volume. For example, suppose a litre of sea water (which weighs 1030g) contains about 6×10^{-3} *g* of dissolved oxygen (O_2). Its mass percentage is :

$$\text{Mass percentage of } O_2 = \frac{6 \times 10^{-3}}{1030} \times 100 = 5.8 \times 10^{-4}\%$$

Parts per million parts of dissolved O_2 is

$$ppm \text{ of } O_2 = \frac{6\times10^{-3}}{1030} \times 10^6 = 5.8\ ppm$$

Thus, instead of expressing concentration of dissolved O_2 as 5.8×10^{-4} %, it is better to express as 5.8 *ppm*.

Atmospheric pollution in cities due to harmful gases is generally expressed in *ppm* though in this case the values refer to volumes rather than masses. For example, the concentration of SO_2 in Delhi has been found to be as high as 10 *ppm*. This means that 10 cm^3 of SO_2 are present in 10^6 cm^3 (or 10^3 L) of air.

The concentration of atmospheric pollutants in cities is generally expressed in terms of μg/mL.

SOLVED EXAMPLES

❑ **Example 1.**

If 11 g of oxalic acid are dissolved in 500 mL of solution (density = 1.1 g mL^{-1}), what is the mass % of oxalic acid in solution ?

Solution : 11 g of oxalic acid are present in 500 mL of solution.

Density of solution = 1.1 g mL^{-1}

Mass of solution = (500 mL) × (1.1 g mL^{-1})

= 550 g

Mass of oxalic acid = 11 g

$$\text{Mass \% of oxalic acid} = \frac{11}{550} \times 100 = 2\%.$$

3. Molarity of a solution

Molarity of a solution is defined as **the number of moles of the solute dissolved per litre of the solution**. It is represented as 'M'. Mathematically,

$$\text{Molarity} = \frac{\text{Moles of solute}}{\text{Volume of solution in litres}} \quad ...(3)$$

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NOTE

Molarity is most common method for expressing concentration of solutions. Solutions of different molarities are commonly expressed as:

1 M = Molar solution

$\frac{M}{2}$ or 0.5 M = Semimolar solution

$\frac{M}{10}$ or 0.1 M = Decimolar solution

$\frac{M}{100}$ or 0.01 M = Centimolar solution

$\frac{M}{1000}$ or 0.001 M = Millimolar solution

It is convenient to express volume in cm^3 or mL so that

$$\text{Molarity} = \frac{\text{Moles of solute}}{\text{Volume of solution (in mL or } cm^3)} \times 1000 \quad (\because \text{ 1 litre = 1000 mL})$$

Thus, **the units of molarity are moles per litre (mol L^{-1}) or moles per cubic decimetre (mol dm^{-3}).*** The symbol M is used for mol L^{-1} or mol dm^{-3}.

Moles of solute can be calculated as :

$$\text{Moles of solute} = \frac{\text{Mass of solute}}{\text{Molar mass of solute}}$$

For example, 0.25 M (or 0.25 mol L^{-1}) solution of NaOH means that 0.25 mol (or 10g; molar mass of NaOH = 40) has been dissolved in one litre (or one cubic decimetre) of the solution. If w g of the solute is present in V mL (or cm^3) of the solution, then

$$\text{Molarity, M} = \frac{w}{\text{Molar mass of solute} \times \text{V}} \times 1000$$

Molarity is one of the common measures of expressing concentration which is frequently used in the laboratory. However, it has one **disadvantage.** *It changes with temperature because of expansion or contraction of the liquid with temperature.*

SOLVED EXAMPLES

❑ **Example 2.**

2.46 g of sodium hydroxide (molar mass = 40) are dissolved in water and the solution is made to 100 cm^3 in a volumetric flask. Calculate the molarity of the solution.

Solution :

Amount of NaOH = 2.46 g

Volume of solution = 100 cm^3

$$\text{Moles of NaOH} = \frac{\text{Mass of NaOH}}{\text{Molar mass}}$$

$$= \frac{2.46 \text{ g}}{40 \text{ g mol}^{-1}} = 0.0615 \text{ mol}$$

$$\text{Molarity} = \frac{\text{Moles of NaOH}}{\text{Volume of solution}} \times 1000$$

$$= \frac{0.0615 \text{ mol}}{100 \text{ mL}} \times 1000 \text{ mL L}^{-1} = \mathbf{0.615 \text{ mol L}^{-1}}.$$

or $= \mathbf{0.615 \text{ M}}$

KEY NOTE

From the discussion of molarity and molality, it is evident that in molarity we consider the *volume of the solution* while in molality we take the *mass of the solvent.*

$$\text{Molarity} = \frac{\text{Moles of solute}}{\text{Volume of solvent (in L)}}$$

$$\text{Molality} = \frac{\text{Moles of solute}}{\text{Mass of solvent in kg}}$$

Molality is considered better for expressing the concentration as compared to molarity because the molarity changes with temperature because of change in volume of the solution due to expansion or contraction of the liquid with temperature. However, molality does not change with temperature because mass of the solvent does not change with change in temperature.

4. Molality of a solution

Molality of a solution is defined as ***the number of moles of the solute dissolved per 1000 g (or 1 kg) of the solvent.*** It is denoted by *m*. Mathematically,

$$\text{Molality } (m) = \frac{\text{Moles of solute}}{\text{Mass of solvent in kg}} \quad \ldots(4)$$

$$\text{or} \quad = \frac{\text{Moles of solute}}{\text{Mass of solvent in gram}} \times 1000$$

Thus, **the units of molality are moles per kilogram *i.e.*, mol kg^{-1}.** For example, 1.0 m solution of KCl means that 1 mol (74.5 g) of KCl is dissolved in 1 kg or 1000 g of water.

If *w* g of solute are dissolved in W g of solvent, then

$$\text{Molality, } m = \frac{w}{\text{Molar mass of solute} \times \text{W}} \times 1000$$

* In SI units, volume is expressed as dm^3 and 1 litre = 1 dm^3.

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SOLVED EXAMPLES

❑ **Example 3.**

Calculate the molality of a solution containing 20.7 g of potassium carbonate dissolved in 500 mL of solution (assume density of solution = 1 g mL^{-1}) *(A.I.S.B. 2005)*

Solution :

Mass of K_2CO_3 = 20.7 g

Molar mass of K_2CO_3 = 138 g mol^{-1}

$$\text{Moles of } K_2CO_3 = \frac{20.7 \text{ g}}{138 \text{ g mol}^{-1}} = 0.15 \text{ mol}$$

Mass of solution = (500 mL) × (1 g mL^{-1}) = 500 g

Amount of water = 500 − 20.7 = 479.3 g

$$\text{Molality} = \frac{\text{Moles of solute}}{\text{Mass of solvent in gram}} \times 1000$$

$$= \frac{0.15 \text{ mol}}{479.3 \text{ g}} \times 1000 \text{ g kg}^{-1}$$

= 0.313 mol kg^{-1} or = 0.313 m

❑ **Example 4.**

2.5 g of ethanoic acid (CH_3COOH) is dissolved in 75 g of benzene. Calculate the molality of the solution. ***N.C.E.R.T.*** *(Hr.S.B. 2012, Assam S.B. 2012)*

Solution : Molar mass of CH_3COOH = 2 × 12 + 4 × 1 + 2 × 16 = 60 g mol^{-1}

$$\text{Moles of } CH_3COOH = \frac{2.5 \text{ g}}{60 \text{ g mol}^{-1}} = 0.0417 \text{ mol}$$

Mass of benzene = 75 g

$$\text{Molality of } CH_3COOH = \frac{\text{Moles of } CH_3COOH}{\text{Mass of benzene (in g)}} \times 1000$$

$$= \frac{0.0417 \text{ mol}}{75} \times 1000$$

= 0.556 m

5. Mole fraction

Mole fraction is the ratio of number of moles of one component to the total number of moles (solute and solvent) present in the solution.

$$\text{Mole fraction of a component} = \frac{\text{Number of moles of the component}}{\text{Total number of moles of all components}}$$

It is denoted by x and a subscript used on the right hand side of x denotes the component. Let us suppose that a solution contains n_A moles of solute and n_B moles of the solvent. Then,

$$\text{Mole fraction of solute } (x_A) = \frac{n_A}{n_A + n_B} \quad ...(5)$$

$$\text{Mole fraction of solvent } (x_B) = \frac{n_B}{n_A + n_B} \quad ...(6)$$

The sum of mole fractions of all the components in a solution is always equal to one as shown below :

$$x_A + x_B = \frac{n_A}{n_A + n_B} + \frac{n_B}{n_A + n_B} = 1$$

Thus, if the mole fraction of one component of a binary solution is

KEY NOTE

Like mole fraction, the term **mass fraction** is also used. It is *the mass of a given component per unit mass of the solution*. If W_A and W_B are the masses of two components of the solution, then mass fraction of A,

$$x_A = \frac{W_A}{W_A + W_B}$$

and mass fraction of B,

$$x_B = \frac{W_B}{W_A + W_B}$$

Evidently, $x_A + x_B = 1$

Mass fraction multiplied by 100 gives **mass percentage** *i.e.* mass percentage of A = $x_A \times 100$

Like mass fraction, **volume fraction** may also be defined. If v_A and v_B are the volumes of two components A and B,

volume fraction of A = $\frac{v_A}{v_A + v_B}$ and

volume fraction of B = $\frac{v_B}{v_A + v_B}$.

Volume fraction multiplied by 100 gives **volume percentage**.

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known, then that of the other can be calculated. For example, the mole fraction x_A is related to x_B as :

$$x_A = 1 - x_B \qquad \text{or} \qquad x_B = 1 - x_A$$

It may be noted that the **mole fraction is independent of temperature and is unitless.**

If a solution contains '*i*' number of components, we have

$$x_1 = \frac{n_1}{n_1 + n_{2.....} n_i} = \frac{n_1}{\sum n_i}$$

$$x_2 = \frac{n_2}{n_1 + n_{2.....} n_i} = \frac{n_2}{\sum n_i}, \text{ etc.}$$

In general, for a solution containing '*i*' number of components;

$$x_i = \frac{n_i}{\sum n_i}$$

and $x_1 + x_2 + ... + x_i = 1$

Relationship between Normality and Molarity of Solutions

The normality and molarity of a solution are related as :

Normality = Molarity $\times \frac{\text{Molar mass}}{\text{Equivalent mass}}$

- **For acids,**

Normality = Molarity × Basicity

where basicity is the number of H' ions that a molecule of an acid can give in solution. For example,

Normality of H_2SO_4 = 2 × Molarity of H_2SO_4

Normality of H_3PO_4 = 3 × Molarity of H_3PO_4.

- **For bases,**

Normality = Molarity × Acidity

where acidity is the number of OH^- ions that a molecule of base can give in solution. For example,

Normality of KOH = 1 × Molarity of KOH

Normality of $Ba(OH)_2$ = 2 × Molarity of $Ba(OH)_2$

- **For salts**

Normality = Molarity × Total positive valency of metal atoms because

Equivalent mass of salt = $\frac{\text{Mol. mass of salt}}{\text{Total positive valency of metal atoms}}$

- **For oxidising and reducing agents**

Normality = Molarity × No. of electrons lost or gained by one molecule of the substance because

Equivalent mass of an oxidising or reducing agent = $\frac{\text{Mol. mass}}{\text{No. of electrons lost or gained by one molecule of the substance}}$

- It may be noted that these days the terms normality or equivalent weight are not commonly used.

SOLVED EXAMPLES

Example 5. *Calculate the mole fraction of ethylene glycol ($C_2H_6O_2$) in a solution containing 20% of $C_2H_6O_2$ by mass.*

(H.P.S.B. 2014, Meghalaya S.B. 2017) **N.C.E.R.T.**

Solution : 20% ethylene glycol solution means that 20 g of ethylene glycol is present in 100 g of solution or 20 g of ethylene glycol is present in 80 g of water.

Molar mass of $C_2H_6O_2$ = 2 × 12 + 6 × 1 + 2 × 16 = 62 g mol^{-1}

$$\text{Moles of } C_2H_6O_2 = \frac{20 \text{ g}}{62 \text{ g mol}^{-1}} = 0.322 \text{ mol}$$

$$\text{Moles of water} = \frac{80 \text{ g}}{18 \text{ g mol}^{-1}} = 4.444 \text{ mol}$$

$$x_{\text{glycol}} = \frac{\text{Moles of } C_2H_6O_2}{\text{Moles of } C_2H_6O_2 + \text{Moles of } H_2O}$$

$$= \frac{0.322}{0.322 + 4.444} = 0.068$$

$$x_{\text{water}} = \frac{4.444}{0.322 + 4.444} = \mathbf{0.932}$$

or $x_{\text{water}} = 1 - 0.068 = \mathbf{0.932}$

6. Normality

Normality of a solution is ***the number of gram equivalents of the solute dissolved per litre of the solution.*** It is denoted by N.

$$\text{Normality (N)} = \frac{\text{Number of gram equivalents of solute}}{\text{Volume of solution in litres}} \qquad ...(7)$$

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or $$\text{Normality} = \frac{\text{Number of gram equivalents of solute}}{\text{Volume of solution in mL}} \times 1000$$

Thus, **the units of normality are gm equivalent per litre *i.e.*, g equiv L^{-1}.**

Gram equivalents of solute can be calculated as :

$$\text{Gram equivalents of solute} = \frac{\text{Mass of solute}}{\text{Equivalent mass}}$$

Like molarity, **normality of a solution also changes with temperature.**

SOLVED EXAMPLES

Example 6.

Calculate the normality of solution containing 31.5 g of hydrated oxalic acid ($H_2C_2O_4.2H_2O$) in 1250 mL of solution.

Solution : Mass of oxalic acid = 31.5 g

$$\text{Equivalents of oxalic acid} = \frac{31.5}{63} = 0.5 \qquad \text{(Eq. wt. } 126/2 = 63\text{)}$$

Volume of solution = 1250 mL

$$\text{Normality} = \frac{0.5}{1250} \times 1000 = \mathbf{0.4\ N.}$$

Let us sum up different concentration units.

SUM UP

Measure	Unit	Definition
Molarity	mol L^{-1} or M	moles of solute per litre of solution
Molality	mol kg^{-1} or m	moles of solute per kilogram of solvent
Mole fraction (x)	–	number of moles of a component expressed as a fraction of total number of moles
Mass percentage	%	mass of a component expressed as a percentage of total mass
Volume percentage	%	volume of a component expressed as a percentage of the total volume
Parts per million by mass	ppm (by mass)	mass in grams per million grams of the sample
Parts per million by volume	ppm (by volume)	volume in mL per 10^6 mL or 10^3 L of the sample

Sometimes, the concentrations of ionic substances are expressed as formality.

7. Formality

It is the number of formula mass of the solute dissolved per litre of the solution. It is represented by F.

$$\text{Formality} = \frac{\text{Number of formula masses of solute}}{\text{Volume of the solution in litre}} \qquad \text{...(8)}$$

The term formality is used to express the concentrations of ionic substances. The ionic compounds such as NaCl, KNO_3, $CuSO_4$, etc. do not exist as discrete molecules. In such cases, we do not use the term mole for expressing the concentration. The sum of the atomic masses of various atoms constituting the formula of the ionic compounds is called **gram formula mass** instead of molar mass.

WATCH OUT !

- Molarity of a solution changes with temperature due to accompanied changes in volume of the solution.
- Molality and mole fraction do not change with temperature.

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Competition Plus

- Relation between molarity and molality,
$$\frac{1}{m} = \frac{\rho}{M} - \frac{M_2}{1000}$$
- Relation between molarity and mole fraction,
$$M = \frac{x_2 \times 1000 \times \rho}{x_1 M_1 + x_2 M_2}$$
- Relation between molality and mole fraction,
$$m = \frac{1000 x_2}{x_1 M_1}$$

For details, refer **Competition File** (Page 98).

Solving Numerical Problems

FORMULAE AND UNITS

$$\textbf{Molarity (M)} = \frac{\text{Moles of solute}}{\text{Vol. of solution (in mL)}} \times 1000$$

$$\textbf{Molality } (m) = \frac{\text{Moles of solute}}{\text{Mass of solvent (in g)}} \times 1000$$

$$\textbf{Normality (N)} = \frac{\text{Gram equiv. of solute}}{\text{Vol. of solution (in mL)}} \times 1000$$

$$\textbf{Normality} = \text{Molarity} \times \frac{\text{Mol. mass}}{\text{Eq. mass}}$$

$$\textbf{Mole fraction of solute } (x_B) = \frac{\text{Moles of solute}}{\text{Moles of solute + Moles of solvent}}$$

Mole fraction of solute + Mole fraction of solvent = 1

or Mole fraction of solvent = 1 – Mole fraction of solute.

SOLVED EXAMPLES

Example 7.

2.82 g of glucose (molar mass = 180) are dissolved in 30 g of water. Calculate (a) the molality (b) mole fraction of glucose and water.

Solution : (*a*) **Calculation of molality of solution.**

Mass of glucose = 2.82 g

$$\text{Moles of glucose} = \frac{2.82}{180} \text{ (Molar mass = 180)}$$

Mass of water = 30 g

$$\text{Molality} = \frac{\text{Moles of glucose}}{\text{Mass of water}} \times 1000$$

$$= \frac{2.82 \times 1000}{180 \times 30} = \mathbf{0.522\ m}$$

(*b*) **Calculation of mole fraction**

$$\text{Moles of glucose} = \frac{2.82}{180} = 0.0157$$

$$\text{Moles of water} = \frac{30}{18} = 1.67$$

$$\text{Mole fraction of glucose} = \frac{0.0157}{0.0157 + 1.67} = \mathbf{0.009}$$

$$\text{Mole fraction of water} = \frac{1.67}{0.0157 + 1.67} = \mathbf{0.991}$$

Example 8.

Calculate the molarity of pure water (density of water = 1 g mL^{-1})

Solution: Density of water = 1 g mL^{-1}

Mass of 1000 mL of water = Volume × Density

= 1000 × 1 = 1000 g

$$\text{Moles of water} = \frac{1000}{18} = 55.55 \text{ mol}$$

Now, 55.55 moles of H_2O are present in 1000 ml or 1L of water

∴ Molarity = **55.55 M.**

Example 9.

A solution is 25% water, 25% ethanol and 50% acetic acid by mass. Calculate the mole fraction of each component. *(H.P.S.B. 2011, 2015, 2018)*

Solution : Let the total mass of solution = 100 g

Mass of water = 25 g

Mass of ethanol = 25 g

Mass of acetic acid = 50 g

$$\text{Moles of water} = \frac{25}{18} = 1.388$$

(∵ Molar mass of H_2O = 18)

$$\text{Moles of ethanol} = \frac{25}{46} = 0.543$$

(∵ Molar mass of C_2H_5OH = 46)

$$\text{Moles of acetic acid} = \frac{50}{60} = 0.833$$

(∵ Molar mass of CH_3COOH = 60)

Total number of moles = 1.388 + 0.543 + 0.833

= 2.764

$$\text{Mole fraction of water} = \frac{1.388}{2.764} = \mathbf{0.502}$$

$$\text{Mole fraction of ethanol} = \frac{0.543}{2.764} = \mathbf{0.196}$$

$$\text{Mole fraction of acetic acid} = \frac{0.833}{2.764} = \mathbf{0.302}$$

Example 10.

Calculate the moles of methanol in 5 litres of its 2 m solution, if the density of the solution is 0.981 kg L^{-1} (Molar mass of methanol = 32.0 g mol^{-1}).

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Solution : Mass of 5L solution = 5L × 0.981 kg L^{-1}
= 4.905 kg = 4905 g
Mass of 2 m solution = 1000 g + 2 moles of methanol
= 1000 + 2 × 32
= 1000 + 64 = 1064 g
Now 1064 g of solution contains methanol = 2 mol

$$4905 \text{ g of solution contains methanol} = \frac{2}{1064} \times 4905$$

$$= \mathbf{9.22\ mol.}$$

❑ Example 11.

Calculate the mass percentage of aspirin ($C_9H_8O_4$) in acetonitrile (CH_3CN) when 6.5 g of $C_9H_8O_4$ is dissolved in 450 g of CH_3CN. ***N.C.E.R.T.***

Solution : Mass of aspirin ($C_9H_8O_4$) = 6.5 g
Mass of acetonitrile (CH_3CN) = 450 g
Total mass of solution = 450 + 6.5
= 456.5 g

$$\text{Mass \% aspirin} = \frac{6.5}{456.5} \times 100$$

$$= \mathbf{1.424\ \%}$$

❑ Example 12.

A solution of glucose (molar mass = 180 g mol^{-1}) in water is labelled as 10% by mass. What would be the molality and molarity of the solution ? (Density of solution = 1.2 g mL^{-1}) *(A.I.S.B. 2014)*

Solution : 10% (by mass) solution of glucose means that 10 g of glucose is present in 100 g of solution or in 90 g of water.

(*i*) **Calculation of molality**

Mass of glucose = 10 g

$$\text{Moles of glucose} = \frac{10}{180} = 0.0556$$

(Molar mass of glucose = 180)
Mass of water = 90 g

$$\therefore \quad \text{Molality} = \frac{\text{Moles of glucose}}{\text{Mass of water}} \times 1000$$

$$= \frac{0.0556}{90} \times 1000 = \mathbf{0.618\ m.}$$

(*ii*) **Calculation of molarity**

Moles of glucose = 0.0556

$$\text{Volume of solution} = \frac{\text{Mass}}{\text{Density}}$$

$$= \frac{100}{1.20} = 83.3 \text{ mL}$$

$$\text{Molarity} = \frac{\text{Moles of glucose}}{\text{Vol. of solution}} \times 1000$$

$$= \frac{0.0556}{83.3} \times 1000 = \mathbf{0.667\ M.}$$

❑ Example 13.

A commercially available sample of sulphuric acid is 15% H_2SO_4 by weight (density = 1.10 g mL^{-1}). Calculate (i) molarity (ii) normality and (iii) molality of the solution. *(Pb.S.B. 2007, 2015)*

Solution : 15% H_2SO_4 solution means that 15 g of H_2SO_4 are present in 100 g of solution in water.

(*i*) **Calculation of molarity of solution**

Weight of H_2SO_4 per 100 g of solution = 15 g

$$\text{Gram moles of } H_2SO_4 = \frac{15}{98} \text{ mol}$$

$$\text{Volume of solution} = \frac{\text{Mass}}{\text{Density}} = \frac{100 \text{ g}}{1.10} = 90.9 \text{ mL}$$

$$\therefore \quad \text{Molarity of } H_2SO_4 = \frac{\text{Moles of } H_2SO_4}{\text{Volume of solution (mL)}} \times 1000$$

$$= \frac{15 \times 1000}{98 \times 90.9} = \mathbf{1.68\ M.}$$

(*ii*) **Calculation of normality**

$$\text{Equivalent mass of } H_2SO_4 = \frac{\text{Molar mass}}{2} = \frac{98}{2} = 49$$

$$\text{Gram equivalents of } H_2SO_4 = \frac{\text{Mass of } H_2SO_4}{\text{Equivalent mass}} = \frac{15}{49}$$

$$\text{Normality} = \frac{\text{Gram equivalent of } H_2SO_4}{\text{Volume of solution (mL)}} \times 1000$$

$$= \frac{15 \times 1000}{49 \times 90.9} = \mathbf{3.36\ N.}$$

(*iii*) **Calculation of molality**

Weight of water in solution = 100 − 15 = 85 g

$$\text{Moles of } H_2SO_4 = \frac{15}{98}$$

$$\text{Molality} = \frac{\text{Moles of } H_2SO_4}{\text{Wt. of solvent in gram}} \times 1000$$

$$= \frac{15 \times 1000}{98 \times 85} = \mathbf{1.8\ m.}$$

❑ Example 14.

A sugar syrup of weight 214.2 g contains 34.2 g of sugar ($C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}$). Calculate :

(i) molal concentration, and

(ii) mole fraction of sugar in the syrup.

(H.P.S.B. 2011, Pb. S.B. 2011)

Solution : (*i*) Weight of sugar syrup = 214.2 g
Weight of sugar in syrup = 34.2 g
Weight of water in syrup = 214.2 − 34.2 = 180.0 g

$$\text{Moles of sugar} = \frac{34.2}{342} = 0.1 \text{ (Molar mass = 342)}$$

$$\text{Molality} = \frac{0.1}{180} \times 1000 = \mathbf{0.56\ m.}$$

(*ii*) $$\text{Moles of sugar} = \frac{34.2}{342} = 0.1$$

$$\text{Moles of water} = \frac{180}{18} = 10$$

$$\text{Mole fraction of sugar} = \frac{0.1}{10 + 0.1} = \mathbf{0.0099.}$$

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❑ **Example 15.**

An antifreeze solution is prepared from 222.6 g of ethylene glycol, $C_2H_4(OH)_2$ and 200 g of water. Calculate the molality of the solution. If the density of this solution be 1.072 g mL^{-1}, what will be the molarity of the solution ? **N.C.E.R.T.** *(D.S.B. 2007)*

Solution : (*i*) **Calculation of molality**

Mass of ethylene glycol = 222.6 g

Molar mass of ethylene glycol = 2 × At. mass of C + 6 × At. mass of H + 2 × At. mass of O

$= 2 \times 12 + 6 \times 1 + 2 \times 16 = 62$

$$\text{Moles of ethylene glycol} = \frac{222.6}{62} = 3.59 \text{ mol}$$

Mass of water = 200 g

$$\text{Molality} = \frac{\text{Moles of ethylene glycol}}{\text{Mass of water}} \times 1000$$

$$= \frac{3.59}{200} \times 1000 = \mathbf{17.95\ m.}$$

(*ii*) **Calculation of molarity**

Moles of ethylene glycol = 3.59 mol

Mass of solution = 200 + 222.6 = 422.6 g

$$\text{Volume of solution} = \frac{\text{Mass}}{\text{Density}}$$

$$= \frac{422.6}{1.072} = 394.22 \text{ mL}$$

$$\text{Molarity} = \frac{\text{Moles of ethylene glycol}}{\text{Vol. of solution}} \times 1000$$

$$= \frac{3.59}{394.22} \times 1000 = \mathbf{9.11\ M.}$$

❑ **Example 16.**

What is the mole fraction of the solute in 2.5 m aqueous solution?

Solution : 2.5 m aqueous solution means that 2.5 moles of solute are present in 1000 g of water. Thus,

Moles of solute = 2.5

$$\text{Moles of water} = \frac{1000}{18} = 55.6$$

$$\text{Mole fraction of solute} = \frac{2.5}{2.5 + 55.6} = \mathbf{0.043.}$$

❑ **Example 17.**

Calculate the volume of 80% H_2SO_4 by weight (density = 1.80 g mL^{-1}) required to prepare 1L of 0.2 M H_2SO_4.

Solution : 80% H_2SO_4 solution means that 80 g of H_2SO_4 are present in 100 g of solution in water.

$$\text{Moles of } H_2SO_4 \text{ present} = \frac{80}{98} \text{ mol}$$

$$\text{Volume of solution} = \frac{\text{Mass}}{\text{Density}} = \frac{100 \text{ g}}{1.8 \text{ g mL}^{-1}}$$

$$= 55.5 \text{ mL}$$

$$\text{Molarity of solution} = \frac{80 \times 1000}{98 \times 55.5} = 14.7 \text{ M}$$

To calculate the volume of 14.7M H_2SO_4 required to prepare, 1 L of 0.2 M H_2SO_4, we can apply molarity equation*:

$$M_1V_1 = M_2V_2$$

$$14.7 \times V_1 = 0.2 \times 1000$$

$$\therefore \quad V_1 = \frac{0.2 \times 1000}{14.7} = 13.60 \text{ mL}$$

Volume of 14.7 M H_2SO_4 required = **13.60 mL.**

❑ **Example 18.**

The mole fraction of benzene in a solution with toluene is 0.50. Calculate the mass percent of benzene in the solution.

Solution : Let mass percentage of benzene in solution is x. This means 100 g of solution contains x g benzene and $(100 - x)$ g of toluene.

Mass of benzene = x g

Moles of benzene = $\frac{x}{78}$ (Mol. mass of C_6H_6 = 78)

Mass of toluene = $(100 - x)$ g

Moles of toluene = $\frac{100 - x}{92}$

(Mol. mass of $C_6H_5CH_3$ = 92)

Now mole fraction of benzene = 0.5

$$\frac{\text{Moles of benzene}}{\text{Moles of benzene + Moles of toluene}} = 0.5$$

$$\frac{\frac{x}{78}}{\frac{x}{78} + \frac{100 - x}{92}} = 0.5$$

$$\frac{x}{78} \times \left[\frac{78 \times 92}{92x + 78(100 - x)}\right] = 0.5$$

$$92x = 46x + 3900 - 39x$$

$$85x = 3900$$

$$x = 45.9$$

$\therefore$ Mass percent of benzene = **45.9 wt%.**

❑ **Example 19.**

A sample of drinking water was found to be severely contaminated with chloroform ($CHCl_3$), supposed to be carcinogen. The level of contamination was 15 ppm (by mass).

(*i*) *Express this in percent by mass.*

(*ii*) *Determine the molality of chloroform in the water sample.* **N.C.E.R.T.**

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Solution : 15 ppm (by mass) means 15 g of $CHCl_3$ is present in 10^6 g of solution.

(*i*) **Percent by mass** $= \frac{\text{Mass of chloroform}}{\text{Total mass}} \times 100$

$= \frac{15}{10^6} \times 100 = 1.5 \times 10^{-3}\%$

(*ii*) **Calculation of molality**

Mass of $CHCl_3$ = 15 g

Moles of $CHCl_3$ $= \frac{15}{119.5}$

(Molar mass of $CHCl_3$ = 119.5)

$= 0.1255$ mol

Mass of water $= 10^6 - 15 \approx 10^6$

Molality $= \frac{\text{Moles of } CHCl_3}{\text{Mass of water}} \times 1000$

$= \frac{0.1255}{10^6} \times 1000$

$=$ **1.255×10^{-4} m**.

Note. If we use mass of water as $10^6 - 15 = 9999085$ g, even then molality comes out to be **1.255×10^{-4} m**.

❑ **Example 20.**

The mole fraction of water in a sulphuric acid solution is 0.85. Calculate the molality of the solution.

Solution : Mole fraction of water in solution = 0.85.

Mole fraction of H_2SO_4 in solution = 1 – 0.85 = 0.15.

If n_1 is the number of moles of water and n_2 is the number of moles H_2SO_4 in the solution, then

Mole fraction of $H_2SO_4 = \frac{n_2}{n_1 + n_2} = 0.15$

Molality of H_2SO_4 solution means the number of moles of H_2SO_4 present in 1000 g of H_2O. Thus, we have,

$w_1 = 1000$ g or $n_1 = \frac{1000}{18} = 55.55$, $n_2 = ?$

$\frac{n_2}{55.55 + n_2} = 0.15$

$n_2 = 0.15\ n_2 + 8.3325$ or $n_2 = 9.8$

$\therefore$ Molality = **9.8 m.**

Alternatively,

If n_1 and n_2 are the number of moles of water and H_2SO_4 respectively, then

$x_{water} = \frac{n_1}{n_1 + n_2} = 0.85$ ...(*i*)

Learning Plus

To calculate the volume of a given molarity of a solution, required to prepare solution of other molarity, we use **molarity equation:**

$$M_1V_1 = M_2V_2$$

where M_1 is the molarity of the given solution, M_2 is the molarity of the required solution, V_1 is the volume of given solution and V_2 is the volume of the required solution.

Molarity equation is commonly used :

- **to calculate the molarity of a solution after mixing two or more solutions.**

❑ If V_1 mL of a solution of molarity M_1 is mixed with V_2 mL of solution of molarity M_2, then the molarity of the final solution, M_3 is

$$M_1V_1 + M_2V_2 = M_3(V_1 + V_2)$$

or $$M_3 = \frac{M_1V_1 + M_2V_2}{V_1 + V_2}$$

- **to calculate the volume of the solution of given molarity required to dilute to get solution of known molarity.**

❑ To dilute V_1 mL of a solution of molarity M_1 to molarity M_2 so that the final volume is V_2, volume of water to be added *i.e.*, $V_2 - V_1$ will be

$$V_2 - V_1 = \left(\frac{M_1 - M_2}{M_2}\right)V_1$$

This can be easily calculated as

M_1V_1 (undiluted solution) $= M_2V_2$ (diluted solution)

V_2 (of diluted solution) $= \frac{M_1V_1}{M_2}$

$\therefore$ Vol. of water to be added, $V_2 - V_1 = \frac{M_1V_1}{M_2} - V_1 = \left(\frac{M_1 - M_2}{M_2}\right)V_1$

- **to calculate the volume of reactants for reactions between two reactants.**

$$\left(\frac{M_1V_1}{n_1}\right) = \left(\frac{M_2V_2}{n_2}\right)$$

where n_1 and n_2 are their stoichiometric coefficients in the balanced chemical equation.

Like molarity equation, we have normality equation $N_1V_1 = N_2V_2$ (where N_1 and N_2 are the normalities of two solutions). This can be used for dilution or reactions between two reactants.

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$$x_{H_2SO_4} = \frac{n_2}{n_1 + n_2} = 0.85 = 1 - 0.85 = 0.15 \quad ...(ii)$$

Dividing eq. (*ii*) by eq. (*i*)

$$\frac{n_2}{n_1} = \frac{0.15}{0.85}$$

Now, $n_1 = \frac{1000}{18} = 55.55$

$\therefore \quad n_2 = \frac{0.15}{0.85} \times 55.55 = 9.8$ moles

Hence, molality of solution = **9.8 m.**

❑ **Example 21.**

How many mL of a 0.1M HCl are required to react completely with 1 g mixture of Na_2CO_3 and $NaHCO_3$ containing equimolar amounts of two? **N.C.E.R.T.**

Solution : Let the amount of Na_2CO_3 be x in the mixture.

Amount of $NaHCO_3 = 1 - x$

Moles of $Na_2CO_3 = \frac{x}{106}$

(Molar mass of $Na_2CO_3 = 106$)

Moles of $NaHCO_3 = \frac{1-x}{84}$

(Molar mass of $NaHCO_3 = 84$)

Since number of moles of both are equal

$$\frac{x}{106} = \frac{1-x}{84}$$

$$84\,x = 106 - 106\,x$$

$$190\,x = 106 \quad \therefore x = 0.558$$

$\therefore$ Moles of $Na_2CO_3 = \frac{0.558}{106} = 0.00526$

Moles of $NaHCO_3 = \frac{1-0.558}{84}$

$= 0.00526$ (Moles are equal)

Now, HCl reacts with Na_2CO_3 as :

$$Na_2CO_3 + 2HCl \longrightarrow 2NaCl + H_2O + CO_2$$

$$NaHCO_3 + HCl \longrightarrow NaCl + H_2O + CO_2$$

According to the reactions, 1 mol of $NaCO_3$ will react with 2 mol of HCl and therefore, 0.00526 mol of Na_2CO_3 will react with 2 × 0.00526 mol of HCl. Similarly,
1 mol of $NaHCO_3$ will react with 1 mol of HCl and therefore, 0.00526 mol of $NaHCO_3$ will react with 0.00526 mol of HCl.
Total mols of HCl required to react with mixture of $NaHCO_3$ and Na_2CO_3

$= 2 \times 0.00526 + 0.00526$
$= 0.01578$ mol

To calculate volume of 0.1 M HCl corresponding to 0.01578 mol, we have
0.1 mol of 0.1 M HCl is present in 1000 mL

0.01578 mol of 0.1 M HCl is present in $\frac{1000}{0.1} \times 0.01578$

$= \mathbf{157.8\ mL}$

❑ **Example 22.**

A 6.90 M solution of KOH in water contains 30% by mass of KOH. Calculate the density of the KOH solution. (Molar mass of KOH = 56 g mol^{-1}). *(A.I.S.B. 2006)*

Solution : 6.90 M solution of KOH contains 6.90 moles of KOH in 1000 mL of solution.

Wt. of KOH in solution = 6.90 × 56 = 386.4 g
Wt of KOH in 1000 mL solution = 386.4 g

Since the solution is 30% by weight, it means that 30 g of KOH are present in 100 g of solution.

$\therefore$ 386.4 g of KOH is present in $= \frac{100}{30} \times 386.4$

$= 1288$ g of solution

$$\text{Density} = \frac{\text{Weight}}{\text{Volume}}$$

$$= \frac{1288}{1000} = \mathbf{1.288\ g\ mL^{-1}}$$

Practice Problems

1. Calculate the percentage composition in terms of mass of a solution obtained by mixing 300 g of a 25% and 400 g of a 40% solution by mass.
2. 18 g of glucose (molar mass 180 g mol^{-1}) is present in 500 cm^3 of of its aqueous solution. What is the molarity of the solution? What additional data is required if the molality of the solution is also required to be calculated ?
3. A solution of glucose ($C_6H_{12}O_6$) in water is labelled as 10% by weight. What would be the molality of the solution? *(A.I.S.B. 2013)*
4. What volume of 10% (*w/v*) solution of Na_2CO_3 will be required to neutralise 100 mL of HCl solution containing 3.65 g of HCl? *(Assam S.B. 2012)*
5. What volume of 95 mass % sulphuric acid (density = 1.85 g/cm^3) and what mass of water must be taken to prepare 100 cm^3 of 15 mass % solution sulphuric acid (density = 1.10 g cm^3) ?
6. Calculate the mole fraction of ethanol and water in a sample of rectified spirit which contains 95% ethanol by mass.

(H.P.S.B. 2009, Pb. S.B. 2011, Meghalaya S.B. 2013)

Answers to Practice Problems

1. 33.57%, 66.43%
2. 0.2 M, density of the solution is needed to calculate molality of the solution.
3. 0.618 m
4. 53.19 mL
5. 9.4 cm^3, 92.6 g.
6. Ethanol = 0.88, water = 0.12

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7. Calculate the mole fraction of water in a mixture of 12 g water, 108 g acetic acid and 92 g ethanol.

8. One litre solution of N/2 HCl is heated in a beaker. It was observed that when the volume of the solution is reduced to 600 mL, 3.25 g of HCl is lost. Calculate the normality of the new solution.

9. Concentrated sulphuric acid has a density 1.9 g/mL and is 99% H_2SO_4 by weight calculate molarity of sulphuric acid in the acid. *(Pb. S.B. 2015)*

10. Calculate the molality and mole fraction of the solute in aqueous solution containing 3 g of urea per 250 g of water.

11. The molality of a solution of ethyl alcohol (C_2H_5OH) in water is 1.55 m. How many grams of ethyl alcohol are dissolved in 2 kg of water ?

12. Commercially available concentrated hydrochloric acid contains 38% HCl by mass and has density 1.19 g cm^{-3}. Calculate the molarity of this solution. *(Pb.S.B. 2005, 2007, 2015)*

13. Calculate the formality of sodium thiosulphate ($Na_2S_2O_3.\ 5H_2O$) solution, 1.24 g of which are dissolved in 100 cm^3 of the solution.

14. 4.0 g of NaOH are contained in one decilitre of a solution. Calculate (*i*) mole fraction of NaOH (*ii*) molarity of NaOH (*iii*) molality of solution. (density of solution = 1.038 g mL^{-1}). *(Pb. S.B. 2010)*

15. Calculate the molarity and molality of a solution prepared by mixing equal volumes of 30% by weight of H_2SO_4 (density = 1.218 g/mL) and 70% by weight of H_2SO_4 of solution (density = 1.610 g/mL). *(Pb. S.B. 2010)*

16. The concentration of solution of sulphuric acid is 18 M and has density 1.84 g cm^{-3}. What is the mole fraction and weight percentage of H_2SO_4 in the solution?

17. Calculate the number of molecules of oxalic acid ($H_2C_2O_4.\ 2H_2O$) in 100 mL of 0.2 N oxalic acid solution.

18. In a solution of benzene in chloroform ($CHCl_3$), the mole fraction of benzene is 0.45. Calculate its percentage by weight in the mixture.

19. 8.0575×10^{-2} kg of Glauber's salt is dissolved in water to obtain 1 dm^3 of solution of density 1077.2 kg m^{-3}. Calculate
(*i*) the molarity (*ii*) the molality and (*iii*) mole fraction of Na_2SO_4 in the solution
(Atomic masses : Na = 23.00, S = 32.10, O = 16.00, H = 1.01)

20. Calculate the molarity of a solution of $CaCl_2$ if on chemical analysis it is found that 500 mL of $CaCl_2$ solution contain 1.505×10^{23} Cl^- ions.

21. 100 mL of a solution containing 5 g of NaOH are mixed with 200 mL of $\frac{M}{5}$ NaOH solution. Calculate the molarity of the resulting solution.

22. The density of a 2.05 M acetic acid in water is 1.02 g cm^{-3}. Calculate the molality of the solution. *(Pb. S.B. 2005)*

23. Concentrated HNO_3 used in the laboratory is usually 69% by mass of HNO_3. Calculate the volume of the solution which contains 23 g of HNO_3. The density of concentrated HNO_3 is 1.41 g cm^{-3}.

24. Battery acid is 4.27 M H_2SO_4 (*aq*) and has density of 1.25 g mL^{-1}. What is the molality of H_2SO_4 in the solution ? *(Pb. S.B. 2005)*

25. Hundred gram of $Al(NO_3)_3$ [molar mass 213 g mol^{-1}] is dissolved in 1L of water at 20°C. The density of water at this temperature is 0.9982 g cm^{-3} and the density of resulting solution is 0.9990 g cm^{-3}. Calculate the molarity and molality of this solution.

Answers to Practice Problems

7. 0.15
8. 0.685 N
9. 19.19 M
10. Molality = 0.2 m
Mole fraction = 0.0036
11. 142.6 g
12. 12.4 M
13. 0.05 F
14. (*i*) 0.018 (*ii*) 1M (*iii*) 1.002 m.
15. 7.6 M, 11.4 m
16. 0.81, 95.87%
17. 6.02×10^{21} molecules.
18. 34.8%
19. (*i*) 0.25 M (*ii*) 0.24 m (*iii*) 0.0043
20. 0.25 M
21. 0.55 M
22. 2.29 m
23. 23.6 cm^3
24. 5.135 m
25. 0.427 M, 0.470 m

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Advanced Level PROBLEMS

Accelerate Your Potential (for JEE Advance)

Problem 1. **How many mL of sulphuric acid of density 1.84 g mL^{-1} containing 95.6 mass % of H_2SO_4 should be added to one litre of 40 mass % solution of H_2SO_4 of density 1.31 g mL^{-1} in order to prepare 50 mass % solution of sulphuric acid of density 1.40 g mL^{-1}.**

Solution Let v mL of 95.6 mass % sulphuric acid of density 1.84 g mL^{-1} be added to 1000 mL of 40 mass % H_2SO_4 so that total solution of 50 mass % H_2SO_4 becomes (1000 + v) mL.

Volume of solution of 95.6% $H_2SO_4 = \frac{100}{1.84}$

Amount of H_2SO_4 in v mL of solution $= 95.6 \times \frac{1.84}{100} \times v$

Volume of solution of 40% $H_2SO_4 = \frac{100}{1.31}$

Amount of H_2SO_4 in 1000 mL of solution $= \frac{40 \times 1.31}{100} \times 1000$

Volume of solution of 50% $H_2SO_4 = \frac{100}{1.40}$

Amount of H_2SO_4 in $(1000 + v)$ mL of solution

$$= 50 \times \frac{1.40}{100} \times (1000 + v)$$

Thus, $\frac{95.6 \times 1.84 \times v}{100} + \frac{40 \times 1.31}{100} \times 1000 = \frac{50 \times 1.40}{100}(1000 + v)$

$175.90v + 52400 = 70000 + 70\ v$

$105.90\ v = 17600$

or $v = 166.2$ mL.

Vol. of H_2SO_4 of density 1.84 containing 95.6 mass % of H_2SO_4 to be added = **166.2 mL.**

Problem 2. Calculate the density of H_2SO_4 solution whose molarity and molality are 10.8 M and 92.6 m respectively.

Solution Molarity 10.8 means that 10.8 moles of H_2SO_4 are present in 1L of the solution.

Let the density of the solution is d g mL^{-1}, then

Mass of 1000 mL of solution = $(1000 \times d)$ g

Mass of H_2SO_4 in solution = $10.8 \times 98 = 1058.4$ g

$\therefore$ Mass of water = $(1000\ d - 1058.4)$ g

$$\text{Molality} = \frac{10.8}{(1000d - 1058.4)} \times 1000 = 92.6$$

$10800 - 92.6 \times (1000\ d - 1058.4)$

$1000\ d - 1058.4 = \frac{10800}{92.6} = 116.6$

or $1000\ d = 116.6 + 1058.4 = 1175$

$\therefore\ d = \frac{1175}{1000} =$ **1.175 g mL^{-1}**

Problem 3. How many grams of wet NaOH containing 15% water is required to prepare 6L of 0.5 M NaOH solution?

Solution 1 L of 0.5 M NaOH contains = 0.5 mol NaOH

or $0.5 \times 40 = 20$ g NaOH

6 L of 0.5 M NaOH contains = $20 \times 6 = 120$ g NaOH

Since wet NaOH contains 15% water, then

100 g of wet NaOH contain 85 g pure NaOH

or 85 g of NaOH is contained in 100 g wet NaOH

120 g of NaOH is contained in $\frac{100}{85} \times 120 = 141.18$ g

$\therefore$ Wet NaOH required to prepare 6 L of 0.5 M NaOH = **141.18 g**

Problem 4. Calculate the resulting molarity of a solution obtained by adding 6.2 g of KOH to 500 mL of $\frac{M}{5}$ KOH solution (density = 1.06 g mL^{-1}). The density of resulting solution is 1.10 g mL^{-1}.

Solution 1000 mL of $\frac{M}{5}$ KOH solution contains KOH $= \frac{1}{5}$ mol

or $\frac{1}{5} \times 56 = 11.2$ g

(Molar mass of KOH = 56)

500 mL of $\frac{M}{5}$ KOH solution contains KOH $= \frac{11.2}{1000} \times 500 = 5.6$ g

Mass of 500 mL of KOH solution = $500 \times 1.06 = 530$ g

After adding 6.2 g of KOH,

Mass of KOH = 5.6 + 6.2 = 11.8 g

Mass of solution = 530 + 6.2 = 536.2 g

Volume of new solution $= \frac{536.2}{1.10} = 487.45$ mL

$$\text{Molarity} = \frac{11.8 \times 1000}{56 \times 487.45} = \textbf{0.43 M}$$

REMEMBER

- **Saturated solution.** A solution which contains maximum amount of solute which dissolves completely in a given solvent at a particular temperature.
- **Unsaturated solution.** A solution which contains less amount of solute than required for forming saturated solution.
- **Supersaturated solution.** A solution which contains excess of solute than required for formation of saturated solution.

► Added excess solute does not dissolve.

SOLUBILITY OF GASES AND SOLIDS IN LIQUIDS

Solubility of a substance expresses the maximum amount of it which can be dissolved in a specific amount of solvent at a specified temperature.

The solubility of a substance depends upon the nature of solute, nature of the solvent, temperature and pressure.

Let us consider the effect of these factors on the solubility of a solid in a liquid and a gas in a liquid.

Solubility of Solids in Liquids

When a solid (solute) is added to the solvent, the solute dissolves because its particles go into the liquid and its concentration in the solution increases. This process is known as **dissolution**. Some solute particles in solution collide with the solid solute particles and get precipitated out. This process is called **crystallisation**. The process of dissolution continues until the solution attains a certain maximum concentration. Such a solution in which no more solute can be dissolved at a given conditions of temperature and pressure is called **saturated solution.** A solution in which more solute can be dissolved at the same temperature is called **unsaturated solution**. At the saturated solution stage, an equilibrium gets established between the process of dissolution and crystallisation. Under such conditions, the number of solute particles going into the solution will be equal to the number of solute particles separating out and a state of dynamic equilibrium is reached.

$$\text{Solute} + \text{Solvent} \underset{\text{Crystallisation}}{\overset{\text{Dissolution}}{\rightleftharpoons}} \text{Solution}$$

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Therefore, in saturated solution, the concentration of solute in the solution will remain constant under the given conditions *i.e.,* temperature and pressure. The maximum amount of solute that dissolves completely in a given amount of solvent at a particular temperature is called its **solubility.**

Thus, the **solubility** of a substance at a given temperature is defined as ***the amount of the solid that dissolves in 100 g of the solvent at a given temperature to form a saturated solution.***

The solubility is also expressed as **molar solubility** which gives the molar concentration of a substance in a saturated solution i.e., mol dm^{-3}. Thus,

the concentration of the solute has the highest value in a saturated solution.

Factors affecting the solubility of a solid in a liquid. The solubility of a solid in a liquid, in general, depends upon the following factors:

(i) Nature of the solute and the solvent.

(ii) Temperature

The pressure has almost insignificant effect on the solubility of a solid in a liquid.

(*i*) Nature of the solute and the solvent. Every solid does not dissolve in a given liquid. In general, a solid dissolves in a liquid (solvent) if the intermolecular interactions are similar in solute and the solvent. This is in accordance with basic rule **"like dissolves like."** This means that ionic (or polar) compounds dissolve more readily in polar solvents like water and are very little soluble or almost insoluble in non-polar solvents like benzene, ether, carbon tetrachloride. Similarly, non-polar (covalent or organic) compounds are soluble in non-polar solvents like benzene, ether, carbon tetrachloride but are very little soluble in water (polar solvent). For example, common salt (sodium chloride) and sugar dissolve readily in water and solubility of common salt in water is much more than that of sugar (covalent compound). Their solubilities in water are 5.3 mol L^{-1} and 3.8 mol L^{-1} respectively. However, naphthalene and anthracene (non-polar compounds) are not soluble in water. On the other hand, naphthalene and anthracene dissolve readily in benzene but sodium chloride and sugar do not.

(*ii*) Effect of temperature. Temperature has a marked effect on the solubility of a solid in a solvent. The solubility may increase or decrease with increase in temperature. The variation of solubilities of some common substances with temperature is shown in Fig. 1.

We observe **three types of trends** in the behaviour of different solutes :

(a) The solubility of solutes increases with increase in temperature. The solubility of most of substances such as sodium nitrate ($NaNO_3$), potassium nitrate (KNO_3), ammonium chloride (NH_4Cl), potassium chloride (KCl), sodium chloride (NaCl), silver nitrate ($AgNO_3$), potassium iodide (KI), etc. increase with rise in temperature. This is because the dissolution process for these substances is endothermic ($\Delta_{sol}H > 0$).

$$\text{Solute} + \text{Solvent} + \text{Heat} \rightleftharpoons \text{Solution} \quad \Delta_{sol}H = +\text{ve}$$

Since these substances absorb heat on forming solution and therefore, their solubility increases with increase in temperature in accordance with Le-Chatelier's principle. As is clear from Fig. 1.(*a*), the variation of sodium chloride with temperature is very small, though it also increases.

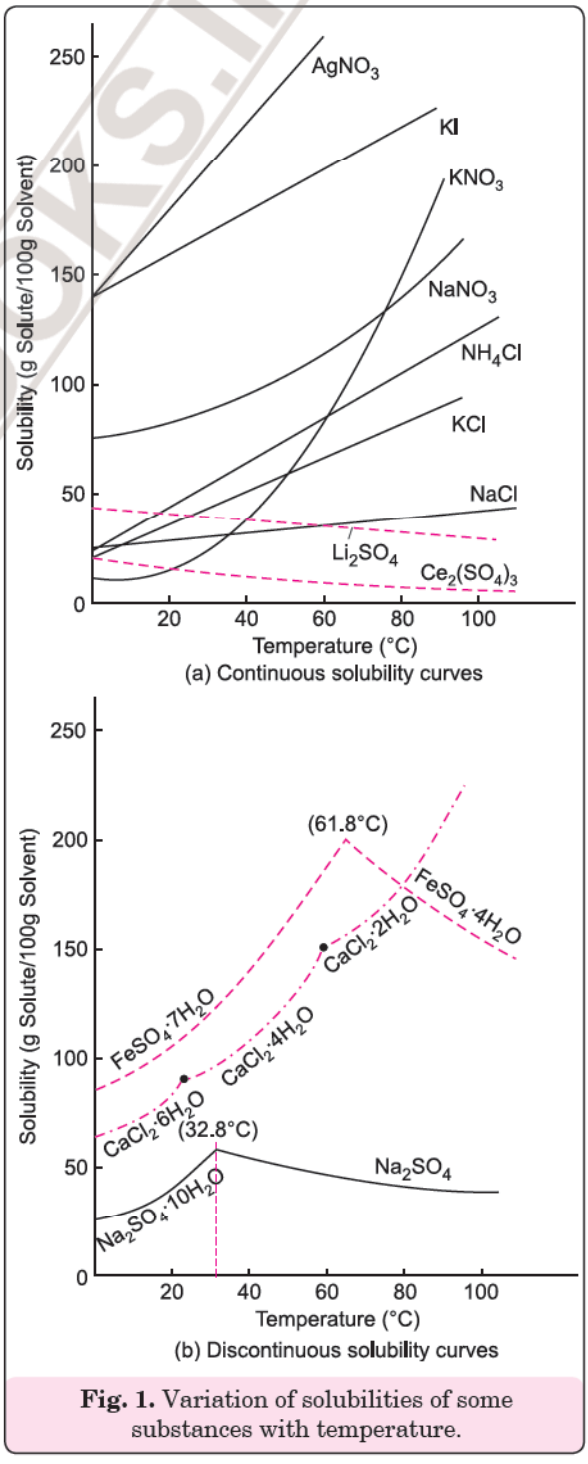


Fig. 1. Variation of solubilities of some substances with temperature.

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In general

- if the solute dissolves with absorption of heat (endothermic process), the solubility increases with rise in temperature.
- if the solute dissolves with evolution of heat (exothermic process), the solubility decreases with rise in temperature.

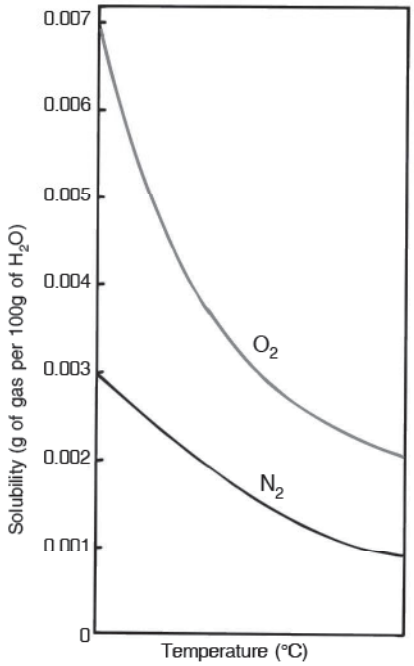


Fig. 2. Solubility of N_2 and O_2 in water at 1 atm pressure.

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Quantitatively, the effect of temperature on the solubility of a gas in a liquid at constant pressure may be expressed as :

$$\frac{d \ln s}{dT} = \frac{\Delta H}{RT^2} \quad ...(i)$$

where s is the solubility in moles per litre of the gas in the liquid and ΔH is the enthalpy of solution at temperature T. If ΔH is regarded as independent of temperature, then integration of equation (i) gives

$$\ln \frac{s_1}{s_2} = \frac{\Delta H}{R}\left(\frac{1}{T_1} - \frac{1}{T_2}\right) \quad ...(ii)$$

where s_1 and s_2 are the solubilities at temperature T_1 and T_2 respectively. This expression is similar to Clausius-Clapeyron equation which gives the effect of pressure on the boiling point of a liquid.

(b) The solubility of solids decreases with increase in temperature.

The solubility of some substances like lithium sulphate (Li_2SO_4), cerium sulphate [$Ce_2(SO_4)_3$], some calcium salts of organic acids, sodium carbonate monohydrate ($Na_2CO_3.H_2O$), etc. decrease with rise in temperature. This is because their dissolution process is exothermic ($\Delta_{sol}H < 0$):

Solute + Solvent $\rightleftharpoons$ Solution + Heat $\quad \Delta_{sol}H$ = –ve

Since these dissolve with evolution of heat, a decrease of solubility with temperature is expected in accordance with Le-Chatelier's principle.

It may be noted that in these two types, there is continuous increase or decrease with increase in temperature as shown in Fig. 1.(*a*).

(*c*) The solubility shows irregular behaviour with increase in temperature. For some substances, the solubility behaviour is not regular. For example, the solubility of sodium sulphate (Na_2SO_4) increases upto a certain temperature and then decreases as the temperature is further raised. In this case, the solubility curves are not continuous but discontinuous and show breaks. The temperature corresponding to the break in the solubility curve is known as the **transition temperature.** For example, the solubility curve of sodium sulphate shows a sharp break at 32.8°C. This is due to change in one solid form into another solid form. For example, in case of sodium sulphate at 32.8°C, there is an equilibrium between solid decahydrate $Na_2SO_4.10H_2O$ and anhydrous Na_2SO_4.

$$Na_2SO_4 \cdot 10H_2O \underset{\text{below 32.8°C}}{\overset{\text{above 32.8°C}}{\rightleftharpoons}} Na_2SO_4$$

Below this temperature, only sodium sulphate decahydrate ($Na_2SO_4.10H_2O$) exists while above this temperature, anhydrous sodium sulphate (Na_2SO_4) exists.

The solubility curve for $FeSO_4.7H_2O$ is also discontinuous and shows break at 61.8°C. At this temperature heptahydrate changes to tetrahydrate. The curve for $CaCl_2.6H_2O$ shows two breaks corresponding to

$$CaCl_2.6H_2O \longrightarrow CaCl_2.4H_2O \longrightarrow CaCl_2.2H_2O.$$

***(iii)* Effect of pressure.** The effect of pressure on the solubility of solids in liquids is generally very small or insignificant. This is because solids and liquids are highly incompressible and practically remain unaffected by changes in pressure. For example, a change of 500 atm in pressure increases the solubility of sodium chloride in water only by 2.3%.

Solubility of Gases in Liquids

Gases dissolve in liquids to form homogeneous solutions. Many gases dissolve in water. Oxygen dissolves only to a small extent in water. The natural water contains dissolved oxygen which is vital in **sustaining all aquatic life in lakes, rivers, sea, etc**. The different gases are soluble in water to different extents. Some gases are also soluble in solvents like ethyl alcohol, ether, benzene, etc. The **solubility** of a gas in a particular liquid may be expressed as the

volume of the gas (in cm^3 converted to S.T.P.) that can dissolve in a fixed volume of the liquid to form the saturated solution at a given temperature.

The solubility of a gas may also be expressed in terms of **molarity** or **mole fraction of the gas.**

Factors affecting the solubility of a gas in a liquid.

The solubility of a gas in a liquid depends upon:

(*i*) The nature of the gas and the solvent
(*ii*) Temperature of the solution
(*iii*) Pressure

***(i)* Nature of the gas and the solvent.** The solubility of different gases in the same solvent varies considerably. For example, gases like nitrogen, hydrogen, oxygen, helium, etc. dissolve in water only to a small extent whereas the gases like ammonia, sulphur dioxide, hydrogen chloride, etc. are highly soluble in water. The solubility of the latter gases in water is due to the

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chemical reactions of these gases with water to form ammonium hydroxide, sulphurous acid and hydrochloric acid respectively. Therefore, *the most soluble gases are those which chemically react with the liquid solvent.*

Oxygen, nitrogen and carbon dioxide are much more soluble in ethyl alcohol than in water at the same temperature and pressure. On the other hand, gases like NH_3 and H_2S are less soluble in ethyl alcohol than water at the same temperature and pressure.

(*ii*) Effect of temperature. *The solubility of a gas decreases with increase of temperature* (Fig. 2). This is because, in general, gases dissolve in a liquid with the evolution of heat i.e., exothermic process.

Gas + Solvent $\rightleftharpoons$ Solution + Heat.

Therefore, in accordance with Le-Chatelier's principle, the increase in temperature will result in decrease in the solubility of the gas. It is for this reason that most of gases which dissolve without ionizing are readily expelled from solutions by boiling.

It may be noted that there are certain gases such as hydrogen and inert gases whose solubility increases slightly with increase of temperature especially in the non-aqueous solvents such as alcohols, acetone, hydrocarbons, etc.

(*iii*) Effect of pressure. *The solubility of gases increases with increase of pressure.* This behaviour is also in accordance with Le-Chatelier's principle.

To understand this, consider a gas in dynamic equilibrium with a solution [Fig. 3(*a*)]. The lower part represents the solution and the upper part is gaseous system at a pressure p and temperature T. Since there is dynamic equilibrium, the number of gas molecules entering the solution is equal to the number of dissolved molecules leaving the solution phase. Now increase the pressure over the solution phase by compressing the gas to a smaller volume as shown in Fig. 3 (*b*). This will increase the number of gaseous particles per unit volume over the solution. As a result, the more molecules will be striking the surface of the liquid and hence more molecules will dissolve and the solubility of gas will increase until a new equilibrium is reached. Thus, *increasing the pressure of a gas above the solution, increases the solubility of the gas.*

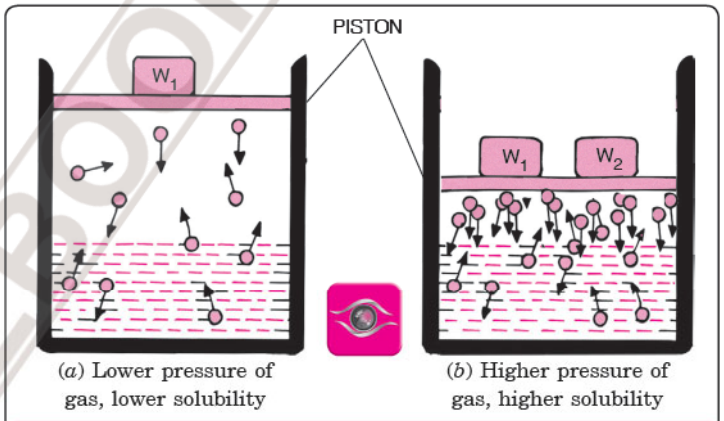


Fig. 3. Effect of pressure on the solubility of a gas.

The concentration of the dissolved gas is proportional to the pressure on the gas above the solution.

William Henry made systematic studies of the solubility of a gas in a liquid. He gave a quantitative relationship between solubility of a gas in a solvent and pressure which is known as **Henry's law.** The law states that

the mass of a gas dissolved per unit volume of the solvent at a constant temperature is directly proportional to the pressure of the gas in equilibrium with the solution.

If m is the mass of the gas dissolved in a unit volume of the solvent and p is the pressure of the gas in equilibrium with the solution, then

$$m \propto p$$

or $$m = K.\ p \qquad ...(9)$$

where K is the proportionality constant. The magnitude of K depends on the nature of the gas, nature of the solvent, temperature and the units of pressure. Thus, Henry's law may also be stated as: *the solubility of a gas in a liquid at a particular temperature is directly proportional to the pressure of the gas in equilibrium with the solution.*

Dalton, during the same period, also concluded independently that the solubility of a gas in a liquid solution depends upon the partial pressure of the gas. Now, if we use mole fraction of the gas in the solution as a measure of its solubility, then *mole fraction of the gas in the solution is proportional*

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to the partial pressure of the gas over the solution, i.e.,

$$x \propto p$$

or $$x = K'p$$

or $$p = \frac{1}{K'}x$$

or $$p = K_H x \qquad \left(K_H = \frac{1}{K'}\right) \qquad ...(10)$$

where K_H is called **Henry's law constant.** Thus, Henry's law may alternatively be stated as :

the partial pressure of the gas in the vapour phase is directly proportional to the mole fraction of the gas in the solution.

The units of K_H will be atm or bar (or *k* bar)

Thus, when we draw a graph between partial pressure of the gas against the mole fraction of the gas in solution at a given temperature, then a straight line passing through the origin is obtained. The plot of experimental results for the solubility of HCl gas in cyclohexane at 293 K is given in Fig. 4. The straight line graph shows the validity of Henry's law. The slope of the line gives the Henry's law constant, K_H. Different gases have different K_H values at the same temperature. This suggests that K_H is a function of the nature of the gas.

When a mixture of a number of gases is brought in contact with a solvent, each constituent gas dissolves in proportion to its own partial pressure. Therefore, Henry's law is applied to each gas independent of the presence of other gas.

The Henry's law constant values for some gases in water at 298 K are given in Table 2 below.

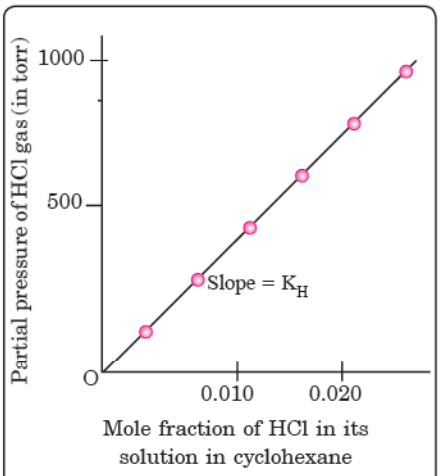


Fig. 4. Plot of solubility of HCl gas in cyclohexane at 293 K.

Table 2. Henry's law constants (K_H) for some gases in water at different temperatures.

Gas	Temp(K)	K_H(kbar)	Gas	Temp(K)	K_H(kbar)
He	293	144.97	CO_2	298	1.67
H_2	293	69.16	Ar	298	40.3
N_2	293	76.48	Methane	298	0.413
N_2	303	88.84	Vinyl chloride	298	0.611
O_2	293	34.86			
O_2	303	46.82			

From these values, it may be concluded that

(*i*) Henry's law constant, K_H depends upon the nature of the gas.

(*ii*) Higher the value of K_H at a particular pressure, *the lower is the solubility of the gas in the liquid.* ($\because x = \frac{1}{K_H}.p$; from Eq. 10).

(*iii*) The value of K_H increases with increase in temperature indicating that the solubility of gases decreases with increase of temperature. (It is clear from Table 2 that K_H values of N_2 and O_2 increase with increase in temperature.) *This is the reason that aquatic species are more comfortable in cold water rather than warm water.*

Limitation of Henry's law. It has been observed that Henry's law is valid if

(*i*) pressure is low. At high pressure, the law becomes less accurate and the proportionality constant shows considerable deviations.

(*ii*) the temperature is not too low.

(*iii*) the gas is not highly soluble and

(*iv*) the gas neither reacts chemically with the solvent nor dissociates or associates in the solvent.

The solubility of most of the gases in a liquid decreases with increase in temperature and therefore, Henry's law constants have smaller values at higher temperatures.

Because of the decrease in solubility of gases with increase in temperature, the dissolved gases may be removed from liquids by heating. But this is not always the case. Some gases are more soluble at higher temperature than at lower temperature and hence these are not readily removed by heating.

R U Curious...

❑ **Aquatic species like fish feel more comfortable in lakes in winter than in the summer.**

► Aquatic species require dissolved O_2 for breathing. As solubility of gases decreases with increase of temperature, less oxygen is available in summer than in winter. Hence, they feel more comfortable in winter (low temperature) when the solubility of O_2 is higher.

► In summer during hot day, temperature at the surface of water is relatively high and therefore, the solubility of oxygen in the upper layer is less. At the same time, the temperature of water at lower level is much less and therefore, it contains more amount of dissolved oxygen. Hence, **marine life like fish prefers to stay at lower level and stay away from the upper layer of water.**

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Applications of Henry's law

Henry's law finds many applications in industry and helps to explain several biological phenomena. Some important applications are :

1. In the production of carbonated beverages. To increase the solubility of CO_2 in soft drinks, soda water, beer or champagne, the bottles are sealed under high pressure. When the bottle is opened under normal atmospheric conditions, the pressure inside the bottle falls to atmospheric pressure and the excess CO_2 bubbles out of the solution ***causing effervescence***.

2. In deep sea diving (Scuba diving). Deep sea divers depend upon compressed air for breathing at high pressure under water. The compressed air contains N_2 in addition to O_2, which are not very soluble in blood at normal pressure. However, at great depths when the diver breathes in compressed air from the supply tank, more N_2 dissolves in the blood and other body fluids because the pressure at that depth is far greater than the surface atmospheric pressure. When the diver comes towards the surface, the pressure decreases, N_2 comes out of the body quickly forming bubbles in the blood stream. These bubbles restrict blood flow, affect the transmission of nerve impulses. The bubbles can even burst the capillaries or block them and starve the tissues of O_2. This condition is called **"the bends,"** which are painful and dangerous to life. To avoid this condition, most professional divers these days use air diluted with helium gas (about 11.7% He, 56.2% N_2 and 32.1% O_2), because of lower solubility of He in the blood than nitrogen. Moreover, because of small size of He atoms (unlike nitrogen molecules), they can pass through cell walls without damaging them. The excess O_2 dissolved in the blood is used in metabolism and does not cause the condition of bends.

3. At high altitudes. At high altitudes, the partial pressure of O_2 is less than that at the ground level. This results in low concentration of oxygen in the blood and tissues of the people living at high altitudes or climbers. The low blood oxygen causes climbers to become weak and unable to think clearly known as **anoxia.**

4. In the function of lungs. To minimise the painful effects of deep sea divers during the decompression, oxygen diluted with less soluble helium gas is used as breathing gas.

SOLVED EXAMPLES

❑ Example 23.

If N_2 gas is bubbled through water at 293 K, how many millimoles of N_2 gas would dissolve in 1 litre of water. Assume that N_2 exerts a partial pressure of 0.987 bar. The K_H for N_2 at 293 K is 76.48 k bar.

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Solution : The solubility of gas is related to its mole fraction in aqueous solution.

The mole fraction of the gas in solution,

$$x_{N_2} = \frac{p_{N_2}}{K_H} = \frac{0.987 \text{ bar}}{76480 \text{ bar}} = 1.29 \times 10^{-5}$$

If n is the number of moles of N_2 in solution and 1 litre of water contains 55.5 mol, then

$$x_{N_2} = \frac{n}{n + 55.5} \approx \frac{n}{55.5} = 1.29 \times 10^{-5}$$

(n in the denominator is neglected because it is << 55.5)

$$\therefore \quad n = 55.5 \times 1.29 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$= 7.16 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol}$$

or $$= 7.16 \times 10^{-1} \text{ m mol}$$

$$= \mathbf{0.716 \text{ m mol.}}$$

❑ Example 24.

The Henry's law constant for oxygen dissolved in water is 4.34×10^4 atm at 25°C. If the partial pressure of oxygen in air is 0.2 atm, under atomspheric conditions, calculate the concentration (in moles per litre) of dissolved oxygen in water in equilibrium with air at 25°C.

Solution : According to Henry's law :

$$p = K_H x$$

$$K_H = 4.34 \times 10^4 \text{ atm},$$

$$p_{O_2} = 0.2 \text{ atm}$$

$$p_{O_2} = K_H \, x_{O_2}$$

or $$x_{O_2} = \frac{p_{O_2}}{K_H}$$

$$= \frac{0.2}{4.34 \times 10^4} = 4.6 \times 10^{-6}$$

Changing mole fraction into molarity

$$\text{Moles of water} = \frac{1000}{18} = 55.5 \text{ mol}$$

Since n_{O_2} is very small in comparison to n_{H_2O}

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$$n_{O_2} + n_{H_2O} \approx n_{H_2O}$$

$$x_{O_2} = \frac{n_{O_2}}{n_{H_2O}}$$

$$x_{O_2} \times n_{H_2O} = n_{O_2}$$

$$4.6 \times 10^{-6} \times 55.5 = n_{O_2}$$

$$n_{O_2} = 2.55 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol}$$

Since 2.55×10^{-4} mol are present in 1000 mL of solution,

Molarity = **2.55×10^{-4} M.**

❑ **Example 25.**

Dry air contains 79% N_2 and 21% O_2. Determine the proportion of N_2 and O_2 (in terms of mole fractions) dissolved in water at 1 atm pressure. Henry's law constant for N_2 and O_2 in H_2O are 8.54 × 10^4 atm and 4.56 × 10^4 atm respectively.

Solution : Total pressure of air over water = 1 atm

Partial pressure of N_2 and O_2 are :

$$p_{N_2} = \frac{1 \times 79}{100} = 0.79 \text{ atm}$$

$$p_{O_2} = \frac{1 \times 21}{100} 0.21 \text{ atm}$$

Applying Henry' law

$$p_{N_2} = K_H \cdot x$$

$$x_{N_2} = \frac{p_{N_2}}{K_{N_2}} = \frac{0.79}{8.54 \times 10^4}$$

$$= 9.25 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$x_{O_2} = \frac{p_{O_2}}{K_{O_2}} = \frac{0.21}{4.56 \times 10^4}$$

$$= 4.60 \times 10^{-6}$$

Proportion of N_2 and O_2

$$= 9.25 \times 10^{-6} : 4.6 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$= \mathbf{2 : 1}$$

Practice Problems

26. What concentration of nitrogen should be present in a glass of water at room temperature ? Assume a temperature of 25°C, a total pressure of 1 atmosphere and mole fraction of nitrogen in air of 0.78.

(K_H for nitrogen = 8.42×10^{-17} M/mm Hg). *(A.I.S.B. 2009)*

27. One litre of water under a nitrogen pressure 1 atm dissolves 0.02g of nitrogen at 293 K. Calculate Henry's law constant.

28. Calculate the amount of CO_2 dissolved at 4 atm in 1 dm^3 of water at 298 K. The Henry's law constant for CO_2 at 298 K is 1.67 *k* bar.

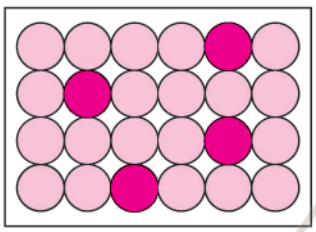
29. At what partial pressure, oxygen will have a solubility of 0.06 gL^{-1} in water at 293 K? Henry's law constant (K_H) of O_2 in water at 303 K is 46.82 k bar. (Assume the density of the solution to be the same as that of water).

30. The mole fraction of He gas in a saturated solution at 20°C is 1.25×10^{-6}. Calculate the pressure of He gas above the solution. (K_H of He at 20°C = 144.98 *k* bar).

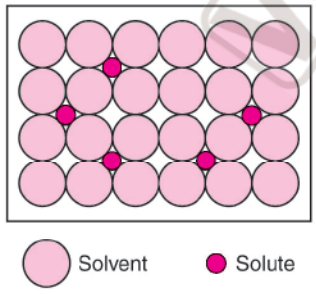
Answers to Practice Problems

26. 4.99×10^{-4} M
27. 7.75×10^4 atm
28. 5.85 g
29. 1.58 bar
30. 0.181 bar

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(*a*) Substitutional solid solution



(*b*) Interstitial solid solution

Fig. 5 Solid solutions

SOLID SOLUTIONS

As we have already learnt, solid solutions are those solutions in which both the components (*i.e.,* solute and the solvent) are solids.

Solid solutions are of two types :

(*i*) *Substitutional solid solutions and*

(*ii*) *Interstitial solid solutions.*

(*i*) ***Substitutional solid solutions*** are those in which atoms, molecules or ions of one substance take the place of particles of another substance in a crystal lattice as shown in Fig. 5 (*a*). Brass is a common example of substitutional solid solution of copper and zinc. Bronze, monel and steel are other familiar examples of this type of solid solution. Zinc sulphide and cadmium sulphide also form such solid solutions in which cadmium ions randomly replace zinc ions in the ZnS lattice.

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(*ii*) ***Interstitial solid solutions*** are those which are formed by placing atoms of one kind into voids or interstices in the lattice of atoms of other substance. This is shown in Fig. 5(*b*) in which solute particles are shown in the interstices present in the atoms of solvent lattice. The common example of interstitial solid solution is tungsten carbide (WC). In this case, tungsten atoms are arranged in a face centred cubic pattern with carbon atoms in octahedral holes *i.e.,* spaces within the crystal where carbon atoms are surrounded by six tungsten atoms at the vertices of an octahedron. Tungsten carbide is extremely hard substance and has many uses in making of cutting and grinding tools.

Even, some metals have a tendency to dissolve large quantities of gases and form solid solutions of gases in metals. For example, palladium and platinum are capable of taking up hydrogen at room temperature to form solid solutions of the hydrogen in the metal.

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CONCEPTUAL QA

Q.1. Which aqueous solution has higher concentration : 1 molar or 1 molal solution of the same solute? Give reason. ***(C.B.S.E. Sample Paper 2007)***

Ans. 1 Molar solution has higher concentration than 1 molal solution. A molar solution contains one mole of solute in one litre of solution while a one molal solution contains one mole of solute in 1000 g of solvent. If density of water is one, then one mole of solute is present in 1000 ml of water in 1 molal solution while one mole of solute is present in less than 1000 mL of water in 1 molar solution (1000 mL solution = amount of solute + amount of solvent). Thus, 1 molar solution is more concentrated.

Q.2. Ethanol is an organic compound, yet it is freeely miscible with water, Explain.

Ans. The miscibility of ethanol in water is due to hydrogen bonding between the molecules.

Q.3. What is the normality of
(*a*) 1.5 M H_2SO_4 (*b*) 1.2 M CH_3COOH (*c*) 1.0 M NaOH ?

Ans. (*a*) Normality = 1.5 × 2 = 3 N (*b*) 1.2 × 1 = 1.2 N (*c*) 1.0 × 1 = 1.0 N

Q.4. Which out of molarity or molality will change with change in temperature and why ?

Ans. Molarity changes with rise in temperature. Volume of a solution increases with rise in temperature and this causes change in molarity because it is related as moles of solute in a given volume of solution.

Q.5. Will the molarity of a solution at 50°C be same, less or more than molarity at 25°C ?

Ans. Molarity at 50°C of a solution will be less than that at 25°C because molarity decreases with temperature. This is because volume of the solution increases with increase in temperature but number of moles of solute remains the same.

Q.6. What is the sum of the mole fractions of all the components in a three component system ?

Ans. 1. $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 1$

Q.7. How is the molality of a solution different from its molarity ?

Ans. Molarity is the number of moles of solute per litre of the solution while molality is the number of moles of solute per kilogram of the solvent.

Q.8. State the formula relating pressure of a gas with its mole fraction in liquid solution in contact with it. ***(D.S.B. 2005)***

Ans. The pressure of a gas over a solution in which the gas is dissolved is proportional to the mole fraction of the gas dissolved in the solution *i.e.,* $p \propto x$

or $p = K_H x$ (where K_H is Henry's law constant)

Q.9. At a same temperature, hydrogen is more soluble in water than helium. Which of them will have a higher value of K_H and why ? ***(A.I.S.B. 2005)***

Ans. Helium will have higher value of K_H because if gas has more solubility, its K_H value is lower.

Q.10. What is the relation between normality and molarity of a given solution of sulphuric acid ?

Ans. Normality = 2 × Molarity.

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Q.11. What is the effect of temperature on the solubility of sodium sulphate decahydrate ($Na_2SO_4.10\ H_2O$) ?

Ans. The solubility first increases upto 32.8°C (called transition temperature) and then decreases.

Q.12. The dissolution of ammonium chloride in water is endothermic process. What is the effect of temperature on its solubility ?

Ans. Since dissolution of NH_4Cl in water is endothermic process, its solubility increases with rise in temperature (Le-Chatelier principle).

Q.13. Give reasons, at higher altitudes, people suffer from a disease called anoxia. In this disease, they become weak and cannot think clearly. ***(C.B.S.E. Sample Paper 2007)***

Ans. At high altitudes, the partial pressure of oxygen is less than that at the ground level. This leads to low concentration of oxygen in the blood and the tissues of the people living at high altitudes. As a result of low oxygen in the blood, the people become weak and unable to think clearly. These are the symptoms of a condition known as anoxia.

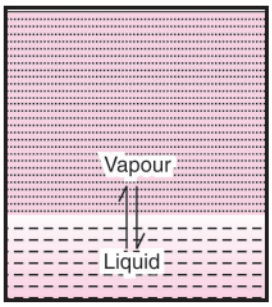


Fig. 6. Vapour pressure of a liquid.

VAPOUR PRESSURE OF LIQUID SOLUTIONS

Vapour Pressure of Liquid

When a liquid is allowed to evaporate in a closed vessel, a part of the liquid evaporates and fills the available space with the vapours. Since the vapours donot leave the container, these get collected in the vapour state above the surface of the liquid. Due to vaporisation, liquid changes into vapours and level of liquid decreases. As the evaporation proceeds, the number of gaseous molecules in the vapour phase increases gradually. These molecules move about at random in a limited space and during their random movement, some of these strike the surface of liquid and get condensed. The process of condensation acts in opposite direction to the process of evaporation. Thus, both evaporation and condensation processes go on simultaneously. Ultimately, a stage is reached when the rate of evaporation becomes equal to rate of condensation and an equilibrium gets established between liquid and vapour phases. The pressure exerted by the vapours at the equilibrium is called vapour pressure. Thus,

the pressure exerted by the vapours above the liquid surface in equilibrium with the liquid at a given temperature is called ***vapour pressure.***

Factors on which vapour pressure of a liquid depends

The vapour pressure of a liquid depends upon :

(*i*) **Nature of the liquid.** Each liquid has a characteristic vapour pressure because each liquid has different magnitude of intermolecular forces. The liquids, which have weaker intermolecular forces, tend to escape readily into vapour phase and therefore, have greater vapour pressure. For example, dimethyl ether and alcohol have higher vapour pressure than water at a given temperature because of weaker intermolecular forces in them as compared to water.

(*ii*) **Temperature.** The vapour pressure of a liquid increases with increase in temperature. This is due to the fact that with increase in temperature, more molecules will have larger kinetic energies. Therefore, larger number of molecules will escape from the surface of the liquid to the vapour phase resulting in higher vapour presssure.

Vapour Pressure of Liquid Solutions

Liquid solutions are formed when solvent is a liquid and the solute may be a gas, a liquid or a solid. We have already learnt about solutions of gases in liquids. Let us learn about the solutions of liquids and solids in a liquid. Such solutions may contain one or more volatile components. Generally, the liquid solvent is volatile. The solute may or may not be volatile.

(*a*) Vapour Pressure of Liquid-liquid Solutions and Raoult's Law (Raoult's Law for Volatile Solutes)

When a binary solution of two volatile liquids is placed in a closed vessel, both the components would evaporate and eventually an equilibrium would be established between vapour phase and the liquid phase. In the case of binary solution of volatile liquids, the vapour phase consists of vapours of both the components.

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Quantitatively, the effect of temperature on vapour pressure of a liquid is given by **Clausius-Clapeyron equation** as:

$$\log \frac{p_2}{p_1} = \frac{\Delta_{vap}H}{2.303R}\left[\frac{T_2 - T_1}{T_1T_2}\right]$$

where p_1 and p_2 are the vapour pressure at temperatures T_1 and T_2 respectively and $\Delta_{vap}H$ is the enthalpy of vaporisation of the liquid.

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The French chemist Francois Marie Raoult (1886) gave a quantitative relationship between the partial pressures and the mole fractions of two components. This relationship is known as **Raoult's law** which states that

at a given temperature, for a solution of volatile liquids, the partial vapour pressure of each component in solution is equal to the product of the vapour pressure of the pure component and its mole fraction.

Let us consider a binary solution of two volatile liquids and denote the components as A and B having the mole fraction x_A and x_B respectively. If p_A and p_B are the vapour pressures of the components in the solution, then according to Raoult's law

$$p_A = p_A^\circ x_A$$

and

$$p_B = p_B^\circ x_B$$

where p_A° is the vapour pressure of the pure component A and p_B° is the vapour pressure of pure component B at the same temperature.

According to Dalton's law of partial pressures, the total pressure p will be the sum of the partial pressure of the components of the solution. This is given as :

$$p = p_A + p_B$$

Substituting the values of p_A and p_B, we get

$$p = p_A^\circ x_A + p_B^\circ x_B \quad ...(11)$$

As we know, $x_A + x_B = 1$ or $x_A = 1 - x_B$

$$\therefore \quad p = p_A^\circ (1 - x_B) + p_B^\circ x_B$$

or

$$p = p_A^\circ - p_A^\circ x_B + p_B^\circ x_B$$

$$p = p_A^\circ + (p_B^\circ - p_A^\circ)x_B \quad ...(12)$$

From equation 12, the following conclusions can be drawn :

(*i*) Total vapour pressure over the solution can be related to the mole fraction of any one component [x_B or x_A as $x_A = (1 - x_B)$].

(*ii*) Total vapour pressure of the solution varies linearly with the mole fraction of component B because p_A° and p_B° are constant.

(*iii*) Depending on the vapour pressure of the pure components A and B, total vapour pressure over the solution decreases or increases with the increase of the mole fraction of the component A.

The equation 12 shows that the total vapour pressure (p) is a linear function of the mole fraction x_B (or x_A as $x_A = 1 - x_B$) because p_A° and p_B° are constant at a particular temperature. This is shown in Fig 7. The dotted lines give the partial pressures of the two components versus composition and the solid line gives the total vapour pressure versus composition. The graph can be easily understood as:

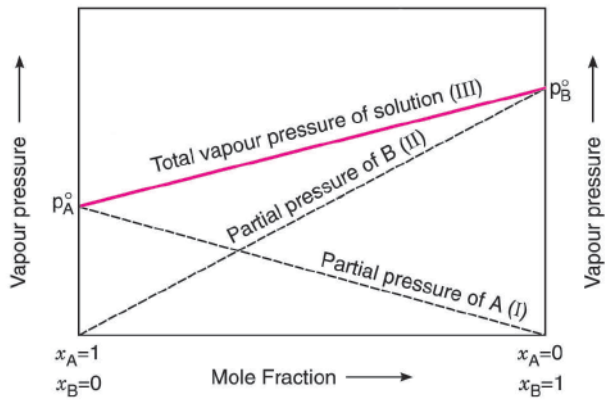


Fig. 7. Vapour pressure behaviour of liquid-liquid solution of two volatile compounds obeying Raoult's law. The dashed line I and II represent the partial vapour pressure of the components. The total pressure is given by the line III (solid line).

According to Raoult's law, the partial vapour pressures of two components A and B of a solution are given as :

$p_A = p_A^\circ x_A$ and $p_B = p_B^\circ x_B$

Therefore, the vapour pressures of the components are **linear functions** of their mole fractions. Now,

(*i*) when $x_A = 1$, *i.e.,* the liquid is pure A

$$p_A = p_A^\circ \times 1 = p_A^\circ$$

(*ii*) when $x_A = 0$, *i.e.,* the liquid is pure B

$$p_A = p_A^\circ \times 0 = 0$$

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Thus, the plot of p_A against x_A should give a straight line passing through p_A° (when $x_A = 1$) and 0 (when $x_A = 0$). This is shown by line I in Fig. 7. It is clear from the curve that when the liquid is pure ($x_A = 1$), its vapour pressure is equal to p_A°. As component B is added to component A (x_A decreases), the vapour pressure decreases along the line I till it becomes zero ($x_A = 0$).

Similarly, the variation of partial pressure of component B (p_B) with its mole fraction (x_B) is represented by the plot from $x_B = 0$ (*i.e.*, $p_B = p_B^\circ \times 0 = 0$) to $x_B = 1$ (*i.e.*, $p_B = p_B^\circ \times 1 = p_B^\circ$). It is shown by line II.

The total vapour pressure p, exerted by the solution as a whole at any composition is given by the sum of partial vapour pressures according to Dalton's law of partial pressures. Thus,

$$p = p_A + p_B$$
$$= p_A^\circ x_A + p_B^\circ x_B$$

This is shown by line III in Fig. 7, obtained by joining the points p_A° and p_B°. It is clear from the figures that *the vapour pressure of solutions of different compositions,* lies between the vapour pressure of the pure components (p_A° and p_B°) and they lie on the straight line joining p_A° and p_B°. The minimum value of p (total vapour pressure) is p_A° and the maximum value is p_B° assuming that the component A is less volatile than component B *i.e.*, $p_A^\circ < p_B^\circ$.

Composition in vapour phase

The composition of vapour phase in equilibrium with the solution is determined by the partial pressure of the components. If y_1 and y_2 are the mole fractions of the two components 1 and 2 respectively in the vapour phase, then according to Dalton's law of partial pressures :

Partial pressure of a component = Mole fraction of the component × Total pressure in vapour phase

$\therefore \quad p_1 = y_1 p$

or $\quad p_2 = y_2 p$

In general, $p_i = y_i p_{total}$

$\therefore$ Mole fraction of component 1 in vapour phase, $y_1 = \frac{p_1}{p}$

Mole fraction of component 2 in vapour phase, $y_2 = \frac{p_2}{p}$

In general, mole fraction of a component in vapour phase

$$= \frac{\text{Partial vapour pressure of component}}{\text{Total vapour pressure}}$$

(*b*) Vapour Pressure of Solutions of Solids in Liquids (Raoult's Law for Non-Volatile Solutes)

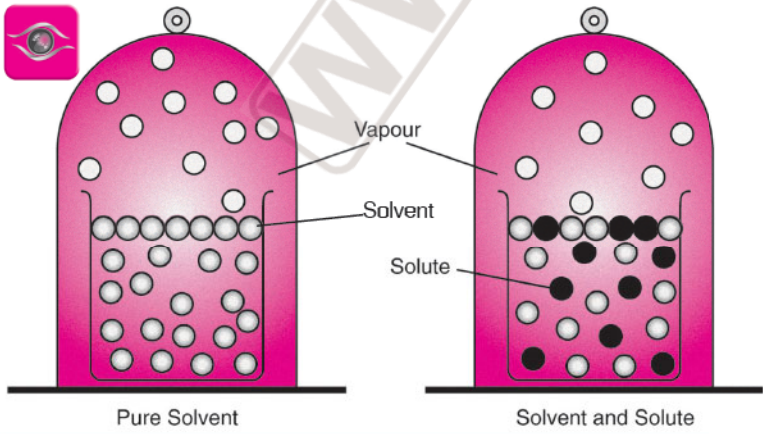


Fig. 8. Vapour pressure of (*a*) pure liquid and of (*b*) solution.

This is a most common class of solutions formed by the dissolution of solids in liquids such as sodium chloride, glucose, urea, sugar in water and iodine and sulphur in carbon disulphide. Some physical properties such as vapour pressure are quite different from those of pure solvents.

Let us add a small amount of a *non-volatile* solute to the solvent (*e.g.*, sugar in water) to form the solution (Fig. 8). When evaporation of this solution takes place, the vapour phase again consists of vapours of the solvent (*i.e.*, of water) because the solute is non-volatile. *However,* ***the vapour pressure of the solution is found to be less than that of the pure solvent.*** This can be **explained** as follows :

We know that evaporation is a surface phenomenon. The vapour pressure depends on the

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escape of solvent molecules from the surface of the liquid. In the case of solution, the non-volatile sugar molecules [as shown by small black spheres in Fig. 8(*b*)] also occupy a certain surface area. Therefore, the surface has both solute and solvent molecules; and the fraction of surface covered by solvent molecules gets reduced. As a result, lesser number of solvent molecules will escape into vapours. In other words, vapour pressure of the solution will be less than that of the pure solvent or there will be a lowering in vapour pressure. The increase in the concentration of sugar in the solution will further lower the vapour pressure of the solution.

Raoult's law for liquid solutions containing non-volatile solutes.

According to Raoult's law, the partial vapour pressure of volatile component in the solution is directly proportional to the mole fraction in it. When the solute is non-volatile, only the solvent molecules are present in the vapour phase. Therefore, *the vapour pressure of the solution will be the vapour pressure due to solvent only.*

Vapour pressure of the solution = Vapour pressure of the solvent in the solution.

If p_A is the vapour pressure of the solvent over a solution containing non- volatile solute and x_A is its mole fraction, then according to Raoult's law, the vapour pressure of the solvent in the solution,

$$p_A \propto x_A$$

$$p_A = p_A^\circ x_A$$

or $$p = p_A^\circ x_A \qquad (\because p = p_A)$$

i.e., p (solution) = p (pure solvent) × mole fraction of solvent.

This relationship is known as **Raoult's law.**

Thus, for solutions containing non-volatile solutes, the **Raoult's law** may be stated as

at a given temperature, the vapour pressure of a solution containing non-volatile solute is directly proportional to the mole fraction of the solvent.

The above expression also implies that $p \propto x_A$

i.e., vapour pressure of solution is directly proportional to the mole fraction of the solvent in the solution. The proportionality constant is equal to vapour pressure of pure solvent (p_A°). Thus, if vapour pressure of the solution containing a non-volatile solute is plotted against the mole fraction of the solvent, a straight line plot will be obtained as shown in Fig. 9.

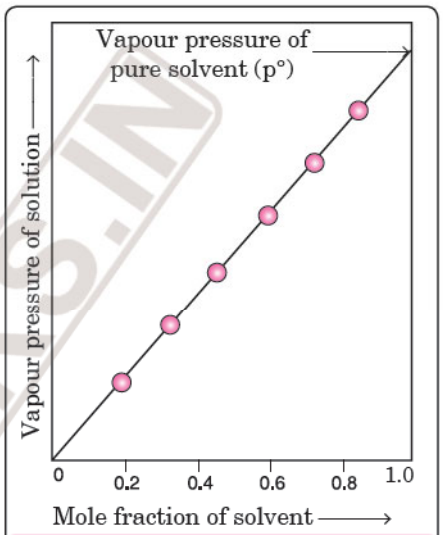


Fig. 9. Plot of vapour pressure of solution containing non-volatile solute versus mole fraction of the solvent.

KEY NOTE

According to latest convention, pressure is represented as p instead of P. Still both abbreviations are commonly used. But in the present text, p is used for pressure.

The above relationship may also be expressed in different ways as :

Rearranging the above equation,

$$P = p_A^\circ x_A$$

$$\frac{p}{p_A^\circ} = x_A$$

Subtracting each side of the equation from 1, we have

$$1 - \frac{p}{p_A^\circ} = 1 - x_A$$

or $$\frac{p_A^\circ - p}{p_A^\circ} = x_B \qquad (\because x_A + x_B = 1 \text{ or } 1 - x_A = x_B)$$

or $$\frac{p^\circ_{\text{solvent}} - p_{\text{solution}}}{p^\circ_{\text{solvent}}} = x_{\text{solute}}$$

Here, $p_A^\circ - p_A$ (difference in vapour pressure of pure solvent and solution) represents the lowering in vapour pressure on the formation of solution. Now, by dividing the lowering in vapour pressure with the vapour pressure of the pure solvent, *i.e.*, $(p_A^\circ - p_A)/p_A^\circ$ we get the **relative lowering in vapour pressure.** The above relation also gives an alternative statement of Raoult's law. Thus, the **Raoult's law in its modified form** may be stated as

the relative lowering in vapour pressure of an ideal solution containing the non-volatile solute is equal to the mole fraction of the solute at a given temperature.

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KEY NOTE

The **difference** and **similarity** between Raoult's law and Henry's law must be noted carefully.

Similarities

- Both Raoult's law and Henry's law apply to volatile component in solution.
- Both laws state that the vapour pressure of one component is proportional to the mole fraction of that component.

Differences

- Raoult's law defines the proportionality constant as the vapour pressure of the pure component, whereas Henry's law defines the proportionality constant as some experimentally determined value (Henry's constant, K_H).

Raoult's law as a special case of Henry's law

Raoult's law may be regarded as a special case of Henry's law. According to Raoult's law, the vapour pressure of a volatile component in given solution is given by the relation :

$$p_A = p_A^\circ x_A$$

where p_A° is the vapour pressure of the pure component, p_A is the vapour pressure in the solution having mole fraction x_A. In the case of solution of a gas in a liquid, the gaseous component is volatile component. Its solubility is governed by Henry law which gives the relation :

$$p = K_H x$$

where p is the pressure of the gas above the solution and x is its mole fraction. K_H is a proportionality constant known as Henry's constant.

The comparison of equations for Raoult's law and Henry's law shows that the partial pressure of the volatile component or gas is directly proportional to its mole fraction in solution. The only difference in the two expressions is the proportionality constant p_A° (in Raoult's law) and K_H (in Henry's law).

Therefore, **Raoult's law becomes a special case of Henry's law in which K_H becomes equal to vapour pressure of the pure component (p_A°).** Even in the liquid solutions, one of the components may sometimes obey Henry's law over a range of mole fraction.

In that case K_H becomes equal to p_A°. In practice, in solutions in which solute behaves ideally according to Henry's law, the solvent also behaves ideally according to Raoult's law. However, the reverse is not necessarily true and the Raoult's law ideality of the solvent does not mean that the solute must obey Henry's law.

As the solution becomes more and more dilute, and approaches a limit of infinite dilution ($x_2 \longrightarrow 0$) its components behave more ideally. The solvent behaves Raoult's law whereas the solute (minor component) obeys Henry's law for dilute solutions.

IDEAL AND NON-IDEAL SOLUTIONS

The binary liquid-liquid solutions may be classified into two types :

(1) *Ideal solutions*

(2) *Non-ideal solutions*

These may be described as follows:

1. Ideal solutions

An ideal solution may be defined as ***the solution which obeys Raoult's law exactly over the entire range of concentration.***

Such solutions are formed by mixing the two components which are identical in molecular size, in structure and have almost identical intermolecular forces. In these solutions, the intermolecular interactions between the components (A – B attractions) are of same magnitude as the intermolecular interactions in pure components (A – A and B – B attractions). According to Raoult's law, the partial vapour pressure of two components of the solution may be given as :

$$p_A = p_A^\circ x_A$$

and $$p_B = p_B^\circ x_B$$

Total pressure p is given by

$$p = p_A + p_B = p_A^\circ x_A + p_B^\circ x_B$$

The ideal solutions have also the following characteristics:

(i) **Heat change on mixing is zero.** Since there is no change in magnitude of the attractive forces in the two components present, the heat change on mixing *i.e.* $\Delta_{mixing}H$ in such solutions must be zero.

***(ii)* Volume change on mixing is zero.** In ideal solutions, the volume of the solution is the sum of the volumes of the components before mixing *i.e.,* there is no change in volume on mixing or $\Delta_{mixing}V$ is zero.

For example, when we mix 100 cm^3 of benzene with 100 cm^3 of toluene, the volume of the solution is found to be exactly 200 cm^3. Therefore, there is no change in volume on mixing *i.e.* $\Delta_{mixing}V = 0$. It has been noticed that the solutions generally tend to become ideal when they are dilute.

The **characteristics** of an ideal solution may be **summed up** as follows :
(*i*) It must obey Raoult's law. (*ii*) $\Delta_{mixing}H$ should be zero.
(*iii*) $\Delta_{mixing}V$ should be zero.

Examples of ideal solutions. In fact, ideal solutions are quite rare but some solutions are nearly ideal in behaviour at least when they are very dilute. A few examples of ideal solutions are:

(*i*) Benzene and toluene (*ii*) *n*-hexane and *n*-heptane
(*iii*) Bromoethane and iodoethane (*iv*) Chlorobenzene and bromobenzene.

The graphical behaviour of ideal solution has already been discussed in Fig. 7. Such solutions which obey Raoult's law are called **ideal liquid solutions.**

2. Non-ideal solutions

The solutions which do not obey Raoult's law over the entire range of concentration *are called* ***non-ideal solutions.***

Therefore, for such solutions

$$p_A \neq p_A^\circ x_A \quad \text{and} \quad p_B \neq p_B^\circ x_B$$

Thus, the vapour pressure of such solutions is either higher or lower than that predicted by Raoult's law. In non-ideal solutions, there is a noticeable change in volume and heat energy when the two components are mixed. Most of the solutions are non-ideal because they deviate from ideal behaviour to more or less extent. Thus, for **non-ideal solutions,**

(*i*) none of the components obey Raoult's law over the entire composition range, *i.e.,* $p_A \neq p_A^\circ x_A$ and $p_B \neq p_B^\circ x_B$
(*ii*) $\Delta_{mixing}V$ is not equal to zero.
(*iii*) $\Delta_{mixing}H$ is not equal to zero.

Thus, non-ideal solutions do not obey Raoult's law and are accompanied by change in enthalpy and change in volume during their formation.

Differences between ideal and non-ideal solutions

The main points of differences between ideal and non-ideal solutions are **summed up** below:

Ideal solution	Non-ideal solution
1. The interactions between the components are similar to those in the pure components.	The interaction between the components are different from those of the pure components.
2. There is no enthalpy change on mixing. ($\Delta_{mixing}H = 0$)	There is enthalpy change on mixing. ($\Delta_{mixing}H \neq 0$)
3. There is no volume change on mixing. ($\Delta_{mixing}V = 0$)	There is volume change on mixing. ($\Delta_{mixing}V \neq 0$)
4. Each component obeys Raoult's law at all temperatures and concentrations, *i.e.,* $p_A = p_A^\circ \times x_A$ and $p_B = p_B^\circ \times x_B$	Their components do not obey Raoult's law. They show positive and negative deviations from Raoult's law *i.e.,* $p_A \neq p_A^\circ x_A$ and $p_B \neq p_B^\circ x_B$

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Types of Non-ideal Solutions

Non-ideal solutions show positive and negative deviations from the ideal behaviour depending upon their nature.

(*i*) Non-ideal solutions showing positive deviations from Raoult's law. Consider a binary solution of two components A and B. If the A–B interactions in the solutions are *weaker* than the A–A and B–B interactions in the two liquids forming the solution, then the escaping tendency of A and B types of molecules from the solution becomes more than from pure liquids. As a result, each component of solution has a partial vapour pressure greater than expected on the basis of Raoult's law. The total vapour pressure will be greater than corresponding vapour pressure expected in case of ideal solution of the same composition. This type of behaviour of solution is described as **positive deviations** from Raoult's law. Mathematically, it may be expressed as :

$p_A > p_A^\circ x_A$ and $p_B > p_B^\circ x_B$

The total vapour pressure,

$p = p_A + p_B$ is always greater than $(p_A^\circ x_A + p_B^\circ x_B)$

The positive deviations have been shown in Fig. 10, in which dotted lines show the ideal behaviour upon mixing while the thick lines exhibit the actual behaviour. A few examples of solutions showing positive deviations are :

(*i*) Ethyl alcohol and cyclohexane
(*ii*) Acetone and carbon disulphide
(*iii*) Benzene and acetone
(*iv*) Carbon tetrachloride and choloroform
(*v*) Acetone and ethyl alcohol
(*vi*) Ethyl alcohol and water.

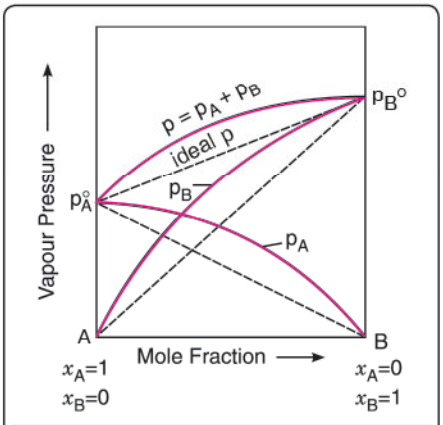
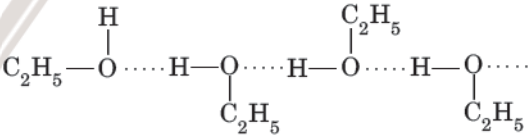


Fig. 10. Positive deviations from ideal behaviour. The dotted lines (------) represent ideal behaviour and solid lines (———) represent actual behaviour.

Explanation for positive deviations. Let us explain by considering a solution of ethyl alcohol and cyclohexane. In ethyl alcohol, the molecules are held together due to hydrogen bonding as shown below :



When cyclohexane is added to ethyl alcohol, the molecules of cyclohexane tend to occupy the spaces between ethyl alcohol molecules. Consequently, some hydrogen bonds in alcohol molecules break and the attractive forces in alcohol molecules are weakened. The escaping tendency of alcohol and cyclohexane molecules from the solution increases. Consequently, the vapour pressure of the solution is greater than the vapour pressure as expected according to Raoult's law.

In such solutions, $\Delta_{mixing}H$ and $\Delta_{mixing}V$ are also not equal to zero as explained below :

(*i*) $\Delta_{mixing}H$ is positive because energy is required to break A–A or B–B attractive forces. Therefore, dissolution process is *endothermic*.

(*ii*) Because of the decrease in the magnitude of intermolecular forces in solutions, the molecules will be loosely held and, therefore, there will be increase in volume on mixing. Thus, $\Delta_{mixing}V$ will be +ve.

Since the dissolution process in endothermic, *heating will increase the solubility of such a solution.*

(*ii*) Non-ideal solutions showing negative deviations from Raoult's law. In such solutions, the A–B interactions are *stronger* than the A–A and B–B interactions present in the two liquids forming the solution. Due to stronger A–B interactions, the escaping tendency of A and B types of molecules from the solution becomes less than from pure liquids. Consequently, each component of the solution has a partial vapour pressure less than expected on the basis of Raoult's law. As a result, the total vapour pressure becomes less than

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the corresponding vapour pressure expected in case of ideal solution. The solutions are said to have **negative deviations** from Raoult's law.

Mathematically,

$$p_A < p_A^\circ x_A \text{ and } p_B < p_B^\circ x_B$$

Thus, the total vapour pressure,

$p = p_A + p_B$ is always less than $(p_A^\circ x_A + p_B^\circ x_B)$

The negative deviations have been shown in Fig. 11, in which dotted lines show the ideal behaviour upon mixing while the thick lines show the actual behaviour. A few examples of the solutions showing negative deviations are:

(*i*) Acetone and chloroform
(*ii*) Chloroform and diethyl ether
(*iii*) Chloroform and nitric acid
(*iv*) Acetone and aniline
(*v*) Water and nitric acid
(*vi*) Diethyl ether and chloroform.

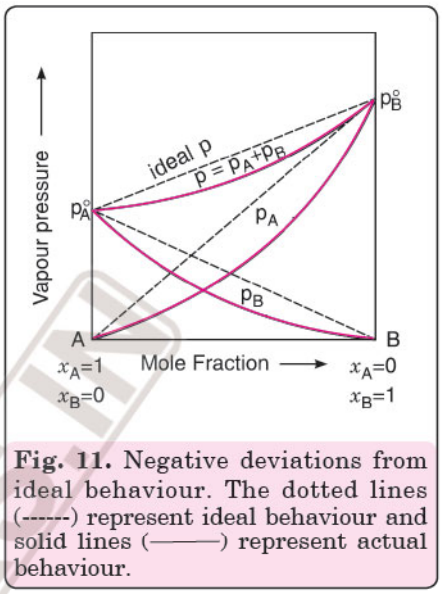


Fig. 11. Negative deviations from ideal behaviour. The dotted lines (------) represent ideal behaviour and solid lines (———) represent actual behaviour.

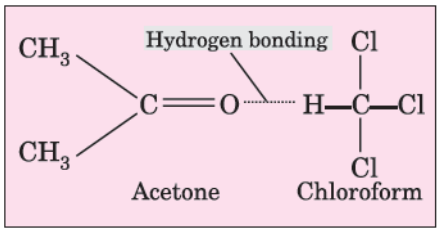
Explanation for negative deviations. Let us illustrate by considering a solution of acetone and chloroform. When acetone and chloroform are mixed, there are new attractive forces due to intermolecular hydrogen bonding. Thus, the attractive forces become stronger and the escaping tendency of each liquid from the solution decreases.

Therefore, the vapour pressure of the solution is less than that expected for an ideal solution.

In these solutions also, $\Delta_{mixing}H$ and $\Delta_{mixing}V$ are not equal to zero as explained below :

(*i*) $\Delta_{mixing}H$ is *negative* because energy is released due to increase in attractive forces. Therefore, *dissolution process is exothermic and heating the solution will decrease solubility.*

(*ii*) Because of the increase in forces of attraction in the solution, the molecules will be held more tightly. Therefore, there will be decrease in volume on mixing *i.e.* $\Delta_{mixing}V$ will be negative.



The **main properties** of two types of non-ideal solutions are summed up below :

Solutions having +ve deviation from ideal behaviour	Solutions having –ve deviation from ideal behaviour
1. The interactions between the components are **less** than in the pure components.	The interactions between the components are **more** than in the pure components.
2. $p_A > p_A^\circ x_A$ and $p_B > p_B^\circ x_B$	$p_A < p_A^\circ x_A$ and $p_B < p_A^\circ x_B$
3. $\Delta_{mixing}H$ = +ve Dissolution is endothermic.	$\Delta_{mixing}H$ = –ve Dissolution is exothermic
4. Heating increases solubility.	Heating decreases solubility.
5. $\Delta_{mixing}V$ = +ve	$\Delta_{mixing}V$ = –ve

Azeotropes or Constant Boiling Mixtures

There are some mixtures of liquids (solutions) which on boiling produce vapour with the same composition as the liquid and boil at a constant temperature. Therefore, such liquid mixtures distil over as if these are pure liquids. In such cases, it is not possible to separate the components by fractional distillation.

The solutions (liquid mixtures) which boil at constant temperature and can distil unchanged in composition are called **azeotropes or azeotropic mixtures** (Greek meaning *boiling without change*).

There are two types of azeotropes depending upon the type of deviations from Raoult's law. These are:

(*i*) Minimum boiling azeotropes
(*ii*) Maximum boiling azeotropes.

Competition Plus

Azeotropes are liquid mixtures which distil over as if these are pure liquids. For details, refer **Competition File** (Page 98).

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REMEMBER

- Solutions showing **positive deviations** from ideal behaviour form **minimum boiling azeotropes.**
- Solutions showing **negative deviations** from ideal behaviour form **maximum boiling azeotropes.**

R U Curious...

- Pure ethyl alcohol cannot be obtained from rectified spirit (95.6% of alcohol) even by fractional distillation!
  - This is because a mixture of 95.6% alcohol and 4.4% water forms an azeotropic *i.e.*, constant boiling mixture. At this stage liquid and vapour have the same composition and therefore, it cannot be further distilled to separate water from ethanol.

***(i)* Minium boiling azeotropes:** The solutions which show a large positive deviation from Raoult's law form minimum boiling azeotrope at a specific composition. For example, ethanol-water mixtures (obtained by fermentation of sugars) are rich in water. The fractional distillation gives a solution containing approximately 95% by volume of ethanol. Once the composition has been obtained the liquid and vapour have the same composition and therefore, it cannot be further distilled to separate water from ethanol. Other methods of separation have to be used to prepare 100% ethanol.

***(ii)* Maximum boiling azeotropes:** The solutions which show negative deviation from Raoult's law form maximum boiling azeotrope at a specific composition. For example, nitric acid (HNO_3) and water form maximum boiling azeotrope. The azeotrope has the approximate composition 68% nitric acid and 32% water by mass with a boiling point of 393.5 K.

Some common azeotropic mixtures are given below :

Components		Composition	Boiling Point (K)		
A	B	(mass % B)	A	B	Azeotrope
Minimum Boiling Azeotropes					
H_2O	C_2H_5OH	95.6	373	351.5	351
H_2O	n-C_3H_7OH	72.0	373	370.2	361
$CHCl_3$	C_2H_5OH	6.8	334.2	351.3	332.3
Maximum Boiling Azeotropes					
H_2O	HCl	20.2	373	188	381.6
H_2O	HNO_3	68.0	373	359	393.5
H_2O	HCOOH	77.0	373	374	380.0
$CHCl_3$	CH_3COCH_3	20.0	334.2	329.1	337.7

It is clear from the above table that in case of minimum boiling azeotrope, the boiling point of the azeotrope is less than the boiling point of either of the pure components. Similarly, in case of maximum boiling azeotrope, the boiling point of azeotrope is more than the boiling point of either of the pure components.

Solving Numerical Problems

FORMULAE AND UNITS

According to Raoult's law, for a binary solution of components A and B

$$p_A = p_A^\circ x_A$$
$$p_B = p_B^\circ x_A$$

where p_A° and p_A are the vapour pressure of pure component A and its vapour pressure in solution respectively and x_A is its mole fraction in solution. p_B° and p_B are the vapour pressure of pure component B and its vapour pressure in solution respectively and x_B is its mole fraction.

For a solution containing a non-volatile solute,

Vapour pressure of solution = Vapour pressure of solvent in solution, $p_A = p_A^\circ . x_A$

where p_A° is the vapour pressure of pure component and x_A is its mole fraction in solution.

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SOLVED EXAMPLES

❑ Example 26.

The vapour pressure of ethyl alcohol at 298 K is 40 mm of Hg. Its mole fraction in a solution with methyl alcohol is 0.80. What is its vapour pressure in solution if the mixture obeys Raoult's law?

Solution : According to Raoult's law,

$$p_A = p_A^\circ x_A$$

Vapour pressure of pure ethyl alcohol (p_A°) = 40 mm of Hg

Mole fraction of ethyl alcohol (x_A) = 0.80

Vapour pressure of ethyl alcohol in solution (p_A) = 40 × 0.80

= **32 mm of IIg.**

❑ Example 27.

An aqueous solution of glucose is made by dissolving 10 g of glucose ($C_6H_{12}O_6$) in 90 g of water at 303 K. If the vapour pressure of pure water at 303 K be 32.8 mm Hg, what would be the vapour pressure of the solution? *(A.I.S.B. 2000)*

Solution : According to Raoult's law, vapour pressure of the solution,

$$p_A = p_A^\circ x_A$$

where p_A°= vapour pressure of pure water and x_A is the mole fraction of water.

Since solute is non-volatile

Vapour pressure of solution $= p_A = p_A^\circ x_A$

p_A° = 32.8 mm Hg

$$\text{Moles of water} = \frac{90}{18} = 5.0$$

$$\text{Moles of glucose} = \frac{10}{180} = 0.0556$$

$$\text{Mole fraction of water, } x_A = \frac{5.0}{5.0 + 0.0556} = 0.989$$

Vapour pressure of solution = 32.8 × 0.989

= **32.44 mm.**

❑ Example 28.

At 298 K, the vapour pressure of pure benzene, C_6H_6 is 0.256 bar and the vapour pressure of pure toluene $C_6H_5CH_3$ is 0.0925 bar. If the mole fraction of benzene in solution is 0.40 (i) what is the total vapour pressure of the solution? (ii) Calculate the composition of the vapour in terms of mole fraction.

(Pb.S.B. 2009, 2010)

Solution : (i) Calculation of total vapour pressure

According to Raoult's law,

Vapour pressure of a component = Vapour pressure of pure liquid × Mole fraction

Mole fraction of benzene, $x_{benzene}$ = 0.40

Vapour pressure of pure benzene, $p^\circ_{benzene}$ = 0.256 bar

Partial vapour pressure of benzene,

$p_{benzene}$ = 0.256 × 0.40 = 0.1024 bar

Mole fraction of toluene, $x_{toluene}$ = 1 – 0.40 = 0.60

Vapour pressure of pure toluene,

$p^\circ_{toluene}$ = 0.0925 bar

Partial vapour pressure of toluene,

$p_{toluene}$ = 0.0925 × 0.60 = 0.0555 bar

Total vapour pressure of solution,

$p_{total} = p_{benzene} + p_{toluene} = 0.1024 + 0.0555 =$ **0.158 bar.**

(ii) Calculation of composition of vapour phase

Mole fraction of benzene in vapour phase

$$y_{benzene} = \frac{p_{benzene}}{p_{total}} = \frac{0.1024}{0.158} = \mathbf{0.648}$$

Mole fraction of toluene in vapour phase

$$y_{toluene} = \frac{0.0555}{0.158} = \mathbf{0.351}$$

❑ Example 29.

Vapour pressure of chloroform ($CHCl_3$) and dichloromethane (CH_2Cl_2) at 298 K are 200 mm Hg and 415 mm Hg respectively.

(i) Calculate the vapour pressure of the solution prepared by mixing 25.5 g of $CHCl_3$ and 40 g of CH_2Cl_2 at 290 K and

(ii) Mole fraction of each component in solution.

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Solution : (*i*) Molar mass of $CHCl_3$ = 1 × 12 + 1 × 1 + 3 × 35.5

= 119.5 g mol^{-1}

Molar mass of CH_2Cl_2 = 1 × 12 + 2 × 1 + 2 × 35.5

= 85 g mol^{-1}

$$\text{Moles of } CHCl_3 = \frac{25.5\text{g}}{119.5\text{g mol}^{-1}} = 0.213 \text{ mol}$$

$$\text{Moles of } CH_2Cl_2 = \frac{40\text{g}}{55\text{g mol}^{-1}} = 0.470 \text{ mol}$$

Total number of moles = 0.213 + 0.470 = 0.683 mol

$$x_{CHCl_3} = \frac{0.213}{0.683} = 0.312$$

$$x_{CH_2Cl_2} = 1.0 - 0.312 = 0.688$$

$p_{CHCl_3} = p^\circ CHCl_3 \times x CHCl_3$

= 200 × 0.312 = 62.4 mm Hg

$p_{CH_2Cl_2} = p^\circ CH_2Cl_2 \times x CH_2Cl_2$

= 4.15 × 0.688 = 288.5

p_{total} = 62.4 + 288.5

= **347.9 mm Hg**

(*ii*) Mole fraction in vapour phase

$$y_{CHCl_3} = \frac{p_{CHCl_3}}{p} = \frac{62.4}{347.9} = \mathbf{0.18}$$

$$y_{CH_2Cl_2} = \frac{p_{CH_2Cl_2}}{p} = \frac{288.5}{347.9}$$

= **0.82.**

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It may be noted that since CH_2Cl_2 is a more volatile component than $CHCl_3$ [$p°$ (CH_2Cl_2) = 415 mm Hg and $p°$ ($CHCl_3$) = 200 mmHg] and therefore, the vapour phase is also richer in CH_2Cl_2. Thus, it may be concluded that **at equilibrium, vapour phase will be always rich in the component which is more volatile.**

❑ **Example 30.**

Two liquids X and Y on mixing form an ideal solution. The vapour pressure of the solution containing 3 mol of X and 1 mol of Y is 550 mm of Hg. But when 4 mol of X and 1 mol of Y are mixed, the vapour pressure of the solution, thus, formed is 560 mm of Hg. What will be the vapour pressure of the pure X and pure Y at this temperature ?

Solution : Let the vapour pressure of X be $p_1°$ and of Y be $p_2°$ and x_1 and x_2 be their mole fractions.

Then according to Raoult's law, the total pressure, p is

$$p = p_1°.\, x_1 + p_1°.\, x_2$$

In the first solution,

$$x_1 = \frac{3}{3+1} = 0.75,\ x_2 = \frac{1}{3+1} = 0.25$$

$$\therefore\ p_1° \times 0.75 + p_2° \times 0.25 = 550 \text{ mm} \qquad ...(i)$$

In the second solution,

$$x_1 = \frac{4}{4+1} = 0.80,\ x_2 = \frac{1}{4+1} = 0.20$$

$$\therefore\ p_1° \times 0.80 + p_2° \times 0.20 = 560 \text{ mm} \qquad ...(ii)$$

Multiply eq. (*i*) by 4 and eq. (*ii*) by 5, we get

$$3p_1° + p_2° = 2200 \text{ mm} \qquad ...(iii)$$

$$4p_1° + p_2° = 2800 \text{ mm} \qquad ...(iv)$$

Subtracting $-p_1° = -600$ mm

$$\therefore\ p_1° = 600 \text{ mm of Hg}$$

Substituting in eq. (*iii*) we get

$3 \times 600 + p_2° = 2200$ or $p_2° = 2200 - 1800 = 400$ mm Hg

Vapour pressure of pure component X = 600 mm Hg

Vapour pressure of pure component Y = 400 mm Hg

KEY NOTE

Mole fraction of a component in vapour phase may be calculated as :

Mole fraction of component A in vapour phase

$$= \frac{\text{Partial vapour pressure of A in solution}}{\text{Total vapour pressure}}$$

Mole fraction of component B in vapour phase

$$= \frac{\text{Partial vapour pressure of B in solution}}{\text{Total vapour pressure}}$$

Practice Problems

31. The vapour pressure of pure liquid A at 310°C is 0.158 bar. The vapour pressure of this liquid in solution with liquid B is 0.095 bar. Calculate the mole fraction of A in the solution if the mixture obeys Raoult's law.

32. At 293 K, ethyl acetate has vapour pressure of 72.8 torr of Hg and ethyl propionate has vapour pressure of 27.7 torr of Hg. Assuming their mixtures to obey Raoult's law, determine the vapour pressure of a mixture containing 25 g of ethyl acetate and 50 g of ethyl propionate.

33. An aqueous solution containing 28% by weight of a liquid. A (molecular mass = 140) has a vapour pressure of 0.210 bar at 37°C. Calculate the vapour pressure of pure liquid (vapour pressure of water at 37°C = 0.198 bar).

34. Benzene and toluene form nearly ideal solution. At a certain temperature, the vapour pressure of the pure benzene is 150 torr and of pure toluene is 50 torr. Calculate the vapour pressure of the solution containing equal weights of two substances at this temperature.

35. The vapour pressure of ethanol and methanol are 44.5 and 88.7 mm Hg respectively. An ideal solution is formed at the same temperature by mixing 60 g of ethanol and 40 g of methanol. Calculate the total vapour pressure of the solution and the mole fraction of methanol in the vapour phase.

(Pb.S.B.E. 2009, 2010)

36. Methanol and ethanol forms nearly ideal solution at 300 K. A solution is made by mixing 32 g methanol and 23 g ethanol. Calculate the partial pressure of its constituents and the total pressure of the solution. (at 300 K; $p°$ (CH_3OH) = 90 mm Hg, $p°$(C_2H_5OH) = 51 mm Hg).

37. At 20°C, the vapour pressure of pure liquid A is 22 mm Hg and that of pure liquid B is 75 mm Hg. What is the composition of the solution of these two components that has a vapour pressure of 48.5 mm Hg at this temperature (assume ideal behaviour) ?

Answers to Practice Problems

31. 0.601

32. 44.25 torr of Hg

33. 0.448 bar

34. 104.1 torr

35. 66.15 mm Hg, 0.657

36. $p(CH_3OH)$ = 60.3 mm Hg, $p(C_2H_5OH)$ = 16.8 mm Hg, p (Total) = 77.1 mm Hg

37. $x_A = x_B$ = 0.5 equal moles of A and B.

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38. Two liquids A and B have vapour pressure of 0.658 bar and 0.264 bar respectively. In an ideal solution of the two, calculate the mole fraction of A at which the two liquids have equal partial pressures.

39. The liquids X and Y form ideal solution having vapour pressures 200 and 100 mm Hg respectively. Calculate the mole fraction of component X in vapour phase in equilibrium with an equimolar solution of the two.

40. At a certain temperature, the vapour pressure (in mm Hg) of CH_3OH and C_2H_5OH solution is represented by $P = 119\,x + 135$ where x is the mole fraction of CH_3OH. What are the vapour pressures of pure components at this temperature ?

Answers to Practice Problems

38. 0.286

39. 0.67

40. $p(CH_3OH) = 254$ mm Hg
$p(C_2H_5OH) = 135$ mm Hg

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Advanced Level PROBLEMS Accelerate Your Potential (for JEE Advance)

Problem 5. The mole fraction of X in the vapours in equilibrium with homogeneous mixture of liquids X and Y is 0.42. The vapour pressure of liquids X and Y at the same temperature are 406.5 and 140 torr respectively. Calculate the mole fraction of X in the solution.

Solution According to Raoult's law,

$$p_X = p_X^\circ \times x_X \quad ...(i)$$

$$p_Y = p_Y^\circ \times x_Y = p_Y^\circ (1 - x_X) \quad ...(ii)$$

In vapour state, mole fractions of X and Y are :

$$y_X = \frac{p_X}{p_{(total)}}$$

$$0.42 = \frac{p_X}{p_{(total)}} \text{ or } p_X = 0.42\, p_{(total)} \quad ...(iii)$$

Similarly, $y_Y = \frac{p_Y}{p_{(total)}}$

$$0.58 = \frac{p_Y}{p_{(total)}} \text{ or } p_Y = 0.58\, p_{(total)} \quad ...(iv)$$

Dividing eq. (*iii*) by eq. (*iv*),

$$\text{or } \frac{p_X}{p_Y} = \frac{0.42}{0.58} = 0.724 \quad ...(v)$$

From eq. (*i*), (*ii*) and eq. (*v*),

$$\frac{p_X}{p_Y} = \frac{p_X^\circ \times x_X}{p_Y^\circ \times (1 - x_X)} = 0.724$$

$$\text{or } \frac{406.5\, x_X}{140(1 - x_X)} = 0.724$$

$$\text{or } 406.5\, x_X = 101.36 - 101.36\, x_X$$

$$507.86\, x_X = 101.36$$

$$\therefore x_X = \mathbf{0.20}$$

Problem 6. Liquids A and B form ideal solution over the entire range of composition. At temperature T, equimolar binary solution of liquids A and B has vapour pressure 45 torr. At the same temperature, a new solution of A and B having mole fractions X_A and X_B respectively has vapour pressure of 22.5 torr. What is the value of x_A/x_B in the new solution? (Given that the vapour pressure of pure liquid A is 20 torr at temperature T). **(JEE Advance 2018)**

Solution For equimolar binary solution of liquids A and B

$x_A = 0.5$, $x_B = 0.5$ and $p_A^\circ = 20$ torr

$$p_{total} = x_A p_A^\circ + x_B p_B^\circ$$

$$45 = 0.5 \times 20 + 0.5 \times p_B^\circ$$

$$0.5\, p_B^\circ = 45 - 10 = 35$$

$$\therefore p_B^\circ = 35 \times 2 = 70 \text{ torr}$$

If mole fractions are x_A and x_B for the new solution,

$$22.5 = 20x_A + 70\, x_B$$

$$22.5 = 20x_A + 70(1 - x_A)$$

$$50x_A = 70 - 22.5 = 47.5$$

$$x_A = \frac{47.5}{50} = 0.95$$

$$x_B = 1 - 0.95 = 0.05$$

$$\therefore \frac{x_A}{x_B} = \frac{0.95}{0.05} = \mathbf{19.00}$$

Problem 7. A solution of A and B with 30 mol % A is in equilibrium with its vapour which contains 40 mol % B. Assuming that the solution and the vapour behave ideally, calculate the ratio of vapour pressure of pure A and pure B.

Solution In solution, mol % of A is 30, so that

$x_A = 0.30$, $x_B = 0.70$

In vapour phase, mol % of B is 40, so that

$y_A = 0.60$, $y_B = 0.40$

$$\text{Now, } y_A = \frac{p_A}{\text{total vapour pressure}} = \frac{x_A p_A^\circ}{x_A p_A^\circ + x_B p_B^\circ}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{0.30 p_A^\circ}{0.30 p_A^\circ + 0.70 p_B^\circ} = 0.60 \quad ...(i)$$

Similarly,

$$y_B = \frac{p_B}{\text{total vapour pressure}} = \frac{x_B p_B^\circ}{x_A p_A^\circ + x_B p_B^\circ}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{0.70 p_B^\circ}{0.30 p_A^\circ + 0.70 p_B^\circ} = 0.40 \quad ...(ii)$$

Dividing eq. (*i*) by eq. (*ii*):

$$\frac{0.30 p_A^\circ}{0.70 p_B^\circ} = \frac{0.60}{0.40}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{p_A^\circ}{p_B^\circ} = \frac{0.60}{0.40} \times \frac{0.70}{0.30} = \mathbf{3.5}$$

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CONCEPTUAL QA

On Conceptual Questions 2

Q.1. What happens to vapour pressure of water if a tablespoon of sugar is added to it ?
Ans. Addition of non-volatile solute lowers the vapour pressure of solvent (water).
Q.2. Why is the time saved when cooking is done in a pressure cooker ? ***(J.K.S.B. 2013)***
Ans. At higher pressure over the liquid (due to weight of the pressure cooker lid), the liquid boils at higher temperature. Therefore, cooking occurs faster.
Q.3. Why is the vapour pressure of a liquid constant at a constant temperature ?
Ans. Vapour pressure is the pressure of the vapour at equilibrium state when rate of evaporation becomes equal to rate of condensation. Equilibrium constant does not change at a particular temperature and, therefore, vapour pressure remains constant.
Q.4. Two liquids A and B are mixed and the resulting solution is found to be cooler. What do you conclude about deviation from ideal behaviour ?
Ans. The solution shows positive deviation from ideal behaviour.
Q.5. Can we separate the components of azeotropic mixture by distillation ?
Ans. No, we cannot separate the components of an azeotropic mixture by distillation because at a particular composition, both the components boil at the same temperature.
Q.6. Mixing of acetone with chloroform takes place with reduction in volume. What type of deviation from Raoult's law is shown in this case ?
Ans. The solution has negative deviation from Raoult's law because decrease in volume indicates strong forces of interaction between the molecules in solution.
Q.7. Why is liquid ammonia bottle first cooled in ice before opening it ?
Ans. At room temperature, the vapour pressure of liquid ammonia is very high. On cooling vapour pressure decreases. Therefore, the liquid ammonia will not splash out.
Q.8. Two liquid A and B boil at 145°C and 190°C respectively. Which of them has higher vapour pressure at 80°C ? ***(D.S.B. 2006)***
Ans. Lower the boiling point, more volatile it is. Therefore, liquid A will have higher vapour pressure at 80°C.
Q. 9. A and B liquids on mixing produce a warm solution. Which type of deviation from Raoult's law is there? ***(C.B.S.E. Sample Paper 2011)***
Ans. Negative deviation.
Q. 10. A solution of chloroform and acetone is an example of maximum boiling azeotrope. Why ? ***(C.B.S.E. Sample Paper 2012)***
Ans. The solution of chloroform and acetone has lower vapour pressure than ideal solution because of stronger interactions between chloroform and acetone molecules. As a result, total vapour pressure becomes less than the corresponding ideal solution of same composition (*i.e.*, negative deviations). Therefore, the boiling points of solutions are increased and form maximum boiling azeotropes.
Q. 11. The dissolution of ammonium chloride in water is an endothermic process. What is the effect of temperature on its solubility?
Ans. The solubility increases with rise in temperature (Le Chatelier's principle).

COLLIGATIVE PROPERTIES

The dilute solutions of non-volatile solutes exhibit certain characteristic properties which do not depend upon the nature of the solute but depend only on the number of particles (molecules or ions) of the solute *i.e.,* on the molar concentration of the solute. These are called **colligative properties** (colligative, from Latin : *co* means together, *ligare* means to bind). Thus,

the properties of the solutions which depend only on the number of solute particles but not on the nature of the solute are called ***colligative properties.***

The four important colligative properties are :

(i) Relative lowering in vapour pressure
(ii) Elevation in boiling point
(iii) Depression in freezing point
(iv) Osmotic pressure.

RELATIVE LOWERING IN VAPOUR PRESSURE

We have already studied that when a non-volatile solute is added to a solvent, the vapour pressure of the solution decreases. Let x_A be the mole fraction of the solvent, x_B be the mole fraction of the solute and p_A° be the vapour pressure of the pure solvent and p be the vapour pressure of solution.

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Since solute is non-volatile, there will be no contribution of solute to the vapour pressure and the vapour pressure of the solution will be only due to the solvent. Therefore, the vapour pressure of the solution (p) will be equal to the vapour pressure of the solvent (p_A), over the solution, *i.e.,*

$$p = p_A$$

But, according to Raoult's law, the vapour pressure of solvent is equal to the product of its vapour pressure in pure state and its mole fraction,

$$p_A = p_A^\circ x_A$$

or
$$p = p_A = p_A^\circ x_A \quad ...(13)$$

Since x_A is always less than one, the vapour pressure of the solution is always less than p_A° i.e., vapour pressure of the pure solvent.

The lowering in vapour pressure is:

$$\Delta p_A = p_A^\circ - p_A$$
$$= p_A^\circ - p_A^\circ x_A$$

or
$$= p_A^\circ (1 - x_A)$$

But $1 - x_A = x_B$ so that

$$\Delta p_A = p_A^\circ x_B$$

or
$$\frac{\Delta p_A}{p_A^\circ} = x_B$$

Thus,
$$\frac{\Delta p_A}{p_A^\circ} = \boxed{\frac{p_A^\circ - p_A}{p_A^\circ} = x_B} \quad ...(14)$$

where, $p_A^\circ - p_A$ (difference in vapour pressure of pure solvent and solution) represents the lowering in vapour pressure on the formation of solution and $(p_A^\circ - p_A)/ p_A^\circ$ gives the relative lowering in vapour pressure. Thus, the ***relative lowering in vapour pressure of an ideal solution containing the non-volatile solute is equal to the mole fraction of the solute at a given temperature.***

It may be noted that in a solution containing several non-volatile solutes, the lowering in vapour pressure depends on the sum of the mole fractions of different solutes.

Relative lowering of vapour pressure — a colligative property. According to Eq. 14, the relative lowering in vapour pressure depends only on the molar concentration of the solute (mole fraction) and is independent of its nature. Therefore, *relative lowering in vapour pressure is a colligative property.*

Determination of Molar Mass of a Solute from Relative Lowering in Vapour Pressure

Molar mass of a non-volatile solute can be calculated from relative lowering in vapour pressure. A known mass of the solute is dissolved in a known quantity of solution and relative lowering in vapour pressure is measured experimentally. According to Raoult's law, the relative lowering in vapour pressure on the addition of a non-volatile solute to the solvent is:

$$\frac{p_A^\circ - p_A}{p_A^\circ} = x_B$$

Suppose w_A and w_B are the weights of the solvent and solute respectively and M_A and M_B are their corresponding molar masses. Then,

Mole fraction of solute, $x_B = \frac{n_B}{n_A + n_B}$

where n_A and n_B are the moles of the solvent and the solute respectively and

$$n_A = \frac{w_A}{M_A}, \; n_B = \frac{w_B}{M_B}$$

$$\therefore \quad x_B = \frac{\frac{w_B}{M_B}}{\frac{w_A}{M_A} + \frac{w_B}{M_B}}$$

KEY NOTE

Colligative properties of dilute solutions are also called **democrative properties.** This is because just as in democracy, it is only the number of persons which count. In the same way, it is the number of particles (irrespective of their nature) which counts.

This means that if two solutions contain equal number of solute particles of A and B (*i.e.,* molar concentration is same) then the two solutions will have same colligative properties irrespective of the nature of A and B. In other words, the relative lowering in vapour pressure, elevation in boiling point, etc. will be same for the two solutions. The colligative properties are very useful to determine the molar mass, commonly called molecular weight of the non-volatile solutes.

WATCH OUT !

It must be remembered that only **relative lowering in vapour pressure is a colligative property.** Vapour pressure or lowering in vapour pressure are not colligative properties.

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Relative lowering in vapour pressure is measured by Ostwald Walker dynamic method. For detail, refer **Competition File** (Page 98).

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Therefore, relative lowering in vapour pressure is

$$\frac{p_A^\circ - p_A}{p_A^\circ} = \frac{w_B / M_B}{w_A / M_A + w_B / M_B}$$

For dilute solutions, n_B is very small in comparison to n_A ($n_B << n_A$) so that n_B can be neglected in the denominator,

$$n_A + n_B \approx n_A$$

Thus,

$$\frac{p_A^\circ - p_A}{p_A^\circ} = \frac{n_B}{n_A} = \frac{w_B / M_B}{w_A / M_A}$$

$$\therefore \quad \frac{p_A^\circ - p_A}{p_A^\circ} = \frac{w_B \times M_A}{w_A \times M_B} \qquad ...(15)$$

or
$$\boxed{M_B = \frac{w_B\, M_A}{w_A \times \left(\frac{p_A^\circ - p_A}{p_A^\circ}\right)}} \qquad ...(16)$$

Thus, the molar mass of the solute can be determined if the other quantities, w_A, w_B, M_A and relative lowering in vapour pressure $\left(\frac{p_A^\circ - p_A}{p_A^\circ}\right)$ are known.

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According to Raoult's law,
relative lowering in vapour pressure,

$$\left(\frac{p_A^\circ - p_A}{p_A^\circ}\right) = x_B$$

or $$= \frac{n_B}{n_A + n_B} \approx \frac{n_B}{n_A}$$

and molecular mass of non-volatile solute,

$$M_B = \frac{w_B \times M_A}{w_A \left(\frac{p_A^\circ - p_A}{p_A^\circ}\right)}$$

SOLVED EXAMPLES

❑ **Example 31.**

Vapour pressure of water at 20°C is 17.5 mm of Hg and lowering of vapour pressure of a sugar solution is 0.061 mm of Hg. Calculate

(i) relative lowering of vapour pressure
(ii) vapour pressure of the solution
(iii) mole fraction of sugar and water.

Solution : (i) Calculation of relative lowering of vapour pressure

Vapour pressure of water (p_A°) = 17.5 mm of Hg
Lowering of vapour pressure ($p_A^\circ - p_A$) = 0.061
∴ Relative lowering of vapour pressure,

$$\frac{p_A^\circ - p_A}{p_A^\circ} = \frac{0.061}{17.5} = \mathbf{0.00348}$$

(ii) Calculation of vapour pressure of solution

p = Vapour pressure of solvent – Lowering in vapour pressure
= 17.5 – 0.061 = **17.439 mm of Hg**

(iii) Calculation of mole fraction of sugar and water

Mole fraction of sugar, x_B (solute)

$$\frac{p_A^\circ - p_A}{p_A^\circ} = x_B$$

Here $$\frac{p_A^\circ - p_A}{p_A^\circ} = 0.00348$$

∴ Mole fraction of sugar, x_B = 0.00348
Mole fraction of water, x_A = $1 - x_B = 1 - 0.00348$
= **0.9965.**

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❑ **Example 32.**

The vapour pressure of pure benzene at a certain temperature is 0.850 bar. A non-volatile, non-electrolyte solid weighing 0.50 g is added to 39.0 g of benzene (molar mass 78 g mol^{-1}). The vapour pressure of the solution, then is 0.845 bar. What is the molar mass of the solid substance?

N.C.E.R.T. *(Meghalaya S.B. 2014, H.P.S.B. 2014, Kerala S.B. 2016)*

Solution : According to Raoult's law

$$\frac{p_A^\circ - p_A}{p_A^\circ} = x_B = \frac{w_B \times M_A}{M_B \times w_A} \text{ (for dilute solution)}$$

$w_B = 0.50$ g, $w_A = 39.0$ g, $p_A = 0.845$ bar, $p_A^\circ = 0.850$ bar

$$\frac{0.850 - 0.845}{0.850} = \frac{0.5 \times 78}{39.0 \times M_B}$$

$$\frac{0.005}{0.850} = \frac{0.5 \times 78}{39.0 \times M_B}$$

or $$M_B = \frac{0.5 \times 78 \times 0.850}{0.005 \times 39.0} = \mathbf{170\ g\ mol^{-1}.}$$

❑ **Example 33.**

Calculate the mass of a non-volatile solute (molecular mass = 40), which should be dissolved in 114 g octane to reduce its vapour pressure to 80%.

N.C.E.R.T. *(Pb.S.B. 2008, Assam S.B. 2017)*

Solution : The vapour pressure is reduced to 80% on the addition of a non-volatile solute so that

$$\frac{p_A^\circ - p_A}{p_A^\circ} = \frac{100-80}{100} = \frac{1}{5} = 0.2$$

Now, according to Raoult's law

$$\frac{p_A^\circ - p_A}{p_A^\circ} = x_B$$

Let mass of non-volatile solute to be added = x g

$$\therefore \quad \frac{p_A^\circ - p_A}{p_A^\circ} = \frac{\frac{x}{40}}{\frac{114}{114} + \frac{x}{40}}$$

(Molar mass of octane = 114)

$$0.2 = \frac{x/40}{1 + x/40}$$

$$\therefore \quad 0.2\left(1 + \frac{x}{40}\right) = \frac{x}{40}$$

or $$0.2 = \frac{x}{40} - \frac{0.2x}{40}$$

$$\therefore \quad 0.2 = \frac{0.8x}{40\,g}$$

or $$x = 10\ g$$

$\therefore$ Mass of solute to be added = **10 g.**

❑ **Example 34.**

Calculate the vapour pressure of an aqueous solution containing 5% by mass of urea (NH_2CONH_2) at 298K. The vapour pressure of water at 298K is 23.75 mm Hg.

(Assam S.B. 2015)

Solution : A 5% aqueous solution of urea means that out of 100 g of solution, urea is 5 g and water is 95 g.

Weight of solute (urea), $w_B = 5$ g;
Weight of solvent (water), $w_A = 95$ g
Molar mass of urea $M_B = 60$,
Molar mass of water $M_A = 18$
Vapour pressure of water, $p_A^\circ = 23.75$ mm Hg;
Vapour pressure of solution, $p_A = ?$

According to Raoult's law,

$$\frac{p_A^\circ - p_A}{p_A^\circ} = \frac{w_B M_A}{w_A M_B}$$

or $$\frac{23.75 - p_A}{23.75} = \frac{5 \times 18}{95 \times 60}$$

or $$23.75 - p_A = \frac{5 \times 18 \times 23.75}{95 \times 60} = 0.375$$

or $$p_A = 23.75 - 0.375 = 23.375$$

$\therefore$ Vapour pressure of solution = **23.375 mm Hg.**

❑ **Example 35.**

A solution containing 30 g of a non-volatile solute in 90 g water has a vapour pressure of 2.8 kPa at 298 K. Further 18 g of water is added to solution, the new vapour pressure becomes 2.9 kPa at 298 K. Calculate

(i) Molecular mass of solute.

(ii) Vapour pressure of water at 298 K. **N.C.E.R.T.**

Solution : $w_B = 30$ g, $w_A = 90$ g, $p_A = 2.8$ kPa

According to Raoult's law,

$$\frac{p_A^\circ - p_A}{p_A^\circ} = x_B \approx \frac{\frac{w_B}{M_B}}{\frac{w_A}{M_A} + \frac{w_B}{M_B}} \approx \frac{w_B \times M_A}{M_B \times w_B}$$

$$\therefore \quad \frac{p_A^\circ - 2.8}{p_A^\circ} = \frac{30}{M_B} \times \frac{18}{90}$$

$$1 - \frac{2.8}{p_A^\circ} = \frac{6}{M_B}$$

or $$\frac{2.8}{p_A^\circ} = 1 - \frac{6}{M_B}$$

or $$\frac{2.8}{p_A^\circ} = \frac{M_B - 6}{M_B} \quad \ldots(i)$$

Similarly, $w_B = 30$ g, $w_A = 90 + 18 = 108$ g, $p_A = 2.9$ kPa

$$\therefore \quad \frac{p_A^\circ - 2.9}{p_A^\circ} = \frac{30}{M_B} \times \frac{18}{108}$$

$$1 - \frac{2.9}{p_A^\circ} = \frac{5}{M_B}$$

or $$\frac{2.9}{p_A^\circ} = 1 - \frac{5}{M_B}$$

or $$\frac{2.9}{p_A^\circ} = \frac{M_B - 5}{M_B} \quad \ldots(ii)$$

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Dividing eq. (*i*) by eq. (*ii*) we get

$$\frac{2.8}{2.9} = \frac{M_B - 6}{M_B - 5}$$

$$2.8\ M_B - 14 = 2.9\ M_B - 17.4$$
$$2.9\ M_B - 2.8\ M_B = 17.4 - 14$$
$$0.1\ M_B = 3.4$$
$$\therefore \quad M_B = \mathbf{34\ g\ mol^{-1}}$$

Substituting the value of M_B in eqn. (*i*) we get

$$\frac{2.8}{p_A^\circ} = \frac{34 - 6}{34} = \frac{28}{34}$$
$$\therefore \quad 28\ p_A^\circ = 2.8 \times 34$$
$$\therefore \quad p_A^\circ = \mathbf{3.4\ kPa.}$$

Practice Problems

41. 30 g of urea (M = 60 g mol^{-1}) is dissolved in 846 g of water. Calculate the vapour pressure of water for this solution if vapour pressure of pure water at 298 K is 23.8 mm Hg. *(A.I.S.B. 2017)*

42. The vapour pressure of water is 12.3 kPa at 300 K. Calculate vapour pressure of 1 molar solution of a solute in it.

43. The vapour pressure of water at 20°C is 17.5 mm Hg. A solution of sucrose (molar mass = 342) is prepared by dissolving 68.4 g in 1000 g of water. Calculate
(*i*) relative lowering of vapour pressure
(*ii*) vapour pressure of solution. *(Pb.S.B. 2004)*

44. The vapour pressure of pure benzene at a certain temperature is 262 bar. At the same temperature the vapour pressure of a solution containing 2 g of non-volatile, non-electrolytic solid in 100 g of benzene is 256 bar. What is the molecular mass of the solid ? *(H.P.S.B. 2011)*

45. The vapour pressures of pure liquids A and B are 450 mm and 700 mm of Hg respectively at 350 K. Calculate the composition of liquid mixture if total vapour pressure is 600 mm of Hg. Also find the composition of the mixture in vapour phase. *(CBSE Sample Paper 2010, Assam S.B. 2015)*

46. The vapour pressure of a 5% aqueous solution of a non-volatile organic substance at 373 K is 745 mm. Calculate the molar mass of the solute. (Vapour pressure of water at 373 K = 760 mm Hg). *(Jharkhand S.B. 2012, Manipur S.B. 2017)*

47. At 25°C, the vapour pressure of pure water is 23.76 mm of Hg and that of an aqueous dilute solution of urea is 22.98 mm of Hg. Calculate the molality of the solution.

48. What mass of a non-volatile solute, urea (NH_2CONH_2) need to be dissolved in 100 g of water in order to decrease the vapour pressure of water by 25% ? What will be the molality of the solution ?

49. Urea forms an ideal solution in water. Determine the vapour pressure of an aqueous solution containing 10% by mass of urea at 40°C. (Vapour pressure of water at 40°C = 55.3 mm of Hg) *(A.I.S.B. 2006, Nagaland S.B. 2015)*

50. The vapour pressure of water at 293 K is 0.0231 bar and the vapour pressure of a solution of 108.24 g of a compound in 1000 g of water at the same temperature is 0.0228 bar. Calculate the molar mass of the solute.

Answers to Practice Problems

41. 23.55 mm Hg
42. 12.08 kPa
43. (*i*) 0.0036 (*ii*) 17.437 mm of Hg
44. 68.12 g mol^{-1}
45. 0.4, 0.6, 0.3, 0.7
46. 48 g mol^{-1}
47. 1.83 m
48. 111 g, 18.5 m
49. 53.46 mm Hg
50. 150.0.

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ELEVATION IN BOILING POINT

The **boiling point** of a liquid is the ***temperature at which its vapour pressure becomes equal to the atmospheric pressure.*** We have learnt that the vapour pressure of the solution containing non-volatile solute is less than that of the solvent. Therefore, the solution has to be heated to a higher temperature so that its vapour pressure becomes equal to the atmospheric pressure. Thus, the boiling point of the solution is always higher than that of the pure solvent.

For example, vapour pressure of water is 1.013 bar (or 1 atm) at 373 K. Therefore, water boils at 373 K because its vapour pressure at this temperature becomes equal to one atmospheric pressure which is 1.013 bar. The vapour pressure of an aqueous solution of sucrose is less than 1.013 bar at 373 K and therefore, the solution will not boil at 373 K. In order to make the solution to boil, its temperature must be increased so that its vapour pressure becomes

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equal to 1.013 bar (1 atm). Thus, boiling point of a solution is always higher than the boiling point of the pure solvent in which the solution is prepared.

The elevation in boiling point on the addition of a non-volatile solute to a solvent can be easily illustrated graphically. The vapour pressure of the pure solvent or solution increases with rise in temperature. The variation of vapour pressure of the solvent and solution at different temperatures is shown in Fig. 12. The curve AB gives the vapour pressure for the pure solvent and the curve CD gives the vapour pressure for the solution at different temperatures. The curve CD representing the vapour pressure of the solution at different temperatures lies below the curve AB which corresponds to the vapour pressure of the pure solvent. This is because of the fact that the vapour pressure of the solution is less than that of the pure solvent at all temperatures.

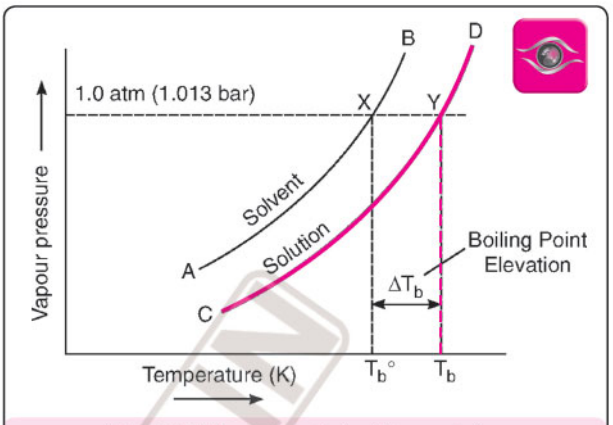


Fig. 12. Elevation in boiling point.

It is clear from the figure that the vapour pressure of the pure solvent becomes equal to atmospheric pressure at X (corresponding to temperature T_b°) while the vapour pressure of the solution becomes equal to atmospheric pressure at Y (corresponding to temperature T_b). Thus, the boiling point of the pure solvent is T_b° while that of the solution is T_b. Since T_b is greater than T_b° there is an elevation or increase in boiling temperature of the solution as compared to that of the solvent.

Mathematically, elevation in boiling point, ΔT_b may be expressed as :

$$\Delta T_b = T_b - T_b^\circ$$

It has been found out experimentally that the elevation in the boiling point (ΔT_b) of a solution is proportional to the molal concentration of the solution, *i.e.*,

$$\Delta T_b \propto m$$

or
$$\Delta T_b = K_b m \quad ...(17)$$

where m is the molality of the solution and represents moles of solute in 1 kg of solvent and K_b is called **molal boiling point elevation constant** or **molal boiling point constant** or **ebullioscopic constant.**

If $m = 1$

then $\Delta T_b = K_b$

Thus, **molal boiling point elevation constant, K_b,** is defined as

the elevation in boiling point for 1 molal solution i.e., a solution containing 1 gram mole of solute dissolved in 1000 g of the solvent.

Elevation in boiling point — a colligative property. From Eq. (17), as K_b is constant, so that

$$\Delta T_b \propto m$$

Thus, *elevation in boiling point is directly proportional to the molal concentration of the solute (i.e., number of molecules) and therefore, it is a colligative property.*

The K_b values for some common solvents are given in Table 3.

The units of K_b are degree/molality, i.e. K m^{-1} or °C m^{-1} or K kg mol^{-1}

Table 3. Molal boiling point elevation constants (K_b) for some solvents.

Solvent	b.p. (K)	K_b (Km^{-1})
Water (H_2O)	373.15	0.52
Ethanol (C_2H_5OH)	351.5	1.20
Benzene (C_6H_6)	353.3	2.53
Chloroform ($CHCl_3$)	334.4	3.63
Ether ($C_4H_{10}O$)	307.8	2.02
Carbon tetrachloride (CCl_4)	350.0	5.03
Carbon disulphide (CS_2)	319.4	2.34
Acetic acid (CH_3COOH)	391.1	2.93
Cyclohexane (C_6H_{12})	353.74	2.79

NOTE

K_b can be calculated from molar enthalpy of vaporisation as :

$$K_b = \frac{M R T_b^2}{\Delta_{vap}H \times 1000}$$

where M is a molar mass of solvent, T_b is the boiling point of the solvent, R is gas constant and $\Delta_{vap}H$ is the molar enthalpy of vaporisation of the solvent.

For example, latent heat of vaporisation is 2.257 kJ g^{-1} for water. Its molal elevation constant can be calculated as :

$$K_b = \frac{MRT_b^2}{\Delta_{vap}H \times 1000}$$

$R = 8.314$ J K^{-1} mol^{-1}

$M = 18$ g mol^{-1}

$T_b = 373$ K

$\Delta_{vap}H = 2.257 \times 18 \times 10^3$ J mol^{-1}

$$K_b = \frac{18 \times 8.314 \times (373)^2}{2.257 \times 18 \times 10^3 \times 1000}$$

$= 0.512$ K kg mol^{-1}

Determination of Molar Mass of Solute from Elevation in Boiling Point Temperature

Let w_B gram of a non-volatile solute is dissolved in w_A grams of the solvent and M_B is the molar mass of the solute.

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It must be remembered that **elevation in boiling point is a colligative property**, but boiling point is not a colligative property.

Therefore, the molality, m of the solution is :

$$m = \frac{\text{Moles of solute} \times 1000}{\text{Wt. of solvent in grams}}$$

where moles of solute $= \frac{w_B}{M_B}$

$$m = \frac{w_B \times 1000}{M_B \times w_A}$$

Substituting the value of m in the relation (Eq. 17)

$$\Delta T_b = K_b m$$

we get, $$\Delta T_b = \frac{K_b \times w_B \times 1000}{M_B \times w_A} \quad ...(18)$$

Thus, molar mass of solute,

$$M_B = \frac{K_b \times w_B \times 1000}{\Delta T_b \times w_A}$$

From the above relation, molar mass of the solute can be calculated knowing the values of other quantities.

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Elevation in boiling point

$$\Delta T_b = K_b \times m$$

m = molality of solution, K_b = Molal elevation in boiling point

or $$\Delta T_b = \frac{1000 \times K_b \times w_B}{w_A \times M_B}$$

where M_B = Molecular mass of solute
w_A = Weight of solvent
w_B = Weight of solute

and molecular mass of solute,

$$M_B = \frac{1000 \times K_b \times w_B}{w_A \times \Delta T_b}$$

SOLVED EXAMPLES

❑ **Example 36.**

Molal elevation constant for benzene is 2.52 K/m. A solution of some organic substance in benzene boils at 0.126°C higher than benzene. What is the molality of the solution ?

Solution : The elevation in boiling point on dissolving a solute is :

$$\Delta T_b = K_b.m$$

$\Delta T_b = 0.126°$, $K_b = 2.52$ K/m

$$\therefore \quad m = \frac{\Delta T_b}{K_b} = \frac{0.126}{2.52} = 0.05$$

$\therefore$ Molality of solution = **0.05 m.**

❑ **Example 37.**

The boiling point of benzene is 353.23 K. When 1.80 g of a non-volatile solute was dissolved in 90 g of benzene, the boiling point is raised to 354.11 K. Calculate the molar mass of the solute.

(K_b for benzene is 2.53 K kg mol^{-1}) **N.C.E.R.T.**

(Kerala S.B. 2013, Mizoram S.B. 2015, Pb. S.B. 2017, Karnataka S.B. 2018)

Solution : Molar mass of a substance can be calculated as

$$M_B = \frac{K_b \times w_B \times 1000}{\Delta T_b \times w_A}$$

$K_b = 2.53$ K kg mol^{-1}, $w_B = 1.80$ g, $w_A = 90$ g

$\Delta T_b = 354.11 - 353.23 = 0.88$ K

$$\therefore M_B = \frac{2.53 \times 1.80 \times 1000}{90 \times 0.88} = \textbf{57.5 g mol}^{-1}$$

❑ **Example 38.**

A solution containing 0.730 g of camphor (molar mass = 152) in 36.8 g of acetone (b.p. 56.30°C) boils at 56.55° C. A solution of 0.564 g of an unknown compound in the same weight of solvent boils at 56.46°C. Calculate the molar mass of the unknown compound.

Solution : In this problem, the value of K_b is not given. The first data is used to calculate K_b which is used to calculate the molar mass from the second data.

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(i) Calculation of K_b for acetone

$$K_b = \frac{\Delta T_b \times M_B \times w_A}{w_B \times 1000}$$

$\Delta T_b = 56.55 - 56.30 = 0.25°C$, $M_B = 152$
$w_B = 0.730$ g, $w_A = 36.8$ g

$$\therefore \quad K_b = \frac{0.25 \times 152 \times 36.8}{0.736 \times 1000} = \mathbf{1.92\ K\ m^{-1}}$$

(ii) Calculation of molar mass of unknown compound

$$M_B = \frac{K_b \times 1000 \times w_B}{\Delta T_b \times w_A}$$

$K_b = 1.92\ Km^{-1}$, $\Delta T_b = 56.46 - 56.30$
$= 0.16°C$
$w_B = 0.564$ g, $w_A = 36.8$ g,

$$M_B = \frac{1.92 \times 1000 \times 0.564}{0.16 \times 36.8} = \mathbf{183.9\ g\ mol^{-1}.}$$

❑ Example 39.

On dissolving 3.24 g of sulphur in 40 g of benzene, boiling point of solution was higher than that of benzene by 0.81 K. K_b value for benzene is 2.53 K kg mol^{-1}. What is the molecular formula of sulphur ? (Atomic mass of sulphur = 32 g mol^{-1}). (D.S.B. 2000)

Solution : Let us first calculate the molar mass of sulphur,

$$M_B = \frac{K_b \times 1000 \times w_B}{\Delta T_b \times w_A}$$

$K_b = 2.53$ K kg mol^{-1}, $w_B = 3.24$ g, $w_A = 40$ g, $\Delta T_b = 0.81$ K

$$\therefore \quad M_B = \frac{2.53 \times 1000 \times 3.24}{0.81 \times 40} = 253$$

Let the molecular formula of sulphur $= S_x$
Atomic mass of sulphur $= 32$
Molecular mass $= 32 \times x$
or $32x = 253$
or $x = 7.91 \approx 8$
$\therefore$ Molecular formula of sulphur $= \mathbf{S_8}$.

❑ Example 40.

What would be the molar mass of a compound if 6.21 g of it dissolved in 24.0 g of chloroform form a solution that has a boiling point of 68.04°C. The boiling point of pure chloroform is 61.7°C and the boiling point elevation constant, K_b for chloroform is 3.63°C/m.

(D.S.B. 2011)

Solution : Elevation in boiling point,

$\Delta T_b = 68.04 - 61.7 = 6.34°C$
Mass of substance, $w_B = 6.21$g,
Mass of chloroform, $w_A = 24.0$g
$K_b = 3.63°C/m$

$$K_b = \frac{\Delta T_b \times M_B \times w_A}{w_B \times 1000}$$

or $$M_B = \frac{K_b \times w_B \times 1000}{\Delta T_b \times w_A}$$

$$= \frac{3.63 \times 6.21 \times 1000}{6.34 \times 24}$$

$$= \mathbf{148.15\ g\ mol^{-1}.}$$

❑ Example 41.

A solution of glycerol ($C_3H_8O_3$) in water was prepared by dissolving some glycerol in 500 g of water. This solution has a boiling point of 100.42°C while pure water boils at 100°C. What mass of glycerol was dissolved to make the solution ?
(K_b for water = 0.512 K kg mol^{-1})

(D.S.B. 2012, A.I.S.B. 2012, Pb.S.B. 2013)

Solution : Elevation in boiling point

$$T_b = \frac{K_b \times 1000 \times w_B}{w_A \times M_B}$$

$\Delta T_b = 100.42 - 100 = 0.42°$, $w_A = 500$g, $w_B = ?$, $K_b = 0.512$ K kg mol^{-1}
$M_B = 3 \times 12 + 8 \times 1 + 3 \times 16 = 92$

$$0.42 = \frac{0.512 \times 1000 \times w_B}{500 \times 92}$$

or $$w_B = \frac{0.42 \times 500 \times 92}{0.512 \times 1000}$$

$$= 37.73\ g$$

Mass of glycerol to be added = **37.73 g**

❑ Example 42.

A solution prepared by dissolving 1.25 g of oil of winter green (methyl salicylate) in 99.0 g of benzene has a boiling point of 80.31 °C. Determine the molar mass of this compound. (B.P. of pure benzene = 80.10 °C and K_b for benzene = 2.53 °C kg mol^{-1})

(D.S.B. 2010)

Solution :

$$\Delta T_b = \frac{K_b \times 1000 \times w_B}{M_B \times w_A}$$

or $$M_B = \frac{K_b \times 1000 \times w_B}{\Delta T_b \times w_A}$$

$K_b = 2.53$ °C kg mol^{-1},
$w_A = 99.0$ g, $w_B = 1.25$ g
$\Delta T_b = 80.31 - 80.10 = 0.21$ °C

$$M_B = \frac{2.53 \times 1000 \times 1.25}{0.21 \times 99.0}$$

$$= \mathbf{152.1\ g\ mol^{-1}}$$

❑ Example 43.

18 g of glucose, $C_6H_{12}O_6$ (molar mass = 180 g mol^{-1}) is dissolved in 1 kg of water in a sauce pan. At what temperature will this solution boil?
(K_b for water = 0.52 K kg mol^{-1}, boiling point of pure water = 373.15 K).

N.C.E.R.T. *(D.S.B. 2013, Pb.S.B. 2016)*

Solution :

$$\Delta T_b = \frac{K_b \times 1000 \times w_B}{w_A \times M_B}$$

$w_B = 18$ g, $w_A = 1000$ g, $M_B = 180$,
$K_b = 0.52$ K m^{-1}

$$\therefore \quad \Delta T_b = \frac{0.52 \times 1000 \times 18}{1000 \times 180} = 0.052\ K$$

Boiling point of solution = 373.15 + 0.052 = **373.202 K.**

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Answers to Practice Problems

51. 128.25 g mol^{-1}
52. 146.6 g mol^{-1}
53. 373.202 K
54. 150 g mol^{-1}
55. 96.54 g mol^{-1}
56. 253 g mol^{-1}
57. 1.28°C
58. 53.06 g mol^{-1}

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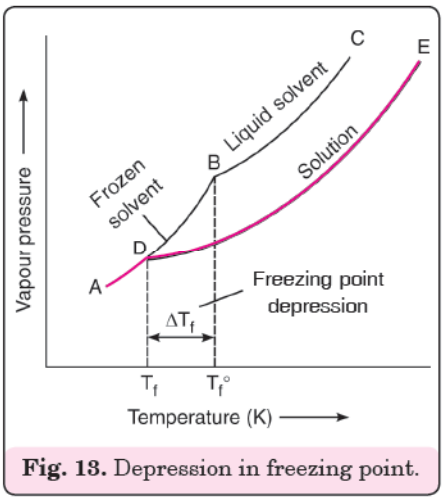


Fig. 13. Depression in freezing point.

K_f can be calculated from molar enthalpy of fusion by the relation :

$$K_f = \frac{MRT_f^2}{\Delta_{fus}H \times 1000}$$

where M is the molar mass of the solvent. T_f is the freezing point and $\Delta_{fus}H$ is the molar enthalpy of fusion of the solvent.

For example, latent heat of fusion of ice is 6.0 kJ mol^{-1}. Its molal depression constant can be calculated as :

$$K_f = \frac{MRT_f^2}{\Delta_f H \times 1000}$$

$\Delta_{fus}H = 6.0 \times 10^3$ J mol^{-1}, $T_f = 273$ K

$$\therefore K_f = \frac{18 \times 8.314 \times (273)^2}{6.0 \times 10^3 \times 1000}$$

$= 1.86$ K m^{-1}.

Practice Problems

51. A solution containing 8 g of a substance in 100 g of diethyl ether boils at 36.86°C, whereas pure ether boils at 35.60°C. Determine molecular mass of the solute (For ether $K_b = 2.02$ K kg mol^{-1}). *(A.I.S.B. 2008)*

52. The boiling point of a solution containing 1.5 g of dichlorobenzene in 100 g of benzene was higher by 0.268°C. Calculate the molar mass of dichlorobenzene (K_b for benzene = 2.62 degree/molal).

53. 18 g of glucose, $C_6H_{12}O_6$, is dissolved in 1 kg of water in a sauce pan. At what temperature will the water boil. K_b for water is 0.52 K kg mol^{-1} and boiling point of water is 373.15 K. **N.C.E.R.T.** *(Pb.S.B. 2008)*

54. The boiling point of water (100°C) becomes 100.52°C if 3 g of a non-volatile solute is dissolved in 20 ml of it. Calculate the molar mass of the solute (K_b for water = 0.52 K m^{-1}).

55. A solution containing 0.513 g of naphthalene (molar mass = 128) in 50 g of CCl_4 gives a boiling point elevation of 0.402°C, while a solution of 0.625 g of an unknown solute gives a boiling point elevation of 0.650°C. Find the molar mass of the unknown solute.

56. 10 gram of a non-volatile solute when dissolved in 100 gram of benzene raises its boiling point by 1°. What is the molecular mass of the solute? (K_b for benzene = 2.53 K mol^{-1}). *(Pb.S.B. 2016, Meghalaya S.B. 2016)*

57. What elevation in boiling point of alcohol is to be expected when 5 g of urea (molar mass = 60) are dissolved in 75 g of it ? The molal elevation constant for alcohol is 1.15°C.

58. A solution containing 12.5 g of a non-electrolyte substance in 175 g of water gave boiling point elevation of 0.70 K. Calculate the molar mass of the substance. (K_b for water = 0.52 K kg mol^{-1}). *(H.P.S.B. 2010, 2013, Pb.S.B. 2012)*

DEPRESSION IN FREEZING POINT

We know that at the freezing point of a solvent, the solid and the liquid are in equilibrium. This is only possible if they have the same vapour pressure Thus, the freezing point is *the temperature at which the solid and the liquid states of the substance have the same vapour pressure.* It has been observed that when a non-volatile solute is added to a solvent, the freezing point of the solution is always lower than that of the pure solvent. This may be illustrated graphically as shown in Fig. 13.

In the figure, the curve BC gives vapour pressure of the pure solvent. We know that the addition of a non-volatile solute lowers the vapour pressure and the curve DE gives the vapour pressure curve for the solution at different temperatures. The curve AB corresponds to the vapour pressure of the solid at different temperatures.

The temperature corresponding to the point B where the solid and liquid solvent meet (*i.e.,* solid and liquid states have the same vapour pressure) represents the freezing point temperature of pure solvent ($T_f°$). The temperature corresponding to the point D where the solid solvent and liquid solution meet (*i.e.,* solid and liquid states have the same vapour pressure) represents the freezing point temperature of the solution (T_f).

Since T_f is less than $T_f°$, this shows that the freezing temperature of the solution is less than that of pure solvent and the depression in freezing temperature (ΔT_f) is given as :

$$\Delta T_f = T_f° - T_f$$

It has been determined experimentally that the depression in freezing point of a solution is proportional the molal concentration of the solution *i.e.,*

$$\Delta T_f \propto m$$
$$= K_f m \quad ...(19)$$

The units of K_f are degree/molality i.e. Km^{-1}, °C m^{-1} *or* K *kg mol*$^{-1}$ where K_f is the **molal freezing point depression constant.** It is also called **molal cryoscopic constant.**

If $m = 1$

$\Delta T_f = K_f$

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Thus, **molal freezing point depression constant** *is defined* ***as the depression in freezing point for 1 molal solution*** *i.e.,* a solution containing 1 gram mole of solute dissolved in 1000 g of solvent.

Depression in freezing point—a colligative property. From Eq. (18) as K_f constant,

$$\Delta T_f \propto m$$

Thus, *the depression in freezing point temperature is directly proportional to the molal concentration of the solute (i.e., number of molecules) and therefore, it is a colligative property.*

The K_f values of some common solvents are given in Table 4.

Table 4. Molal freezing point depression constant (K_f) for some solvents.

Solvent	Freezing point (K)	K_f (K m^{-1})
Water (H_2O)	273.0	1.86
Ethanol (C_2H_5OH)	155.7	1.99
Benzene (C_6H_6)	278.6	5.12
Chloroform ($CHCl_3$)	209.6	4.79
Carbon tetrachloride (CCl_4)	250.5	31.8
Carbon disulphide (CS_2)	164.2	3.83
Ether ($C_4H_{10}O$)	156.9	1.79
Cyclohexane (C_6H_{12})	279.5	20.0
Acetic acid (CH_3COOH)	290.0	3.90

Determination of Molar Mass of Solute from Depression in Freezing Point Temperature

The depression in freezing point termperature (ΔT_f) is useful in determining the molar mass of the solute (M_B). To calculate the molar mass of an unkown non-volatile compound, a known mass of it is dissolved in a known mass of a solvent and depression in its freezing point (ΔT_f) is determined.

Let wt. of the solute $= w_B$ g

Wt. of solvent $= w_A$ g

Molar mass of the solute $= M_B$

$$\text{Molality of solution } m = \frac{w_B \times 1000}{M_B \times w_A}$$

By substituting the value of m in the relation $\Delta T_f = K_f m$, we have

$$\Delta T_f = \frac{K_f \times w_B \times 1000}{w_A \times M_B}$$

$$\therefore \quad M_B = \frac{K_f \times w_B \times 1000}{\Delta T_f \times w_A} \qquad ...(20)$$

All other values being given, the molar mass of the solute can be calculated.

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Depression in freezing point

$$\Delta T_f = K_f \times m$$

m = molality of solution and K_f = molal depression in freezing point

or $$\Delta T_f = \frac{K_f \times w_B \times 1000}{w_A \times M_B}$$

where M_B = molecular mass of solute

w_A = weight of solvent

w_B = weight of solute

and molecular mass of solute

$$M_B = \frac{K_f \times 1000 \times w_B}{w_A \times \Delta T_f}$$

The **units of K_f** are degree/molality *i.e.,* K m^{-1} or °C m^{-1} or K kg mol^{-1}.

KEY NOTE

Molal elevation constant (K_b) and molal freezing point depression constant (K_f) have characteristic values for different solvents. These are expressed as degree/molal *i.e.,* K/m. For example, for water K_f = 1.86 degree/molal. It means that for 1 molal solution of a substance in water, the freezing point will be lowered by 1.86°. Thus, K_f stands for 1 molal solution. Similarly for water, K_b = 0.52 K/m. However, sometimes K_f and K_b are also expressed as mol per 100 g ; *i.e.,* K/mol per 100 g. The values in latter case are 10 times the value expressed as K/m. For example, K_b for water = 0.52 K/m or 5.2 K/mol per 100 g. For using the relations given in Eqs. 3.16 to 3.19, it should be used as K/m only.

● **Anti-freeze solutions.** Water is used in radiators of vehicles. If the vehicle is to be used in places where the temperature is less than zero then water would freeze in the radiators. To avoid this problem, certain substances are used in radiators so that water does not freeze at low temperature in radiators. These are called **anti-freeze solutions.** Ethylene glycol in water is commonly used in car radiators which lowers the freezing point of water. Freezing point can be lowered to the desired extent by changing the amount of ethylene glycol.

● In cold countries, common salt (NaCl) or calcium chloride ($CaCl_2$) are used to **clear snow on the roads.** This is because they depress the freezing point of water to such an extent that water cannot freeze to form ice. Hence, it melts off easily at the prevailing temperature.

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SOLVED EXAMPLES

❑ **Example 44.**

45 g of ethylene glycol ($C_2H_6O_2$) is mixed with 600 g of water. Calculate

(i) the freezing point depression

(ii) the freezing point of the solution

(K_f for water = 1.86 K kg ml^{-1})

N.C.E.R.T. *(H.P.S.B 2014, 2015, Pb.S.B. 2017)*

Solution : (*i*) $\Delta T_f = \dfrac{K_f \times w_B \times 1000}{w_A \times M_B}$

w_A = 600 g, w_B = 45 g, K_f = 1.86 K kg mol^{-1}

$M_B = 2 \times 12 + 6 \times 1 + 2 \times 16 = 62$ mol^{-1}

$\therefore \quad \Delta T_f = \dfrac{1.86 \times 45 \times 1000}{600 \times 62}$

$= 2.25$ K

$\therefore$ Freezing point depression = **2.25 K**

(*ii*) Freezing point of aqueous solution = 273.15 – 2.25

= **270.90 K**

❑ **Example 45.**

Addition of 0.643 g of a compound to 50 mL of benzene (density 0.879 g / mL) lowers the freezing point from 5.51°C to 5.03°C. If K_f for benzene is 5.12 K kg mol^{-1}, calculate the molar mass of the compound.

(Pb.S.B. 2014, 2016, Meghalaya S.B. 2015)

Solution : The molar mass, M_B is calculated as :

$$M_B = \frac{K_f \times w_B \times 1000}{w_A \times \Delta T_f}$$

w_B = 0.643 g,

w_A = (50 mL) × (0.879 g/mL)

= 43.95 g

K_f = 5.12 K m^{-1},

ΔT_f = 5.51 – 5.03 = 0.48°C

$$M_B = \frac{5.12 \times 0.643 \times 1000}{43.95 \times 0.48}$$

= **156.06.**

❑ **Example 46.**

The molal freezing point depression constant of benzene (C_6H_6) is 4.90 K kg mol^{-1}. Selenium exists as a polymer of the type Se_x. When 3.26 g of selenium is dissolved in 226 g of benzene, the observed freezing point is 0.112°C lower than for pure benzene. Deduce the molecular formula of selenium. (Atomic mass of Se = 78.8 g mol^{-1}) *(A.I.S.B. 2002, D.S.B. 2002)*

Solution : The molar mass M_B is calculated as :

$$M_B = \frac{K_f \times w_B \times 1000}{w_A \times \Delta T_f}$$

ΔT_f = 0.112°,

w_A = 226 g,

w_B = 3.26 g,

K_f = 4.90 Km^{-1}

$$M_B = \frac{4.90 \times 3.26 \times 1000}{226 \times 0.112}$$

= 632 g mol^{-1}

Now, molecular mass of Se_x = x × 78.8

632 = x × 78.8

$$x = \frac{632}{78.8} = 8$$

$\therefore$ Molecular formula of selenium = **Se_8.**

❑ **Example 47.**

1.02 g of urea when dissolved in 98.5 g of certain solvent decreases its freezing point by 0.211 K. 1.60 g of unknown compound when dissolved in 86.0 g of the same solvent depresses the freezing point by 0.34 K. Calculate the molar mass of the unknown compound. (Molar mass of urea = 60 g mol^{-1}).

Solution : Let us first calculate K_f.

$$\Delta T_f = \frac{K_f \times w_B \times 1000}{w_A \times M_B}$$

For urea solution,

w_B = 1.02 g, w_A = 98.5 g, ΔT_f = 0.211 K

$$0.211 = \frac{K_f \times 1.02 \times 1000}{98.5 \times 60}$$

$$\therefore \quad K_f = \frac{0.211 \times 98.5 \times 60}{1.02 \times 1000} = 1.22 \text{ Km}^{-1}$$

Now, molar mass of unknown compound can be calculated as:

$$\Delta T_f = \frac{K_f \times w_B \times 1000}{w_A \times M_B}$$

or $$M_B = \frac{K_f \times w_B \times 1000}{w_A \times \Delta T_f}$$

w_B = 1.60 g, w_A = 86.0 g, ΔT_f = 0.34 K, K_f = 1.22 Km^{-1}

$$\therefore \quad M_B = \frac{1.22 \times 1.60 \times 1000}{86.0 \times 0.34}$$

= **66.76 g mol^{-1}**

❑ **Example 48.**

Ethylene glycol (molar mass = 62 g mol^{-1}) is a common automobile antifreeze. Calculate the freezing point of a solution containing 12.4 g of this substance in 100 g of water. Would it be advisable to keep this substance in car radiator during summer ?

(K_f for water = 1.86 Km^{-1} and K_b for water = 0.512 Km^{-1})

(C.B.S.E. Sample Paper 2007)

Solution :

Moles of ethylene glycol

$$= \frac{12.4}{62} = 0.2 \text{ mol}$$

$$\text{Molality} = \frac{0.2}{100} \times 1000 = 2 \text{ m}$$

Freezing point depression

$\Delta T_f = K_f \times m$

= 1.86 × 2 = 3.72 K

Freezing point of aqueous solution

= 273.15 – 3.72 = 269.43 K

Boiling point elevation of solution

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$$\Delta T_b = K_b \times m$$
$$= 0.52 \times 2 = 1.04 \text{ K}$$

Boiling point of solution
$$= 373.15 + 1.04 = 374.19 \text{ K}$$

Since boiling point is higher than room temperature in summer, it is advisable to keep this substance in the car radiator during summer.

❑ Example 49.

Two elements A and B form compounds having molecular formula AB_2 and AB_4. When dissolved in 20 g of benzene, 1 g of AB_2 lowers the freezing point by 2.3 K, whereas 1.0 g of AB_4 lowers it by 1.3 K. The molar depression constant for benzene is 5.1 K kg mol^{-1}. Calculate the atomic mass of A andB.

N.C.E.R.T. *(A.I.S.B. 2004, Uttarakhand S.B. 2012)*

Solution : Let us first calculate molar masses of AB_2 and AB_4.

For AB_2 compound

$$M_B = \frac{K_f \times w_B \times 1000}{w_A \times \Delta T_f}$$

ΔT_f = 2.3 K, w_B = 1.0 g, w_A = 20.0 g

K_f = 5.1 K kg mol^{-1}

$$M_{AB_2} = \frac{5.1 \times 1.0 \times 1000}{20.0 \times 2.3} = 110.87$$

$\therefore$ M_{AB_2} = 110.87

For AB_4 compound

ΔT_f = 1.3 K, w_B = 1.0 g, w_A = 20.0 g

$$M_{AB_4} = \frac{5.1 \times 1.0 \times 1000}{20.0 \times 1.3} = 196.5$$

$\therefore$ M_{AB_4} = 196.15

Let a is the atomic mass of A and b is the atomic mass of B, then

$M_{AB_2} = a + 2b = 110.87$ ..(*i*)

$M_{AB_4} = a + 4b = 196.15$ ...(*ii*)

Subtracting eqn. (*ii*) from eqn. (*i*)

$-2b = -85.28$

$\therefore$ $b = 42.64$

Substituting the value of b in eqn (*i*)

$a + 2 \times 42.64 = 110.87$

$a = 110.87 - 85.28 = 25.59$

Atomic mass of A = **25.59**

Atomic mass of B = **42.64.**

Practice Problems

59. A 10% solution (by mass) of sucrose in water has freezing point of 269.15 K. Calculate the freezing point of 10% glucose in water, if freezing point of pure water is 273.15 K.

Given : (Molar mass of sucrose = 342 g mol^{-1})

(Molar mass of glucose = 180 g mol^{-1}) *(A.I.S.B. 2017, D.S.B. 2017)*

60. Calculate the mass of a compound (molar mass = 256 g mol^{-1}) to be dissolved in 75 g of benzene to lower its freezing point by 0.48 K (K_f = 5.12 K kg mol^{-1}) *(D.S.B. 2014)*

61. A solution containing 18 g of a non-volatile solute in 200g of H_2O freezes at 272.07 K. Find the molecular mass of the solute. (K_f = 1.86 K m^{-1}) *(Meghalaya S.B. 2018)*

62. 1.00 g of non-electrolyte solute dissolved in 50 g of benzene lowered the freezing point of benzene by 0.40 K. Find the molar mass of the solute.
(K_f for benzene = 5.12 K kg mol^{-1}). *(Mizoram.S.B. 2013, A.I.S.B. 2013)*

63. When 2.56 g of sulphur was dissolved in 100 g of CS_2, the freezing point lowered by 0.383 K. Calculate the formula of sulphur (S_x).
(K_f for CS_2 = 3.83 K kg mol^{-1}, Atomic mass of sulphur = 32 g mol^{-1}) *(D.S.B. 2016)*

64. What mass of ethylene glycol (molar mass = 62.0 g mol^{-1}) must be added to 5.50 kg of water to lower the freezing point of water from 0°C to –10.0°C ? (K_f for water = 1.86 K kg mol^{-1}). *(A.I.S.B. 2010)*

65. Two aqueous solutions containing respectively 7.5 g urea (molar mass = 60) and 42.75 g substance X in 100 g of water freeze at the same temperature. Calculate the molecular weight of X.

66. When 30.0 g of a non-volatile solute having the empirical formula CH_2O are dissolved in 800 g of water, the solution freezes at –1.16°C. What is the molecular formula of the solute ? (K_f for water = 1.86 K m^{-1}).

Answers to Practice Problems

59. 265.55 K
60. 1.8 g
61. 155 g mol^{-1}
62. 256 g mol^{-1}
63. S_8
64. 1.833 kg
65. 342 g mol^{-1}
66. $C_2H_4O_2$

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67. In winter, the normal temperature in a Himalayan's valley was found to be –10°C. Is a 30% by mass of aqueous solution of ethylene glycol (molar mass = 62) suitable for car radiator ?(K_f for water = 1.86 K/m) *(Pb.S.B. 2011)*

68. An aqueous solution freezes at 272.07 K, while pure water freezes at 273 K. Determine the molality and boiling point of the solution.
(Given K_f for water = 1.86 K/m, K_b = 0.512 K/m).
(Hr. S.B. 2006, Mizoram S.B. 2015)

69. A solution of urea in water has a boiling point 101.128°C. Calculate the freezing point of the same solution. Molal constant for water, K_f and K_b are 1.86°C and 0.512°C respectively. *(Pb.S.B. 2006)*

70. Ethylene glycol (molar mass = 62 g mol^{-1}) is used as an antifreeze for water to be used in car radiators in cold places. How much ethylene glycol should be added to 1kg of water to prevent it from freezing at –10°C? [K_f for water = 1.86 K kg mol^{-1}] *(Nagaland S.B. 2018)*

Answers to Practice Problems

67. It is suitable because water freezes at – 12.86°C
68. 0.5 m, 373.256 K
69. – 4.1°C
70. 333.3 g

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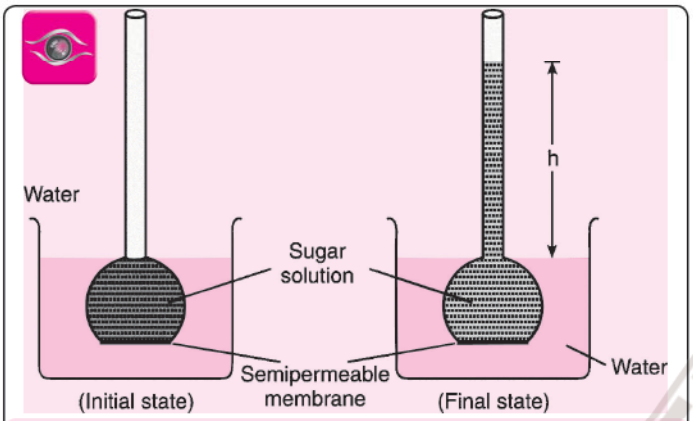


Fig. 14. Process of osmosis and measurement of osmotic pressure in a thistle funnel.

OSMOSIS AND OSMOTIC PRESSURE

Osmotic pressure is another colligative property. Before we discuss osmotic pressure let us try to understand osmosis and its difference from diffusion.

Osmosis. The phenomenon of osmosis was studied for the first time by *Abbe Nollet* in 1748. Let us consider an aqueous solution of sugar placed in an inverted thistle funnel having a *semipermeable membrance* (SPM) such as animal bladder or parchment paper, attached to its bottom. The thistle funnel is lowered into a beaker containing water. The membrane is such that it allows only the molecules of the solvent and not of the solute to pass through it. In other words, the membrane is permeable only to solvent molecules. Thus, there will be movement of water molecules from pure solvent into the solution. As a result, water passes into the thistle funnel and level of solution in the thistle funnel rises gradually (Fig. 14). This process is called **osmosis.** Thus, ***the phenomenon of the flow of solvent through a semipermeable membrane from pure solvent to the solution*** is called ***osmosis.***

Osmosis can also take place between the solutions of different concentrations. In such cases, the solvent molecules move from the **less concentrated solution (low solute concentration) to a more concentrated solution (higher solute concentration) through a semipermeable membrane.**

Difference between osmosis and diffusion. Although both diffusion and osmosis involve the movement of the molecules, still they differ in the following respects:

Osmosis	Diffusion
1. The process of osmosis takes place through a semi-permeable membrane.	No semi-permeable membrane is needed for the diffusion process.
2. The osmosis involves the movement of the solvent molecules only.	In diffusion, both the solute and the solvent molecules can move.
3. In osmosis, molecules of solvent move from a region of lower concentration of solution into a region of higher concentration.	In diffusion, the molecules move from a region of higher concentration into the region of lower concentration.
4. Osmosis is limited to solutions only.	Diffusion is common in gases as well as in liquids.
5. Osmosis can be stopped or reversed by applying additional pressure on the higher concentration side.	It cannot be stopped or reversed.

KEY NOTE

Osmosis is very common phenomenon which we observe in nature or at home. For example, raw mangoes shrivel when pickled in brine (salt water), wilted flowers revive when placed in fresh water, blood cells collapse when suspended in saline water. If we look into these processes carefully, we notice one thing common in all. All these substances are bound by membranes which occur in nature in plants and animals.

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Semipermeable membrane. We have pointed out that a semipermeable membrane is one which allows only the solvent and not the solute to pass through it. Nature has provided many such membranes both in plants and animals for specific functions *e.g.,* pig's bladder or parchment. These can also be synthetic such as cellophane membrane, etc. But these are rather not particularly useful in the laboratory due to their imperfect nature. Consequently, they can be even artificially prepared. One such membrane is the film of gelatinous precipitates of cupric ferrocyanide, $Cu_2[Fe(CN)_6]$. These membranes appear to be continuous sheets or films, yet they contain a network of submicroscopic holes or pores. Small solvent molecules like water can pass through these holes but bigger molecules like solute cannot pass through these holes. These types of membranes are called semipermeable membranes (SPM).

Demonstration of osmosis

Take two eggs. Remove the outer hard shell of the eggs by dissolving in dilute HCl. Place one egg in distilled water [Fig. 15 (*a*)] and the other egg in a saturated sodium chloride solution [Fig. 15 (*b*)]. After a few minutes, it will be observed that the egg placed in water swells [Fig. 15 (*b*)] whereas the other placed in salt solution shrinks [Fig. 15 (*c*)]. This curious observation can be explained on the basis of process of osmosis. The skin of the egg acts as a semipermeable membrane. In the first case, the concentration of water (solvent) is higher outside the egg. Therefore, pure water enters into egg due to osmosis and the egg swells. On the other hand, the water comes out of egg material when placed in a saturated solution of sodium chloride due to higher concentration of water (solvent) inside the egg. Therefore, the egg shrinks.

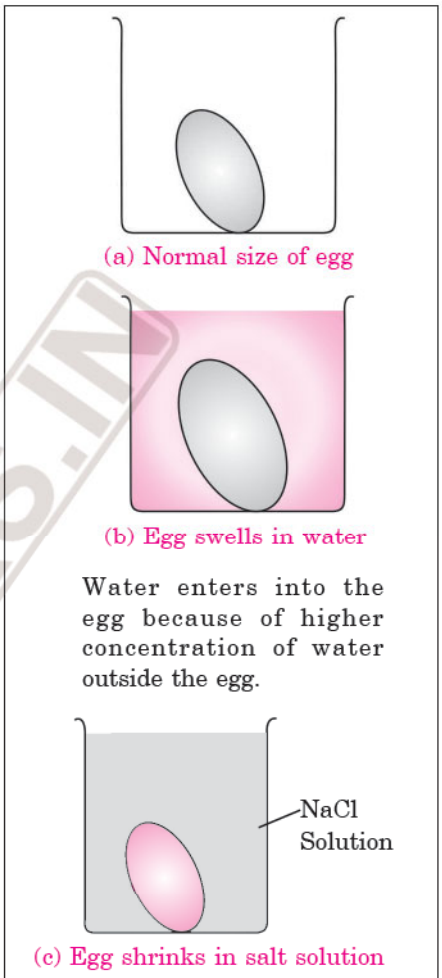


Fig. 15. Demonstration of osmosis.

Osmotic pressure

We have studied that when an aqueous solution of sugar is placed in an inverted thistle funnel and separated from pure water with the help of a semipermeable membrane, there will be osmosis of water molecules into the solution of sugar. As a result, the level of solution in the stem of the funnel will rise and an additional hydrostatic pressure will be exerted on the solution. This hydrostatic pressure will tend to oppose the inflow of solvent into the funnel. The level of solution will continue rising till a particular height. At this stage, equilibrium is reached and the hydrostatic pressure of the liquid exactly balances the tendency of the liquid to pass inward through the semipermeable membrane. Thus, there will be no more osmosis taking place.

The equilibrium hydrostatic pressure on the solution due to osmosis of the pure solvent into it is a measure of osmotic pressure.

Alternatively, to understand the concept of osmotic pressure, consider an apparatus shown in Fig. 16. It consists of two vessels connected by a semipermeable membrane. These two compartments are fitted with water-tight frictionless pistons. Let us take solution in one compartment and pure solvent in the other compartment. Due to osmosis, there will be flow of solvent into the solution compartment through the semipermeable membrane. As a result, the piston on the solution side will tend to move outwards. To stop this movement of piston outwards, we have to apply pressure on the solution side. This pressure just sufficient to stop osmosis will be equal to the osmotic pressure. Thus, **osmotic pressure** may be defined as

the minimum excess pressure which must be applied to a solution to prevent the passage of solvent into it through a semipermeable membrane.

Thus, osmotic pressure is the pressure applied to the solution to prevent osmosis. It is generally denoted by π.

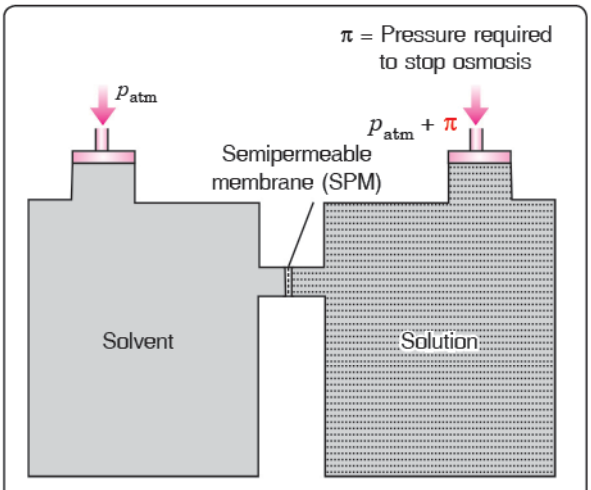


Fig. 16. Demonstration of concept of osmotic pressures.

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Osmotic pressure — a Colligative Property

Van't Hoff (1887) observed that for dilute solutions, the osmotic pressure (π) is given as :

$$\pi = cRT$$

where c is the molar concentration of the solution (molarity), T is the temperature and R is the gas constant.

For a solution, at a given temperature, both R and T are constant

$$\therefore \quad \pi \propto c$$

Since osmotic pressure depends upon the molar concentration of solution, therefore, it is a colligative property.

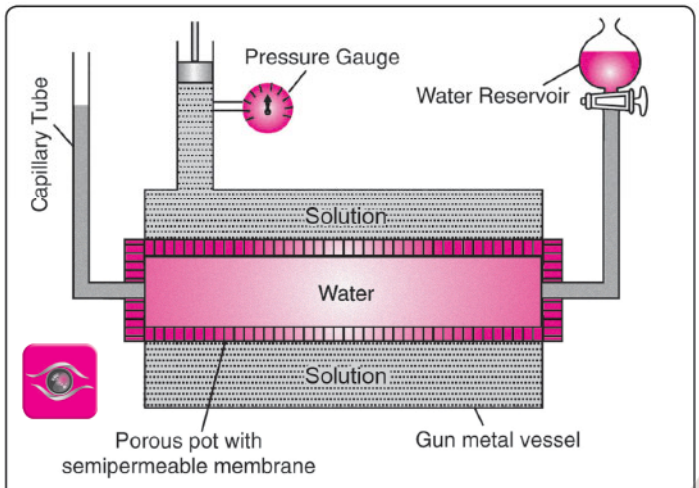


Fig. 17. Berkely and Hartley apparatus for measuring osmotic pressure.

Experimental Measurement of Osmotic Pressure

Berkeley and Hartley's Method. The principle of this method is to apply external pressure on the solution by putting weight on the piston just sufficient to prevent the osmosis of the solvent into it. The apparatus consists of a porous pot containing copper ferrocyanide deposited on its walls which acts as a semipermeable membrane. It is fitted into a bronze cylinder to which is fitted a piston and a pressure gauge (Fig. 17). The porous pot is fitted with a water reservoir on one side and a capillary indicator on the other side. Water is put in the porous cell while the bronze cylinder is filled with the solution, the osmotic pressure of which is to be measured. Water placed in the porous pot tends to pass into the solution through the semipermeable membrane with the result that the level in the capillary indicator moves downwards. External pressure is now applied on the piston so that the water level in the capillary indicator tube remains constant. This pressure which is equal to the osmotic pressure is read from the pressure gauge.

Determination of Molar Mass from Osmotic Pressure

According to Van't Hoff equation,

$$\pi = cRT$$

But $$c = \frac{n}{V}$$

where n is the number of moles of solute dissolved in V litre of the solution.

$$\therefore \quad \pi = \frac{n}{V}RT$$

or $$\pi V = nRT \qquad \ldots(21)$$

This equation is called Van't Hoff equation for dilute solutions.

The number of moles of solute n may be givn as $\frac{w_B}{M_B}$. Here w_B is the weight of the solute and M_B is its molar mass.

Substituting the value of n in the above expression,

$$\pi = \frac{w_B RT}{VM_B} \text{ or } M_B = \frac{w_B RT}{V\pi}$$

Thus, the molar mass of the solute, M_B, can be calculated.

Conditions for Getting Accurate Value of Molar Mass

(*i*) The solute must be non-volatile.

(*ii*) The solution must be dilute, *i.e.,* concentration of the solution in the solution should not be more than 5%.

(*iii*) The solute should not undergo either dissociation or association in the solution.

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Biological significance of osmosis

Osmosis plays a significant role in the absorption of water by the plants which is taken in by the roots. The absorption of water by plants from the soil through the roots and its movement to different parts of plants is due to the process of osmosis. Plants and animal bodies are composed of very large number of cells. The cells contain a fluid (called cell sap) and the walls of the cells are made up of living cytoplasmic membrane which acts as a semipermeable membrane.

If the cell comes in contact with water or some dilute solution whose osmotic pressure is less than that of cell sap present in the cell, there will be a tendency of water to enter into the cell through the cell wall. This causes swelling or rupture of the cell, a process known as **hemolysis.** On the other hand, if the cell comes in contact with a solution of higher osmotic pressure than that of cell sap present in the cell, the water from the cell will go out resulting shrinkage of the cell. This shrinking of the cells is called **plasmolysis.**

The membranes of plants and animal bodies allow water to pass through but block the passage of the enzymes and proteins that have been synthesised in the cell. The cell saps have generally higher osmotic pressure and, therefore, when the cells come in contact with water, there is tendency of water to enter into the cell due to osmosis. Therefore, the osmosis process helps the plants to absorb soil water and push it up to the stem and other parts of the plants and trees. Plants which grow in marshy lands have more concentrated saps which develop an osmotic pressure of the order of twenty five atmospheres. Thus, the plant may absorb excess of water from the soil which might cause bursting of root hair. Ultimately the plant decays. The addition of fertilizer may raise the osmotic pressure of the soil water. Consequently, the cell sap is not in a position to absorb excessive water and the decay of the plant is thus, checked.

The use of salt and sugar as preservatives in pickles and jams has its basis in preventing growth of fungi and bacteria by osmosis.

Isotonic solutions

We know that different solutions have different vapour pressures. Consequently their osmotic pressures must also be different. When two such solutions are separated by a semipermeable membrane, the solvent molecules flow from the solution of lower osmotic pressure towards solution of higher osmotic pressure. This continues till both the solutions attain the same osmotic pressure. At this stage, there is no further osmosis.

The solutions having same osmotic pressure at the same temperature *are called* **isotonic solutions or isosmotic solutions.**

From the equation, $\pi = cRT$, it is clear that if two solutions have same concentrations, they must have same osmotic pressure at the same temperature. Thus, **solutions of equimolar concentrations at the same temperature have same osmotic pressure, i.e., are isotonic.**

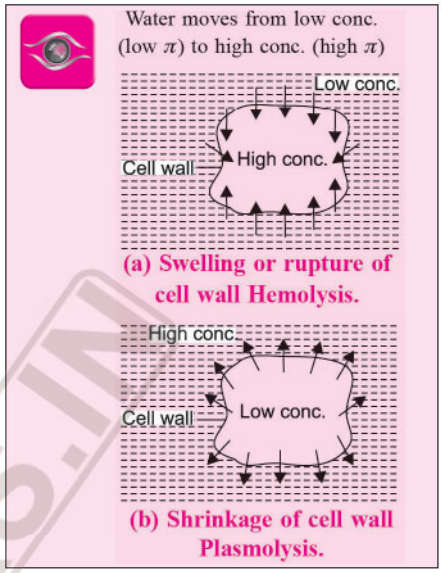
Hypertonic and hypotonic solutions

If **a solution has more osmotic pressure than some other solution, it** is called **hypertonic.** For example, 0.1 M urea solution exerts higher osmotic pressure than 0.05 M sucrose solution. Hence, 0.1 M urea solution is hypertonic to 0.05 M sucrose solution.

On the other hand, **a solution having less osmotic pressure than the other solution** is called **hypotonic.** For example, 0.05 M sucrose solution exerts lower osmotic pressure than 0.1 M urea solution. Therefore, 0.05 M sucrose solution is hypotonic to 0.1 M urea solution.

Thus, **a hypertonic solution will be more concentrated with respect to other solution and a hypotonic solution will be less concentrated with respect to other solution.**

It is quite interesting to note that a 0.91% (mass/volume) solution of sodium chloride (known as saline water) is isotonic with fluids inside human red blood cells (RBC). In this solution, the corpuscles neither swell nor shrink. Therefore, the medicines are mixed with saline water before being injected into the veins. Therefore, normal saline water is quite safe to inject intravenously.



(a) Swelling or rupture of cell wall Hemolysis.

(b) Shrinkage of cell wall Plasmolysis.

Learning Plus

The **osmotic pressure** method is widely used for measuring the molecular masses of proteins, polymers and other macro-molecules. It is regarded as one of the most suitable methods. The other methods such as depression in freezing point or elevation in boiling point cannot be used because of the following reasons:
(*i*) The changes (ΔT_f or ΔT_b) observed in other methods based on colligative properties are very small (*e.g.,* for substances having molar mass of 10^6 g mol^{-1}, the ΔT_f or ΔT_b are only 0.0001K). These cannot be easily measured. On the other hand, osmotic pressure of the order of 10^{-3} atm can be easily measured in terms of mm of Hg.
(*ii*) Elevation in boiling point method for these biological molecules such as proteins is not suitable bcause these molecules are not stable at higher temperatures. The osmotic pressure method has the advantage because it can be measured at room temperature.

❑ Thus, **osmotic pressure method is used for measuring molecular masses of proteins, polymers and other macro-molecules** because

(*i*) it can be measured around room temperature
(*ii*) osmotic pressure values are larger and measurable even for dilute solutions.
(*iii*) Molarity of the solution is used instead of molality.

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- ❑ Salt water fish die when they are suddenly transferred to a fresh water aquarium!
- ▶ Osmosis tries to equalise the concentration of water in the solution; both in the cells of the fish and the surrounding water. Water from aquarium passes through the cell membranes causing them to expand and get ruptured.

R U Curious....

- ❑ A person suffering from high blood pressure is advised to take minimum quantity of common salt!
- ▶ The osmotic pressure increases with the amount of solute. Since the body fluid contains Na^+ and Cl^- ions and if we take more salt, the concentration of these ions will increase leading to high osmotic pressure. The high osmotic pressure may cause rupture of the cells. Therefore, the patients suffering from high blood pressure are advised to take less of common salt.

However, the solutions having concentration more or less than 0.91% (mass/volume) are not safe as explained below:

(*i*) A pure sodium chloride solution with salt concentration less than 0.91% (mass/volume) is said to be **hypotonic** solution. When red blood cells are placed in this solution, water flows into the cells and they swell or burst.

(*ii*) A pure sodium chloride solution with salt concentration more than 0.91% (mass/volume) is said to be **hypertonic** solution. When red blood cells are placed in this solution, water flows out of the cells and they shrink or collapse due to loss of water by osmosis.

People taking a lot of salt or salty food experience water retension in tissue cells and intercellular spaces because of osmosis. The swelling or puffiness is called **edema.** When red blood cells are placed in this solution, water comes out of the cells and they shrink.

Osmosis can also explain some other commonly occurring processes :

(*i*) Carrots which have become limp because of water loss into the atmosphere can be placed into the water which makes them firm again. Water will move into them through osmosis.

(*ii*) A raw mango placed in concentrated salt solution (brine) loses water due to osmosis and shrivel into pickle.

(*iii*) Wilted flowers revive when placed in fresh water due to osmosis.

(*iv*) The preservation of meat by salting and fruits by adding sugar protects against bacterial action. A bacterium on salted meat or candid fruit loses water due to osmosis, shrivels and ultimately dies.

Reverse osmosis and desalination of sea water. The process of osmosis can be reversed if a pressure larger than the osmotic pressure is applied on the solution side. As a result, the solvent starts moving from solution towards the pure solvent through the semipermeable membrane. *This process of movement of solvent through a semipermeable membrane from the solution to the pure solvent by applying excess pressure on solution side is called* **reverse osmosis.**

A variety of polymer membranes are available these days for desalination of sea water. The pressure needed for reverse osmosis are generally quite high and workable porous membrane is a film of cellulose acetate placed over a suitable support. Cellulose acetate membrane is permeable to water but impermeable to impurities and other ions present in sea water. These days many countries meet their water requirement from desalination plants.

Desalination of sea water. The reverse osmosis process can be used for desalination of sea water for getting drinking water. A schematic set up for the process is shown in Fig. 18. If no pressure were applied to the salt water solution, osmosis would transfer water into the solution as shown in Fig. 18 (*a*). When a pressure greater than osmotic pressure is applied on the salt water side of a semipermeable membrane the pure water flows from the salt water side to pure water side through the semipermeable membrane. As a result, water is squeezed out of sea water as shown in Fig. 18 (*b*). Thus, the pure water is obtained which does not contain dissolved undesirable salts.

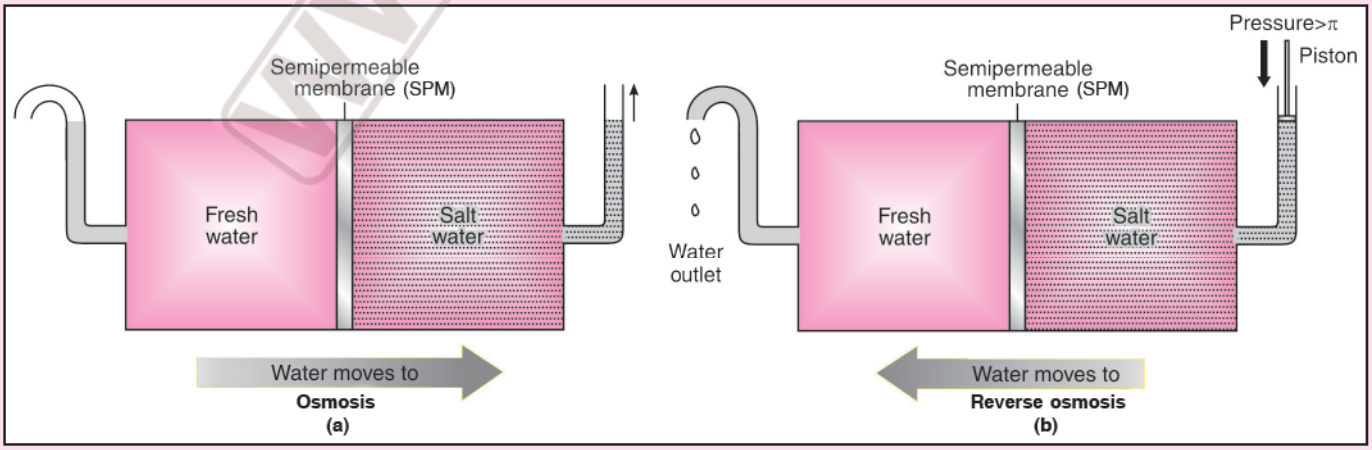


Fig. 18. Desalination of water (*a*) Osmosis and (*b*) Reverse osmosis.

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Colligative Properties of Solutions Containing Mixture of Solutes

Since colligative properties depend on the total number of particles, therefore, these will depend on the number of molecules from different solutes present. These become :

- **Relative lowering in vapour pressure**

$$\frac{\Delta p}{p^\circ} = \frac{\Sigma m_i \times M_i}{1000}$$

where m_i is the molality of each solute and M_i is its molar mass.

- **Elevation in boiling point**

$$\Delta T_b = K_b \, \Sigma m_i$$

- **Depression in freezing point**

$$\Delta T_f = K_f \, \Sigma m_i$$

- **Osmotic pressure**

$$\pi = (\Sigma c_i) \, RT$$

where c_i is the molarity of each solute.

Solving Numerical Problems

FORMULAE AND UNITS

Van't Hoff equation

$$\pi = cRT$$

or $$\pi = \frac{nRT}{V}$$

where π = Osmotic pressure (in atmospheres)
n = number of moles,
V = volume (in litres)
c = concentration in moles per unit volume
T = absolute temperature,
R = 0.082 L atm mol^{-1} K^{-1}
and molecular mass of solute

$$M_B = \frac{w_B RT}{V \times \pi}$$

w_B = Weight of solute,
M_B = molecular mass of solute

For isotonic solutions, osmotic pressures are equal. Since $\pi = cRT$ so at the same temperature, concentration are equal for isotonic solutions.

SOLVED EXAMPLES

Example 50.

200 cm^3 of an aqueous solution of a protein contains 1.26 g of the protein. The osmotic pressure of such a solution at 300 K is found to be 2.57 × 10^{-3} bar. Calculate the molar mass of the protein. (R = 0.083 L bar mol^{-1} $^{-1}$) **N.C.E.R.T.**
(Hr. S.B. 2012, Pb.S.B. 2012, 2014, H.P.S.B. 2015)

Solution : According to Van't Hoff equation,

$$\pi = cRT = \frac{n}{V}RT = \frac{w_B RT}{M_B V}$$

$$\therefore \quad M_B = \frac{w_B RT}{\pi V}$$

V = 200 cm^3 = 0.20 L, w_B = 1.26 g, T = 300 K
R = 0.083 L bar K^{-1} mol^{-1}, π = 2.57 × 10^{-3} bar

$$\therefore \quad M_B = \frac{1.26 \text{ g} \times 0.083 \text{ L bar K}^{-1}\text{mol}^{-1} \times 300 \text{ K}}{2.57 \times 10^{-3} \text{ bar} \times 0.20 \text{ L}}$$

$$= \mathbf{61039 \text{ g mol}^{-1}}.$$

Example 51.

If 1.71 g of sugar (molar mass = 342) are dissolved in 500 cm^3 of a solution at 300 K, what will be its osmotic pressure?
(R = 0.083 L bar K^{-1} mol^{-1}) (Mizoram S.B. 2014)

Solution : According to Van't Hoff equation,

$$\pi = cRT = \frac{n}{V}RT = \frac{w_B RT}{M_B V}$$

w_B = 1.71 g, $\quad V = \frac{500}{1000}$ L = 0.5 L

T = 300 K and R = 0.083 L bar K^{-1} mol^{-1}

$$\pi = \frac{1.71 \times 0.083 \times 300}{342 \times 0.5} = \mathbf{0.249 \text{ bar}}.$$

Example 52.

Calculate the osmotic pressure of a solution obtained by mixing 100 mL of 3.4 percent solution of urea (mol. mass = 60) and 100 mL of 1.6 percent solution of cane sugar (mol. mass = 342) at 293 K.
(R = 0.083 L bar K^{-1} mol^{-1})

Solution : After mixing the volume of the solution = 200 mL.

(i) Osmotic pressure of urea

w_B = 3.4 g, V = 200 mL = 0.2 L, T = 293 K,
M_B = 60, R = 0.083 L bar mol^{-1} K^{-1}

$$\pi = \frac{w_B RT}{M_B V}$$

or $$\pi = \frac{3.4 \times 0.083 \times 293}{60 \times 0.2} = \mathbf{6.89 \text{ bar}}$$

(ii) Osmotic pressure of cane sugar

w_B = 1.6 g, V = 200 mL = 0.2 L, T = 293 K, M_B = 342, R = 0.083 L bar $mol^{-1}K^{-1}$

$$\pi = \frac{w_B RT}{M_B V}$$

or $$\pi = \frac{1.6 \times 0.083 \times 293}{342 \times 0.2} = \mathbf{0.57 \text{ bar}}$$

Since the dilute solution behave like ideal gases, the total osmotic pressure will be equal to the sum of the partial osmotic pressure (similar to Dalton's law of partial pressure of gases).

$\therefore \quad \pi$ = 6.89 + 0.57 = **7.46 bar.**

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NOTE

This problem can be solved by first calculating the total number of moles of urea and sugar because the colligative properties are independent of the nature of the solute.

$$\text{Moles of urea} = \frac{3.4}{60} = 0.0567,$$

$$\text{Moles of sucrose} = \frac{1.6}{342} = 0.00472$$

$$\text{Total moles} = 0.0567 + 0.0047 = 0.0614$$

$$V = 200 \text{ mL} = 0.2 \text{ L}$$

$$\pi = \frac{0.0614}{0.2} \times 0.083 \times 293$$

$$= \mathbf{7.46 \text{ bar}}$$

❑ Example 53.

36 g of glucose dissolved per litre of the solution has an osmotic pressure of 4.98 bar at 300 K. If the osmotic pressure of the solution is 1.52 bar at the same temperature, what would be its concentration ?

N.C.E.R.T.

Solution : According to Van't Hoff equation,

$$\pi = cRT$$

$$c_1 = \frac{36}{180} \text{ M}, \ \pi_1 = 4.98 \text{ bar}$$

and $c_2 = ?$ $\pi_2 = 1.52$ bar

$$\therefore \quad 4.98 \text{ bar} = \frac{36}{180} RT \qquad ...(i)$$

$$1.52 \text{ bar} = c_2 RT \qquad ...(ii)$$

Dividing eqn. (*ii*) by eqn. (*i*),

$$\frac{c_2}{36} \times 180 = \frac{1.52}{4.98}$$

$$\therefore \quad c_2 = \frac{1.52}{4.98} \times \frac{36}{180} = 0.061 \text{ M}$$

$\therefore$ Concentration of second solution = **0.061 M.**

❑ Example 54.

A solution of an organic compound was prepared by dissolving 6.8 g in 100 g of water. Calculate the osmotic pressure of this solution at 298 K when boiling point of solution is 100.11°C. Given K_b for water = 0.52 Km^{-1} and R = 0.082 litre atm K^{-1} mol^{-1}.

(Hr.S.B. 2005)

Solution : Molecular mass can be calculated from boiling point data as :

$$M_B = \frac{K_b \times w_B \times 1000}{\Delta T_b \times w_A}$$

$w_B = 6.8$ g, $w_A = 100$ g, $K_b = 100.11 - 100 = 0.11$ $K_b = 0.52$ K m^{-1}

$$\therefore \quad M_B = \frac{0.52 \times 6.8 \times 1000}{0.11 \times 100} = 321.45$$

Now $\pi = \frac{nRT}{V}$, $n = \frac{6.8}{321.45}$

$V = 100$ g $\approx$ 100 ml = 0.1 L,

$R = 0.082$ L atm mol^{-1} K^{-1}

$T = 298$ K

$$\pi = \frac{6.8 \times 0.082 \times 298}{321.45 \times 0.1}$$

$$= \mathbf{5.17 \text{ atm.}}$$

❑ Example 55.

A solution prepared by dissolving 8.95 mg of a gene fragment in 35.0 mL of water has an osmotic pressure of 0.335 torr at 25°C. Assuming the gene fragment is a non-electrolyte, determine its molar mass.

(D.S.B. 2011, A.I.S.B. 2011)

Solution : Mass of gene fragment = 8.95 mg $= 8.95 \times 10^{-3}$ g

Volume of water = 35.0 mL $= 35.0 \times 10^{-3}$ L

Osmotic pressure, π = 0.335 torr = 0.335/760 atm

Temperature = 25°C = 273 + 25 = 298 K

$$\pi = \frac{w_B RT}{M_B \times V}$$

$$\frac{0.335}{760} = \frac{8.95 \times 10^{-3} \times 0.0821 \times 298}{M_B \times 35.0 \times 10^{-3}}$$

$$M_B = \frac{8.95 \times 10^{-3} \times 0.0821 \times 298 \times 760}{0.335 \times 35.0 \times 10^{-3}}$$

$$= 14193.3 \text{ g mol}^{-1} \text{ or } \mathbf{1.42 \times 10^4 \text{ g mol}^{-1}}.$$

❑ Example 56.

A solution containing 15 g urea (molar mass = 60 g mol^{-1}) per litre of solution in water has the same osmotic pressure (isotonic) as a solution of glucose (molar mass = 180 g mol^{-1}) in water. Calculate the mass of glucose present in one litre of its solution.

(A.I.S.B. 2014, Kerala S.B. 2018)

Solution : For isotonic solutions,

$$\pi \text{ (urea)} = \pi \text{ (glucose)}$$

$$\pi \text{ (urea)} = \frac{nRT}{V} = \frac{15}{60} \times \frac{RT}{1}$$

$$\pi \text{ (glucose)} - \frac{nRT}{V} = \frac{w}{180} \times \frac{RT}{1}$$

Now $\frac{15}{60} RT = \frac{w}{180} RT$

$$\therefore \quad w = \frac{15 \times 180}{60} = \mathbf{45 \text{ g}}$$

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Practice Problems

71. A solution of sucrose (molar mass = 342 g mol^{-1}) is prepared by dissolving 68.4 g of it per litre of solution. What is the osmotic pressure at 300 K ?

72. Osmotic pressure of a solution containing 3.5g of dissolved protein per 50cc of a solution is 25 mm (Hg) at 37°C. Calculate the molar mass of protein.
(Manipur S.B. 2014)

73. The osmotic pressure of a solution containing 9.2 g of a substance (moar mass = 176) in 302 ml of solution was found to be 4.1 atomsphere at 15.5°C. Calculate the value of solution constant.

74. Calculate the osmotic pressure of a solution obtained by mixing 100 ml of 1.5% solution of urea (molar mass = 60) and 100 ml of 3.42% of cane sugar (molar mass = 342) at 20°C. (R = 0.82 litre atm K^{-1} mol^{-1}).

75. Three grams of non-volatile solute when dissolved in a litre of water shows an osmotic pressure of 2 bar at 300 K. Calculate the molar mass of the solute. (R = 0.083 L bar K^{-1} mol^{-1}).

76. Calculate the osmotic pressure of a solution containing 10 gram each of glucose ($C_6H_{12}O_6$) and sucrose ($C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}$) in 1000 cm^3 of the solution at 25°C. (R = 0.083 L bar K^{-1} mol^{-1})

77. A solution containing 10.2 g of glycerine per litre is found to be isotonic with a 2% solution of glucose. Calculate the molar mass of glycerine (molar mass of glucose = 180). *(Mizoram S.B. 2016)*

78. A 5% solution of cane sugar (molar mass = 342) is isotonic with 0.877% solution of urea. Calculate the molar mass of urea.
(Uttarakhand S.B. 2014, Nagaland S.B. 2016)

79. What is the concentration of solution of sucrose (molar mass = 342) which is isotonic with a solution containing 6 g of urea per litre ?

80. Osmotic pressure of a solution containing 7 g of a protein per 100 cm^3 of solution is 3.3×10^{-2} bar at 37°C. Calculate the molar mass of protein.

81. A solution of an organic compound is prepared by dissolving 68.4 g in 1000 g of water. Calculate the molecular mass of the compound and osmotic pressure of the solution at 293 K when elevation in boiling point is 0.104 and K_b for water is 0.52 Km^{-1}. *(Hr.S.B. 2005)*

82. A solution of an organic compound is prepared by dissolving 34.2 g in 500 g of water. Calculate the molecular mass of the compound and freezing point of the solution. Given that K_b for water = 0.52 K m^{-1}, b.pt. of solution = 100.14°C, K_f for water = 1.87 Km^{-1}. *(Hr.S.B. 2005)*

83. The average osmotic pressure of human blood is 7.7 atm at 40°C.
(*a*) What would be the total concentration of various solutes in the blood ?
(*b*) Assuming the concentration to be essentially the same as the molality, calculate the freezing point of blood (K_f for water = 1.86°C m^{-1}).

84. The osmotic pressure of blood is 8.21 atm at 37°C. How much glucose should be used per litre for an intravenous injection that is isotonic with blood ?

85. 600 mL of aqueous solution containing 2.5 g of a protein shows an osmotic pressure of 25 mm Hg at 27°C. Determine the relative molecular mass of protein.
(Tripura S.B. 2016)

Answers to Practice Problems

71. 4.92 atm.
72. 54159.7
73. 0.0821 litre atm/mol/degree
74. 4.20 atm.
75. 37.35 g mol^{-1}
76. 2.10 bar
77. 91.8
78. 59.99 g mol^{-1}
79. 34.2 g L^{-1}
80. 54579
81. 342, 4.80 atm
82. 342, – 0.374°C
83. 0.30 mol L^{-1}, – 0.558 °C
84. 58.06 g
85. 3119.8 g mol^{-1}

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Advanced Level PROBLEMS
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Problem 8. How many grams of sucrose (molecular mass 342) should be dissolved in 100 g water in order to produce a solution having difference between the boiling point and freezing point equal to 105° ?
(K_b = 0.512 Km^{-1}, K_f = 1.86 Km^{-1})

Solution $w_{solvent}$ = 100g, $w_{sucrose}$ = ?

$T_b - T_f = 105.0°$

Now, $\Delta T_b = K_b \cdot m$

Boiling point of solution, $T_b = 100 + \Delta T_b$

or $T_b = 100 + K_b \cdot m$ ...(*i*)

$\Delta T_f = K_f \cdot m$

Freezing point of solution, $T_f = 0 - \Delta T_f$

or $T_f = 0 - K_f \times m$ ...(*ii*)

Subtracting eq. (*ii*) from eq. (*i*)

$T_b - T_f = 100 + K_b \times m - (0 - K_f \times m)$

$105 = 100 + K_b \times m + K_f \times m$

$105 = 100 + 0.512 \times m + 1.86 \times m$

$2.372\ m = 5$

or $m = \frac{5}{2.372} = 2.108$

Now, $m = \frac{w_{sucrose} \times 1000}{M_{sucrose} \times w_{solvent}}$

$\therefore \quad 2.108 = \frac{w_{sucrose} \times 1000}{342 \times 100}$

$\therefore \quad w_{sucrose} = \frac{2.108 \times 342 \times 100}{1000} = \mathbf{72.09\ g}$

Problem 9. **If boiling points of an aqueous solution containing a non-volatile solute is 100.15°C. What is its freezing point? Given latent heat of fusion and vaporisation of water are 80 cal g^{-1} and 540 cal g^{-1} respectively.**

Solution For a given aqueous solution

$\Delta T_f = K_f \times m$ ...(*i*)

$\Delta T_b = K_b \times m$ ...(*ii*)

$K_f = \frac{RT_f^2}{1000\, l_f}$ and ...(*iii*)

$K_b = \frac{RT_b^2}{1000\, l_v}$ ...(*iv*)

Dividing eq. (*iii*) by eq. (*iv*)

$\frac{K_f}{K_b} = \frac{T_f^2 \times l_v}{T_b^2 \times l_f}$

$\therefore \quad \frac{\Delta T_f}{\Delta T_b} = \frac{T_f^2 \times l_v}{T_b^2 \times l_f}$

$T_f = 0 + 273 = 273\ K,$

$T_b = 100 + 273 = 373\ K$

$l_f = 80\ cal\ g^{-1},\ l_v = 540\ cal\ g^{-1}$

$\Delta T_b = 100.15 - 100 = 0.15$

$\therefore \quad \frac{\Delta T_f}{0.15} = \frac{273 \times 273 \times 540}{373 \times 373 \times 80}$

or $\Delta T_f = \frac{273 \times 273 \times 540}{373 \times 373 \times 80} \times 0.15 = 0.542$

$\therefore \quad T_f = 0 - 0.542 = \mathbf{-0.542°C.}$

Problem 10. **A very small amount of non-volatile solute (that does not dissociate) is dissolved in 56.8 cm^3 of benzene (density 0.889 g cm^{-3}). At room temperature, vapour pressure of this solution is 98.88 mm Hg while that of benzene is 100 mm Hg. Find the molality of this solution. If the freezing temperature of this solution is 0.73 degree lower than that of benzene, what is the value of molal freezing point depression constant of benzene ?**

Solution For very dilute solutions,

$\frac{p^\circ - p}{p^\circ} = x_B$ (x_B = mole fraction of substance)

$\frac{100 - 98.88}{100} = x_B$

$\therefore \quad x_B = 0.0112$

Now, $x_B = \frac{n_B}{n_A + n_B} = \frac{n_B}{n_A}$ (for dilute solution)

$= \frac{n_B}{w_A} \times M_A$ ...(*i*)

Molality, $m = \frac{n_B \times 1000}{w_A}$ ...(*ii*)

Dividing equation (*i*) by eq. (*ii*)

$\frac{x_B}{m} = \frac{M_A}{1000}$

or $m = \frac{x_B \times 1000}{M_A}$

$\therefore \quad m = \frac{0.0112 \times 1000}{78} = 0.1436$

$\Delta T_f = K_f \times m$

or $K_f = \frac{\Delta T_f}{m} = \frac{0.73}{0.1436} = \mathbf{5.08\ Km^{-1}.}$

Problem 11. **Calculate the amount of ice that will separate out on cooling a solution containing 50 g of ethylene glycol in 200 g of water to –9.3°C. (K_f for water = 1.86 K m^{-1})**

Solution Let us calculate the amount of water present in the solution.

$\Delta T_f = \frac{K_f \times 1000 \times w_B}{M_B \times w_A}$

or $w_A = \frac{K_f \times 1000 \times w_B}{M_B \times \Delta T_f}$

$\Delta T_f = 0 - (-9.3) = 9.3°$

$\therefore \quad w_A = \frac{1.86 \times 1000 \times 50}{62 \times 9.3} = 161.29\ g$

Amount of ice separated from 200 g of water

$= 200 - 161.29 = \mathbf{38.71\ g.}$

Problem 12. **At 10°C, the osmotic pressure of urea solution is 500 mm Hg. The solution is diluted and the temperature is raised to 25°C, when the osmotic pressure is found to be 105.3 mm Hg. Calculate the extent of dilution.**

Solution For initial solution,

$\pi = \frac{500}{760}$ atm, $T = 273 + 10 = 283\ K$

Let volume of solution is V_1

$\pi = \frac{n}{V} RT$

$\frac{500}{760} = \frac{n}{V_1} \times R \times 283$ ...(*i*)

After dilution, let the volume becomes V_2 and temperature is raised to 25°C.

$\pi = \frac{105.3}{760}$ atm, $T = 273 + 25 = 298\ K$

$\frac{105.3}{760} = \frac{n}{V_2} \times R \times 298$ ...(*ii*)

Dividing eq. (*i*) by eq. (*ii*)

$\frac{500}{105.3} = \frac{V_2}{V_1} \times \frac{283}{298}$

or $\frac{V_2}{V_1} = \frac{500 \times 298}{105.3 \times 283} = 5$

$\therefore$ The solution was diluted **5 times**.

Problem 13. **Hundred grams of a 5 m urea solution are cooled to – 6°C. What amount of urea will separate out ? (K_f = 1.86 K m^{-1}).**

Solution Molality of solution at – 6°C

$\Delta T_f = K_f m$

or $m = \frac{\Delta T_f}{K_f} = \frac{6}{1.86} = 3.23\ mol\ kg^{-1}$

5 m solution of urea means that 5 moles or 5 × 60 g of urea are present in 1000 g of solvent or (1000 + 5 × 60) g of solution, so that

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(1000 + 300) g of solution contain urea = 300 g

$$\text{100 g of solution contain urea} = \frac{300}{1300} \times 100$$
$$= 23.08 \text{ g}$$
$$\text{Mass of water in the solution} = 100 - 23.08$$
$$= 76.92 \text{ g}$$

When urea separates out, mass of water does not change. At $-6°C$, the molality is 3.23 mol kg^{-1}. Let us calculate the amount of urea to make the molality 3.23 mol kg^{-1}.

$$\text{1000 g of water contain urea} = 60 \times 3.23 \text{ g}$$
$$\text{76.92 g of water contain urea} = \frac{60 \times 3.23 \times 76.92}{1000}$$
$$= 14.91 \text{ g}$$
$$\text{Mass of urea separated} = 23.08 - 14.91$$
$$= \mathbf{8.17\ g}$$

ABNORMAL MOLAR MASSES : ELECTROLYTIC SOLUTIONS

We have discussed in the previous sections that the colligative properties help us to calculate the molar masses of solutes. But in some cases, the molar masses determined by these methods do not agree with the expected or theoretical values. The accurate values of molar masses can be obtained only if the following two conditions are satisfied.

1. The solutions should be dilute

The solutions used for measuring colligative properties must not be too concentrated. In the concentrated solutions, the particles begin to interact with each other as well as with the solvent. As a result, the vapour pressure and therefore, other colligative properties depend upon the nature of the solute and not just on the number of solute particles.

Colligative property of an electrolyte solution is always greater than that of a non-electrolyte solution of the same molar concentration because of the dissociation of the electrolyte.

2. The solute must not dissociate or associate in solution

The equations derived for measuring the colligative properties are for **non-electrolyte solutes** which do not undergo any dissociation or association in the solution. However, discrepancies in determination of molar mass arise when the solutes dissociate or associate on dissolving in a solvent. This is because due to the association or the dissociation of the solute molecules in the solution, the number of molecules undergo a change. Therefore, **abnormal molar masses** are obtained as discussed below:

1. Association of solute particles

In certain solvents, generally non-polar, the solute molecules undergo association *i.e.,* two, three or even more molecules exist in combination with each other to form bigger molecules. For example, suppose n simple molecules combine to form an associated molecule as :

$$\underset{n \text{ single molecules}}{n\,A} \rightleftharpoons \underset{\text{one molecule}}{A_n}$$

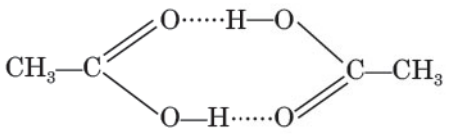
Therefore, the total number of molecules in solution become less than the number of molecules of the substance added and, therefore, **colligative properties will be lower.** Since *the colligative properties are inversely proportional to the molar mass of the solute, the molar masses in such cases will be greater than the theoretical values.* For example, in benzene solvent, both ethanoic acid (acetic acid) and benzoic acid exist as dimers as :

$$\underset{\text{Ethanoic acid}}{2CH_3COOH} \rightleftharpoons \underset{\text{Dimer}}{(CH_3COOH)_2}$$

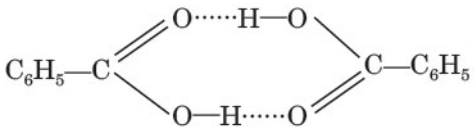
$$\underset{\text{Benzoic acid}}{2C_6H_5COOH} \rightleftharpoons \underset{\text{Dimer}}{(C_6H_5COOH)_2}$$

The molar masses of ethanoic acid and benzoic acid have been found to be nearly 120 and 244 which are about double than their normal values of 60 and 122 respectively. The association of solute molecules in a solution is generally due to the hydrogen bonding between these molecules. For example, benzoic acid and ethanoic acid (acetic acid) exist as dimers due to the formation of hydrogen bonds as shown ahead:

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Ethanoic acid



Benzoic acid

2. Dissociation of solute molecules

Molecules of electrolytes (acids, bases and salts) dissociate or ionise in a solvent to give two or more particles. For example, AB dissociates to give double number of particles as

$$AB \rightleftharpoons A^+ + B^-$$

Consequently, the total number of particles increases in solution and, therefore, the *colligative properties of such solutions will be large. Since colligative properties are inversely proportional to molar mass, the observed molar mass will be less than the theoretical value.* For example, KCl dissociates to give K^+ and Cl^- ions.

$$KCl \rightleftharpoons K^+ + Cl^-$$

This means that if we dissolve 1 mol of KCl (74.5 g) in water, we expect 1 mol of K^+ and 1 mol of Cl^- ions to be produced in the solution. Therefore, there would be 2 mol of particles in the solution instead of 1 mol. Consequently, the colligative properties would also be about double than expected. For example, if we ignore interionic attractions, 1 mol of KCl in 1 kg of water would be expected to increase the boiling point by 2×0.52 K ($K_b = 0.52$ Km^{-1}) = 1.04 K. Obviously, the molar mass of the salt must be about half of its normal value *i.e.,* 37.25.

Van't Hoff Factor

In 1886, Van't Hoff introduced a factor called Van't Hoff factor, '*i*' to express the extent of association or dissociation of solutes in solution. Van't Hoff factor is defined as

the ratio of the normal molar mass to the observed molar mass (or abnormal molar mass) of the solute, *i.e.,*

$$i = \frac{\text{Normal molar mass}}{\text{Observed (or abnormal) molar mass}}$$

- **In case of association, observed molar mass being more than the normal, the factor '*i*' has a value less than 1.**
- **In case of dissociation, the Van't Hoff factor is more than 1 because the observed molar mass has a lesser value.**
- ***In case of solutes which do not undergo any association or dissociation in a solvent, the Van't Hoff factor 'i' will be equal to 1 because the observed and normal molar masses will be same.***

Since the molar masses are inversely proportional to the colligative property, **Van't Hoff factor** may also be defined as:

the ratio of the observed value of colligative property to the normal value of the colligative property.

i.e., $$i = \frac{\text{Observed value of colligative property}}{\text{Normal value of colligative property}}$$

Inclusion of Van't Hoff factor (i) modifies the equations for colligative properties as follows:

Relative lowering in vapour presure, $\frac{\Delta p}{p^\circ}$	$= i\, x_{solute}$
Elevation in boiling point, ΔT_b	$= i\, K_b\, m$
Depression in freezing point, ΔT_f	$= i\, K_f m$
Osmotic pressure, π	$= i\, cRT$

REMEMBER

- The normal value of colligative property is the theoretically calculated value assuming no association or dissociation and abnormal value of colligative property is the experimentally determined value.
- For solutes which donot undergo association or dissociation, $i = 1$
- For solutes undergoing **association,** $i < 1$
- For solutes undergoing **dissociation,** $i > 1$

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The Van't Hoff factor is given for some strong electrolytes in Table 5.

Table 5. Values of Van't Hoff factor at various concentrations for some common strong electrolytes.

Electrolyte	Value of *i*			'i' for complete dissociation
	0.1 m	0.01 m	0.001 m	
NaCl	1.87	1.94	1.97	2.0
KCl	1.85	1.94	1.98	2.0
$MgSO_4$	1.21	1.53	1.82	2.0
K_2SO_4	2.32	2.70	2.84	3.0

It is clear from the table that values of '*i*' for KCl, NaCl and $MgSO_4$ approaches 2 (expected for complete dissociation) as the solution becomes very dilute. Similarly, the '*i*' value approaches 3 (for complete dissociation) for K_2SO_4 as the solution becomes very dilute.

Van't Hoff Factor and Extent of Dissociation or Association in an Electrolytic Solution

Van't Hoff factor can be used to calculate the extent of dissociation or association in terms of degree of dissociation or association of a substance in solution.

(*i*) **Degree of dissociation.** It is defined as *the fraction of total substance that undergoes dissociation into ions, i.e.,*

$$\text{Degree of dissociaton} = \frac{\text{No. of moles of the substance dissociated}}{\text{Total number of moles of the substance taken}}$$

Suppose a molecule of an electrolyte gives m ions after dissociation. Then if we start with 1 mole of the solute, and α is the degree of dissociation, then at equilibrium :

Number of moles of solute left undissociated = $1 - \alpha$

Number of moles of ions formed = $m\alpha$

Total number of moles of particles = $1 - \alpha + m\alpha$

$$\text{Van't Hoff factor } i = \frac{\text{Observed number of moles of solute}}{\text{Normal number of moles of solute}}$$

$$i = \frac{1 - \alpha + m\alpha}{1}$$

$$1 - \alpha + m\alpha = i$$

or $$\alpha(m - 1) = i - 1$$

$$\alpha = \frac{i - 1}{m - 1}$$

But $$i = \frac{\text{Normal molar mass}}{\text{Observed molar mass}}$$

Knowing the value of '*i*' from observed molar mass and normal molar mass, degree of dissociation, α can be calculated.

For the electrolytes of the type AB, such as KCl, NaCl, etc., the number of particles in solution *i.e.*, $m = 2$

$$\therefore \quad \alpha = i - 1$$

For the electrolytes of the type AB_2 like $CaCl_2$, $Ba(NO_3)_2$ etc., the value of $m = 3$, so that

$$\alpha = \frac{i - 1}{2}$$

***(ii)* Degree of association.** It is defined as *the fraction of total number of molecules which combine to form associated molecules, i.e.*

$$\text{Degree of associaton} = \frac{\text{No. of moles of the substance associated}}{\text{Total number of moles of substance taken}}$$

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For example, suppose n simple molecules of the solute associate to form the associated molecule A_n.

$$nA = A_n$$

If we start with 1 mole of A and α is the degree of association, the concentration of the species after association is :

$$[A_n] = \alpha/n$$
$$[A] = (1 - \alpha)$$

Total number of moles after association = $1 - \alpha + \alpha/n$

Thus, the colligative properties will correspond to $(1 - \alpha + \alpha/n)$ mole particles rather than one mole of particles.

Van't Hoff factor, 'i' is

$$i = \frac{\text{Observed number of moles of solute particles}}{\text{Number of moles of solute particles assuming no association}}$$

$$i = \frac{1 - \alpha + \alpha/n}{1}$$

$$i = 1 + \alpha\,(1/n - 1)$$

or $$\alpha\,(1/n - 1) = i - 1$$

or $$\alpha = \frac{i - 1}{1/n - 1}$$

But $$i = \frac{\text{Normal molar mass}}{\text{Observed molar mass}}$$

Thus, knowing 'n' the number of simple molecules which combine to give associated molecule, observed molar mass, degree of association (α) can be calculated.

Solving Numerical Problems

FORMULAE AND UNITS

Van't Hoff factor

$$i = \frac{\text{Observed colligative property}}{\text{Normal colligative property}} = \frac{\text{Normal molecular mass}}{\text{Observed molecular mass}} = \frac{\text{No. of particles after dissociation or association}}{\text{No. of particles without dissociation or association}}$$

(*i*) If observed colligative property < normal colligative property or observed molecular mass > normal molecular mass
⇒ **the solute is associated.**

(*ii*) If observed colligative property > normal colligative property or observed molecular mass < normal molecular mass
⇒ **the solute is dissociated.**

Calculation of degree of dissociation or association

- Calculate Van't Hoff factor using above relations.
- Write dissociation or association equation. Starting with 1 mole and assuming α to be degree of dissociation or association, calculate the actual number of particles. Then

$$i = \frac{\text{Actual number of particles}}{1}$$

Equate i from above two steps and calculate α; the degree of dissociation or association.

SOLVED EXAMPLES

❑ **Example 57.**

Calculate the boiling point of solution when 2 g of Na_2SO_4 (M = 142 g mol^{-1}) was dissolved in 50 g of water, assuming Na_2SO_4 undergoes complete ionization. (K_b for water = 0.52 K kg mol^{-1}

(A.I. S.B. 2016)

Solution: $\Delta T_b = \frac{i \times K_b \times w_B \times 1000}{M_B \times w_A}$

Weight of solute, w_B = 2 g

Molar mass = 142 g mol^{-1}

Weight of solvent = 50 g

K_b = 0.52 Km^{-1}

Na_2SO_4 undergoes complete ionization as:

$$Na_2SO_4 \rightleftharpoons 2Na^+ + SO_4^{2-}$$

One mole of Na_2SO_4 gives 3 mole particles and therefore,

$i = 3$

$$\therefore \quad \Delta T_b = \frac{3 \times 0.52 \times 2 \times 1000}{142 \times 50} = 0.439$$

Boiling point of solution = 373 + 0.439

= **373.439 K**

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❑ **Example 58.**

Calculate the amount of $CaCl_2$ (molar mass = 111 g mol^{-1}) which must be added to 500 g of water to lower its freezing point by 2K, assuming $CaCl_2$ is completely dissociated. (K_f for water = 1.86K kg mol^{-1}) *(A.I.S.B. 2015).*

Solution: $CaCl_2$ undergoes complete dissociation as:

$$CaCl_2 \longrightarrow Ca^{2+} + 2Cl^-$$

One mole of $CaCl_2$ will give 3 mole particles and therefore, the value of '*i*' will be equal to 3.

$$\Delta T_f = i\,K_f \times m$$

$$= \frac{i \times K_f \times w_B \times 1000}{M_B \times w_A}$$

K_f = 1.86 K kg mol^{-1}, w_A = 500 g, w_B = ?, ΔT_f = 2K, i = 3, M_B = 111 g mol^{-1}

$$2 = \frac{3 \times 1.86 \times w_B \times 1000}{111 \times 500}$$

$$\therefore \quad w_B = \frac{2 \times 111 \times 500}{3 \times 1.86 \times 1000} = \mathbf{19.89\ g}$$

❑ **Example 59.**

At 25°C, 3 g of a solute A in 100 mL of an aqueous solution gave an osmotic pressure of 2.5 atmosphere. What is the nature of solute (associated or dissociated) if its normal molar mass is 246?

Solution : Normal molar mass of solute = 246

The molar mass may be calculated as:

$$\pi = cRT = \frac{nRT}{V} = \frac{w_B RT}{M_B V}$$

or $$M_B = \frac{w_B RT}{\pi V}$$

w_B = 3.0 g, V = 100 ml = 0.1 L, π = 2.5 atm,

R = 0.082 L atm mol^{-1} K^{-1}.

$$M_B = \frac{3 \times 0.082 \times 298}{2.5 \times 0.1} = \mathbf{293.}$$

This means that the solute has abnormal behaviour in solution. Since observed molar mass is more than the normal value (246) the solute exists as **associated** in solution.

❑ **Example 60.**

A solution containing 0.5 g of KCl dissolved in 100 g of water freezes at – 0.24°C. Calculate the percentage ionization of the salt. (K_f for water = 1.86 Km^{-1}). *(C.B.S.E. Sample Paper 2007)*

Solution : Let us first calculate the observed molar mass as :

$$M_B = \frac{K_f \times w_B \times 1000}{\Delta T_f \times w_A}$$

w_B = 0.5 g, w_A = 100 g, ΔT_f = 0 – (– 0.24) = 0.24°, K_f = 1.86

$$\therefore \quad M_B = \frac{1.86 \times 0.5 \times 1000}{0.24 \times 100} = 38.75$$

Normal molar mass of KCl = 39 + 35.5 = 74.5

Van't Hoff factor,

$$i = \frac{\text{Normal molar mass}}{\text{Observed molar mass}} = \frac{74.5}{38.75} = 1.92$$

KCl ionizes as :

If α is the degree of ionization, then

$$KCl \rightleftharpoons K^+ + Cl^-$$

Initial moles	1	0	0
Moles after dissociation	1 – α	α	α

Total number of moles after dissociation = 1 – α + α + α = 1 + α

$$i = \frac{\text{Observed moles of solute}}{\text{Normal moles of solute}} = \frac{1+\alpha}{1}$$

$$\therefore \quad \frac{1+\alpha}{1} = 1.92 \quad \text{or} \quad 1 + \alpha = 1.92$$

or $$\alpha = 1.92 - 1 = 0.92$$

Percentage ionization = **92%.**

❑ **Example 61.**

2 g of benzoic acid (C_6H_5COOH) dissolved in 25 g of benzene shows a depression in freezing point equal to 1.62 K. Molar depression constant for benzene is 4.9 K kg mol^{-1}. What is the percentage association of acid if it forms double molecules (dimer) in solution? ***N.C.E.R.T.*** *(Pb. S.B. 2009)*

Solution : Let us first calculate observed molar mass,

$$M_B = \frac{K_f \times w_B \times 1000}{\Delta T_f \times w_A}$$

w_B = 2 g, w_A = 25 g, ΔT_f = 1.62 K

K_f = 4.9 K kg mol^{-1}

$$M_B = \frac{4.9 \times 2 \times 1000}{1.62 \times 25} = 241.98 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$$

Observed molar mass = 241.98 mol^{-1}

Normal molar mass of C_6H_5COOH

= 7 × 12 + 6 × 1 + 2 × 16 = 122 g mol^{-1}

Benzoic acid associates as :

$$2C_6H_5COOH \rightleftharpoons (C_6H_5COOH)_2$$

If α is the degree of association

Initial moles	1	0
Moles after association	1 – α	$\alpha/2$

Total moles after association = 1 – α + $\alpha/2$ = 1 – $\alpha/2$

$$i = \frac{\text{Normal molar mass}}{\text{Observed molar mass}} = \frac{122}{241.98} = 0.504$$

Now $$i = \frac{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}}{1} = 0.504$$

$$-\frac{\alpha}{2} = 0.504 - 1$$

$$-\frac{\alpha}{2} = -0.496$$

$$\alpha = 0.496 \times 2 = 0.992$$

Thus, degree of association of benzoic acid in benzene = **99.2%.**

❑ **Example 62.**

A solution containing 3.100 g of $BaCl_2$ in 250 g of water boils at 100.083°C. Calculate the Van't Hoff factor and molality of $BaCl_2$ in this solution. (K_b for water = 0.52 Km^{-1}, molar mass of $BaCl_2$ = 208.3 g mol^{-1}) *(A.I.S.B. 2001)*

Solution : Molality of the solution,

$$m = \frac{w_B \times 1000}{M_B \times w_A}$$

w_B = 3.100 g, w_A = 250 g, M_B = 208.3

$$m = \frac{3.100 \times 1000}{208.3 \quad 250} = 0.05952$$

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Now, let us calculate normal elevation in boiling point,

$$\Delta T_b = K_b \times m$$
$$= 0.05952 \times 0.52 = 0.03095$$

Observed elevation in boiling point,

$$\Delta T_b = 100.083 - 100 = 0.083°C$$
$$i = \frac{\text{Observed } \Delta T_b}{\text{Normal } \Delta T_b} = \frac{0.083}{0.03095} = \mathbf{2.68.}$$

❑ Example 63.

The freezing point of a solution containing 0.3 g of acetic acid in 30.0 g of benzene is lowered by 0.45°. Calculate Van't Hoff factor. (K_f for benzene = 5.12 K kg mol^{-1}). *(A.I.S.B. 2001)*

Solution : Let us first calculate observed molar mass

$$M_B = \frac{K_f \times w_B \times 1000}{\Delta T_f \times w_A}$$

$w_B = 0.3$ g, $w_A = 30.0$ g, $\Delta T_f = 0.45°$, $K_f = 5.12$ K kg mol^{-1}

$$\therefore \quad M_B = \frac{5.12 \times 0.3 \times 1000}{0.45 \times 30} = 113.8$$

Normal molar mass = 60

$$\text{Now} \quad i = \frac{\text{Normal molar mass}}{\text{Observed molar mass}} = \frac{60}{113.8} = \mathbf{0.527.}$$

❑ Example 64.

A solution contains 0.8960 g of K_2SO_4 in 500 mL solution. Its osmotic pressure is found to be 0.690 atm at 27°C. Calculate the value of Van't Hoff factor. (At. mass K = 39.0, S = 32, O = 16, R = 0.082 atm mol^{-1} K^{-1}). *(A.I.S.B. 2001)*

Solution : Let us first calculate observed molar mass,

$$M_B = \frac{w_B \times R \times T}{\pi \times V}$$

$w_B = 0.8960$ g, V = 500 ml = 0.5 L

R = 0.082 L atm mol^{-1} K^{-1}, $\pi = 0.690$ atm, T = 300 K

$$M_B = \frac{0.8960 \times 0.082 \times 300}{0.690 \times 0.5} = 63.9$$

Normal molar mass = 2 × 39 + 32 + 4 × 32 = 174

$$\text{Van't Hoff factor, } i = \frac{\text{Normal molar mass}}{\text{Observed molar mass}}$$
$$= \frac{174}{63.9} = \mathbf{2.72.}$$

❑ Example 65.

0.6 mL of acetic acid (CH_3COOH) having density 1.06 g mL^{-1} is dissolved in 1 litre of water. The depression in freezing point observed for this strength of acid was 0.0205°C. Calculate the Van't Hoff factor and dissociation constant of the acid. **N.C.E.R.T.**

Solution : Moles of acetic acid $= \frac{0.6 \text{ mL} \times 1.06 \text{ g mL}}{60 \text{ g mol}} - 0.016 \text{ mol}$

[M (CH_3COOH = 60]

Mass of water = 1000 mL × 1 g mL^{-1} = 1000 g

$$\text{Molality} = \frac{0.0106}{1000 \text{ g}} \times 1000 = 0.0106 \text{ mol kg}^{-1}$$

$$\text{Now, } \Delta T_f = K_f \times m$$
$$= 1.86 \text{ K kg mol}^{-1} \times 0.0106 \text{ mol kg}^{-1}$$
$$= 0.0197 \text{ K}$$

Observed freezing point depression = 0.0205 K

$$\text{Van't Hoff factor} = \frac{\text{Observed freezing point}}{\text{Calculated freezing point}}$$
$$= \frac{0.0205 \text{ K}}{0.0197 \text{ K}} = 1.041$$

Acetic acid dissociates as :

$$CH_3COOH \rightleftharpoons CH_3COO^- + H^+$$

Initial conc.	m	0	0
Conc. after dissociation	$m(1 - x$ mol)	mx mol	mx mol

Total moles of particles $= m(1 - x + x + x) = m(1 + x)$

$$i = \frac{m(1+x)}{m} = 1.041$$
$$\therefore \quad x = 0.041$$

$\therefore$ Degree of dissociation = 0.041

$[CH_3COOH] = m(1 - x) = 0.0106 \times (1 - 0.041) = 0.0102$

$[CH_3COO^-] = mx = 0.0106 \times 0.041 = 4.35 \times 10^{-4}$

$[H^+] = mx = 4.35 \times 10^{-4}$

$$K_a = \frac{[CH_3COO^-][H^+]}{[CH_3COOH]}$$
$$= \frac{(4.35 \times 10^{-4})(4.35 \times 10^{-4})}{0.0102}$$
$$= \mathbf{1.86 \times 10^{-5}.}$$

❑ Example 66.

Calculate the freezing point depression expected for 0.0711 m aqueous solution of Na_2SO_4. If this solution actually freezes at –0.320°C, what would be the value of Van't Hoff factor ? (K_f for water is 1.86° C mol^{-1}) *(D.S.B. 2009)*

Solution: Freezing point depression,

$$\Delta T_f = K_f \times m$$

$K_f = 1.86°C \text{ mol}^{-1}$, $m = 0.0711$

$$\Delta T_f = 1.86 \times 0.0711 = 0.132°$$

Observed freezing point = 0 – (– 0.320) = 0.320°

$$\text{Van't Hoff factor} = \frac{\text{Observed freezing point}}{\text{Calculated freezing point}}$$
$$= \frac{0.320}{0.132} = \mathbf{2.42}$$

❑ Example 67.

What mass of NaCl (molar mass = 58.5 g mol^{-1}) must be dissolved in 65.0 g of water to lower the freezing point by 7.50 °C ? The freezing point depression constant, K_f, for water is 1.86 K kg mol^{-1}. Assume Van't Hoff factor for NaCl is 1.87. *(A.I.S.B. 2011)*

Solution:

$$\Delta T_f = i\frac{K_f \times 1000 \times w_B}{w_A \times M_B}$$

$i = 1.87$

$K_f = 1.86$ K kg mol^{-1},

$w_A = 65.0$ g, $M_B = 58.5$, $\Delta T_f = 7.50°C$

$$7.50 = 187 \times \frac{1.86 \times 1000 \times w_B}{65.0 \times 58.5}$$

$$w_B = \frac{7.50 \times 65.0 \times 58.5}{1.87 \times 1.86 \times 1000}$$
$$= \mathbf{8.2 \text{ g}}.$$

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❑ **Example 68.**

Calculate the freezing point of solution when 1.9 g of $MgCl_2$ (M = 95 g mol^{-1}) was dissolved in 50 g of water, assuming $MgCl_2$ undergoes complete ionization. (K_f for water = 1.86 K kg mol^{-1}) *(D.S.B. 2016)*

Solution : $\Delta T_f = \dfrac{i \times K_f \times w_B \times 1000}{M_B \times w_A}$

w_B = 1.9 g, w_A = 50 g, M_B = 95 g mol^{-1}, K_f = 1.86 Km^{-1}

$MgCl_2$ undergoes complete ionization as

$$MgCl_2 \longrightarrow Mg^{2+} + 2Cl^-$$

$$i = 3$$

$$\therefore \quad \Delta T_f = \frac{3 \times 1.86 \times 1.9 \times 1000}{95 \times 50} = 2.232 \text{ K}$$

Freezing point of solution = 273 – 2.232 = **270.768 K**

❑ **Example 69.**

Calculate the boiling point of a solution prepared by adding 15.00 g of NaCl to 250.0 g of water. (K_b for water = 0.512 K kg mol^{-1} and molar mass of NaCl = 58.44 g mol^{-1}). *(D.S.B. 2011)*

Solution : $\Delta T_b = \dfrac{iK_b \times 1000 \times w_2}{w_1 \times M_2}$

NaCl dissociates as :

$$NaCl \longrightarrow Na^+ + Cl^-$$

$$\therefore \quad i = 2$$

w_2 = 15.0 g, w_1 = 250.0 g, M_2 = 58.44 g mol^{-1}

$$\therefore \quad K_b = 0.512 \text{ K kg mol}^{-1}$$

$$\therefore \quad \Delta T_b = \frac{2 \times 0.512 \times 1000 \times 15.0}{250.0 \times 58.44} = 1.05°C$$

$\therefore$ Boiling point of solution = 100 + 1.05 = **101.05°C**

❑ **Example 70.**

A 1.00 molal solution of trichloroacetic acid (CCl_3COOH) is heated to its boiling point. The solution has the boiling point of 100.18°C. Determine the Van't Hoff factor for trichloroacetic acid (K_b for water = 0.512 K kg mol^{-1}). *(D.S.B. 2012)*

Solution : Observed boiling point elevation, ΔT_b = 100.18 – 100.0 = 0.18°C

Molality of solution = 1.00 m

Calculated boiling point elevation,

$$\Delta T_b(\text{calc.}) = K_b \times m = 0.512 \times 1 = 0.512$$

Van't Hoff factor, i

$$= \frac{\text{Observed boiling point elevation}}{\text{Calculated boiling point elevation}} = \frac{0.18}{0.512} = \mathbf{0.351.}$$

❑ **Example 71.**

Determine the osmotic pressure of a solution prepared by dissolving 2.5 × 10^{-2} g of K_2SO_4 in 2L of water at 25°C, assuming that it is completely dissociated. (R = 0.0821 L atm K^{-1} mol^{-1}, Molar mass of K_2SO_4 = 174 g mol^{-1}). *(D.S.B. 2013)*

Solution : Since K_2SO_4 dissociates completely,

$$K_2SO_4 \longrightarrow 2K^+ + SO_4^{2-}$$

One mole of K_2SO_4 will give 3 mole particles and therefore, the value of 'i' is 3.

Osmotic pressure, $\pi = icRT$

$$= i \frac{w_B}{M_B \times V} RT$$

w_B = 2.5 × 10^{-2} g, V = 2.0 L, M_B = 174

R = 0.0821 L atm K^{-1} mol^{-1}

$$\therefore \quad \pi = \frac{3 \times 2.5 \times 10^{-2} \times 0.0821 \times 298}{174 \times 2.0} = \mathbf{5.27 \times 10^{-3} \text{ atm.}}$$

❑ **Example 72.**

3.9 g of benzoic acid dissolved in 49 g of benzene shows a depression in freezing point of 1.62 K. Calculate the van't Hoff factor and predict the nature of solute (associated or dissociated). [Given: Molar mass of benzoic acid = 122 g mol^{-1}, K_f for benzene = 4.9 K kg mol^{-1}] *(D.S.B. 2015)*

Solution: $\Delta T_f = iK_f \times m$

$$= \frac{i \times K_f \times w_B \times 1000}{M_B \times w_A}$$

$$1.62 = \frac{i \times 4.9 \times 3.9 \times 1000}{122 \times 49}$$

or $$i = \frac{1.62 \times 122 \times 49}{4.9 \times 3.9 \times 1000} = 0.506$$

Since 'i' is less than one, the solute is associated.

Practice Problems

86. Decinormal solution of NaCl developed an osmotic pressure of 4.6 atm at 300 K. Calculate the degree of dissociation.

87. Calculate the freezing point of a one molar aqueous solution (density 1.04 g L^{-1}) of KCl. (K_f for water = 1.86 kg mol^{-1}, atomic masses of K = 39, Cl = 35.5).

88. Calculate the boiling point of a one molar aqueous solution of KBr (density 1.06 gm L^{-1}). (K_b for water = 0.52 kg mol^{-1}, atomic masses : K = 39, Br = 80).

89. Calculate the amount of sodium chloride (electrolyte) which must be added to one kilogram of water so that the freezing point is depressed by 3K. Give K_f for water = 1.86 K kg mol^{-1}. *(Nagaland S.B. 2017).*

90. Phenol associates in benzene to form a dimer $(C_6H_5OH)_2$. The freezing point of a solution containing 5 g of phenol in 250 g of benzene is lowered by 0.70°C. Calculate the degree of association of phenol in benzene. (K_f for benzene = 5.12 K m^{-1}) *(Pb. S.B. 2009)*

Answers to Practice Problems

86. 87%
87. – 3.852°C
88. 101.106°C
89. 47.151
90. 72%

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91. 1.5 g of $Ba(NO_3)_2$ dissolved in 100 g of water shows a depression in freezing point equal to 0.28°C. What is the percentage dissociation of the salt? (K_f for water = 1.86 K/m and molar mass of $Ba(NO_3)_2$ = 261). *(Pb.S.B. 2004, 2009)*

92. Calculate the difference between the boiling points of 0.2 m Na_2SO_4 and 0.5 m glucose assuming complete dissociation of Na_2SO_4. (K_b for water = 0.52 K m^{-1})

93. The freezing point of a solution containing 0.2 g of acetic acid in 20.0 g of benzene is lowered by 0.45°C. Calculate the degree of association of acetic acid in benzene. (K_f for benzene = 5.12 K mol^{-1} kg) *(Pb.S.B. 2004)*

94. Calculate the normal freezing point of a sample of sea water containing 3.8% NaCl and 0.12% $MgCl_2$ by mass. (K_f for water = 1.86 Km^{-1}).

95. Calculate the molality of NaCl solution whose elevation in boiling point is equal to the depression in freezing point of 0.25 m sodium carbonate solution in water assuming complete dissociation of salts. (K_f = 1.86 K m^{-1}, K_b = 0.52 K m^{-1}).

96. 0.01 m aqueous solution of $K_3[Fe(CN)_6]$ freezes at – 0.062°C. What is the apparent percentage of dissociation ? (K_f for water = 1.86 K kg mol^{-1}) *(Pb. S.B. 2002)*

97. Calculate the amount of KCl which must be added to 1 kg of water so that the freezing point is depressed by 2K. (K_f for water = 1.86K kg mol^{-1}) *(D.S.B. 2012).*

98. An aqueous solution containing 1.9 g of a solute dissolved in 500 mL of the solution shows an osmotic pressure of 2.1 atmosphere at 27°C. What is the nature of the solute (associated or dissociated, if the molar mass of the solute is 57 a.m.u.)? *(Hr. S.B. 2006)*

99. 0.01 M solutions of KCl and $BaCl_2$ are prepared in water. The freezing point of KCl is found to be –2°C. What freezing point would you expect for $BaCl_2$ solution assuming both KCl and $BaCl_2$ to be completely ionized?

100. Calculate the freezing point of an aqueous solution containing 10.50 g of $MgBr_2$ in 200 g of water. (Molar mass of $MgBr_2$ = 184, K_f for water = 1.86 K kg mol^{-1}) *(D.S.B. 2011)*

Answers to Practice Problems

91. 81%
92. 0.052
93. 94.6%
94. – 2.59°C
95. 1.34 m
96. 77.7 %
97. 40.05 g
98. Associated solute
99. –3°C
100. –1.59°C

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Advanced Level PROBLEMS *Accelerate Your Potential (for JEE Advance)*

Problem 14. A 1.2% solution (wt. /volume) of NaCl is isotonic with 7.2% solution (wt./ volume) of glucose (molar mass = 180). Calculate the degree of dissociation of NaCl solution.

Solution Let us first calculate observed molar mass of NaCl.

For isotonic solutions.

$$\pi\,(NaCl) = \pi\,(urea)$$

and $$\pi = \frac{wRT}{MV}$$

Osmotic pressure of NaCl,

$$\pi\,(NaCl) = \frac{1.2\,RT}{M \times 0.1}$$

Osmotic pressure of urea,

$$\pi\,(urea) = \frac{7.2\,RT}{180 \times 0.1}$$

Now, $$\frac{1.2\,RT}{M \times 0.1} = \frac{7.2\,RT}{180 \times 0.1}$$

or $$M = \frac{180 \times 1.2}{7.2} = 30$$

Normal molar mass of NaCl = 58.5

$$i = \frac{\text{Normal molar mass}}{\text{Observed molar mass}} = \frac{58.5}{30} = 19.5$$

NaCl dissociates as :

$$NaCl \rightleftharpoons Na^+ + Cl^-$$

If α is the degree of dissociation

Initial moles	1	0	0
Moles after dissociation	$1-\alpha$	α	α

Total moles after dissociation = $1 - \alpha + \alpha + \alpha = 1 + \alpha$

$$i = \frac{\text{Moles of solute after dissociation}}{\text{Normal moles of solute}} = \frac{1+\alpha}{1}$$

Now, $$\frac{1+\alpha}{1} = 1.95$$

$$\alpha = 1.95 - 1 = \mathbf{0.95.}$$

Problem 15. To 500 cm^3 of water, 3.0 × 10^{-3} kg of acetic acid is added. If 23% of acetic acid is dissociated, what will be the depression in freezing point ? K_f and density of water are 1.86 K kg mol^{-1} and 0.997 g cm^{-3} respectively.

Solution Volume of water = 500 cm^3

Density of water = 0.997 g cm^{-3}

Wt. of water = Volume × Density

= 500 × 0.997 = 498.5 g

$$\text{Moles of acetic acid} = \frac{3.0 \times 10^{-3} \times 1000}{60}$$

(mol. wt. of CH_3COOH = 60)

= 0.05

$$\text{Molality} = \frac{\text{Moles of acetic acid}}{\text{Wt. of water}} \times 1000$$

$$= \frac{0.05 \times 1000}{498.5} = 0.1003$$

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Acetic acid dissociates in water as:

$$CH_3COOH \rightleftharpoons CH_3COO^- + H^+$$

Initial moles 1 0 0

If α is the degree of dissociation,

$1-\alpha$ α α

Total moles after dissociation $= 1 - \alpha + \alpha + \alpha = 1 + \alpha$

$$\text{Van't Hoff factor, } i = \frac{\text{Moles after dissociation}}{\text{Normal moles}}$$

$$= \frac{1+\alpha}{1}$$

$$\alpha = 23\% = 0.23$$

$$\therefore \quad i = \frac{1+0.23}{1} = 1.23$$

Now, $\Delta T_f = i\, K_f m$

$= 1.23 \times 1.86 \times 0.1003 = 0.229$

Depression in freezing point = **0.229°.**

Problem 16. The freezing point of a 0.08 molal solution of $NaHSO_4$ is −0.372°C. Calculate the dissociation constant for the reaction:

$$HSO_4^- \rightleftharpoons H^+ + SO_4^{2-}$$

(K_f for water = 1.86 Km^{-1})

Solution $NaHSO_4$ dissociatesas:

$$NaHSO_4 \longrightarrow Na^+ + HSO_4^-$$

Since the concentration of $NaHSO_4$ is 0.08 m,

$[Na^+] = 0.8$ m, $HSO_4^- = 0.08$ m

Now, HSO_4^- also dissociates as:

$$HSO_4^- \rightleftharpoons H^+ + SO_4^{2-}$$

If α is the degree of dissociation, then after dissociation at equilibrum,

$$[HSO_4^-] = 0.08\,(1-\alpha), \quad [H^+] = 0.8\,\alpha, \quad [SO_4^{2-}] = 0.08\,\alpha$$

Total concentration of all ions (*i.e.*, Na^+ H^+, HSO_4^- and SO_4^{2-})

$= 0.08 + 0.08\,(1-\alpha) + 0.08\,\alpha + 0.08\,\alpha$

$= 0.16 + 0.08\,\alpha$

$$\therefore \text{ Van't Hoff factor } i = \frac{0.16+0.08\,\alpha}{0.08} = 2 + \alpha$$

Now, $\Delta T_f = i\, K_f \times m$

$= i \times 1.86 \times 0.08 = 0.1488\, i$

$\Delta T_f = 0 - (-0.372) = 0.372$

or $0.372 = 0.1488\, i$

o $i = \frac{0.372}{0.1488} = 2.5$

Thus, $2 + \alpha = 2.5$ or $\alpha = 0.5$

Dissociation constant for the reaction is

$$K = \frac{[H^+][SO_4^{2-}]}{HSO_4^-}$$

$[H^+] = 0.08 \times 0.5 = .04$, $[HSO_4^-] = 0.08\,(1 - 0.5) = .04$, $[SO_4^{2-}] = 0.08 \times 0.5 = 0.04$

$$K = \frac{(0.04)\times(0.04)}{(0.04)} = \mathbf{4.0 \times 10^{-2}}.$$

Problem 17. A storage battery contains a solution of H_2SO_4 38% by weight. At this concentration van't Hoff factor is 2.50. At what temperature, will the battery content freeze? (K_f for water = 1.86 Km^{-1})

Solution Weight of $H_2SO_4 (w_B) = 38$ g

Weight of water $(w_A) = 100 - 38 = 62$ g

Calculated ΔT_f,

$$\Delta T_f = \frac{1000 \times K_f \times w_B}{w_A \times M_B} = \frac{1000 \times 1.86 \times 38}{62 \times 98} = 11.633°$$

$$\text{Van't Hoft factor, } i = \frac{\text{Observed } \Delta T_f}{\text{Calculated } \Delta T_f}$$

$\therefore$ Observed $\Delta T_f = i \times$ Calculated ΔT_f

$= 2.5 \times 11.633 = 29.08°$

$\therefore$ Freezing point of battery contents $= 273 - 29.08$

$= \mathbf{243.92\ K.}$

Problem 18. A certain mass of a substance when dissolved in 100 g of benzene lowers the freezing point by 1.06°C. The same mass of solute dissolved in 100 g water lowers the freezing point by 1.15°C. If the substance has normal molecular weight in benzene and is completely dissociated in water, into how many ions does it dissociate in water ? K_f for water and benzene are 1.86 and 5.12 K kg mol^{-1} respectively.

Solution ΔT_f is given as :

$$\Delta T_f = \frac{K_f \times 1000 \times w_B}{M_B \times 100}$$

Since the given solute behaves as normal in C_6H_6 and dissociates in water.

$$i = \frac{\text{M(normal)}}{\text{M(observed)}} = \frac{\text{M(in benzene)}}{\text{M(in water)}}$$

In C_6H_6 $\quad 1.06 = \frac{5.12\times1000\times w_B}{\text{M(in benzene)}\times100}$ ...(*i*)

In water $\quad 1.15 = \frac{1.86\times1000\times w_B}{\text{M(in water)}\times100}$ ...(*ii*)

Dividing equation (*ii*) by eq. (*i*)

$$\frac{\text{M(in benzene)}}{\text{M(in water)}} = \frac{1.15}{1.06}\times\frac{5.12}{1.86} = 2.99$$

or $i = 2.99 \approx 3$

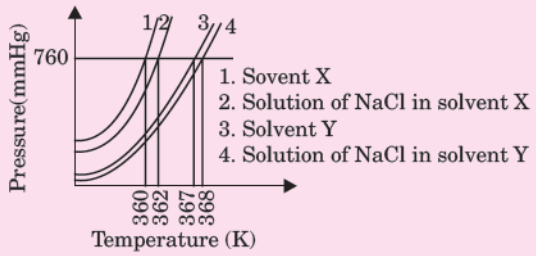
Since the solute is completely dissociated, $\alpha = 1$, the solute is ionised into three ions in water. If solute is A_xB_y.

$A_xB_y = xA^+ + yB^-$

$\boldsymbol{x + y = 3.}$

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Problem 19. **The plot given below shows P—T curves (where P is the pressure and T is the temperature) for two solvents X and Y and isomolal solutions of NaCl in these solvents. NaCl compeletely dissociates in both the solvents.**



On addition of equal number of moles of a nonvolatile solute S in equal amount (in kg) of these solvents, the elevation of boiling point of solvent X is three times that solvent Y. Solute S is known to undergo dimerization in these solvents. If the degree of dimerization is 0.7 in solvent Y, then what is the degree of dimerization in solvent X ?

(JEE Advance 2018)

Solution When NaCl is solute,

$i = 2$

$\Delta T_b = i \times K_b \times m$

For solvent X

$\Delta T_b = 362 - 360 = 2K$ (from graph)

$2 = 2 \times (K_b)_X \, m$ ...(*i*)

For solvent Y

$\Delta T_b = 368 - 367 = 1K$ (from graph)

$1 = 2 \times (K_b)_Y \, m$ ...(*ii*)

Dividing (*i*) by (*ii*)

$$\frac{(K_b)_X}{(K_b)_Y} = 2$$

Now for solute S, which dimerizes in both solvents

$$2S \rightleftharpoons S_2$$

Initial	1	0
After association	$1 - \alpha$	$\alpha/2$

Total no. of moles $= 1 - \alpha + \alpha/2 = 1 - \alpha/2$

$i = 1 - \alpha/2$

$(\Delta T_b)_X = (1 - \alpha/2)\,(K_b)_X \times m$ ...(*iii*)

$(\Delta T_b)_Y = (1 - \frac{0.7}{2})\,(K_b)_Y \times m = 0.65(K_b)_Y \times m$ ...(*iv*)

Elevation in boiling point in solvent X and Y

$$\frac{(\Delta T_b)_X}{(\Delta T_b)_Y} = 3 \text{ (Given)}$$

Dividing eq. (*iii*) by (*iv*) for same concentration,

$$3 = \frac{1 - \alpha/2}{0.65} \times \frac{(K_b)_X}{(K_b)_Y}$$

$$3 = \frac{1 - \alpha/2}{0.65} \times 2$$

$$1 - \alpha/2 = \frac{3 \times 0.65}{2} = 0.975$$

$$-\alpha/2 = 0.975 - 1 = -0.025$$

$$\text{or } \alpha = 0.05$$

add on 3 Conceptual Questions

CONCEPTUAL QA

Q.1. **(*i*) Out of 1 M glucose and 2 M glucose, which one has a higher boiling point and why?**
(*ii*) What happens when the external pressure applied becomes more than the osmotic pressure of solution? ***(A.I.S.B. 2016)***

Ans. (*i*) The elevation in boiling point is a colligative property and depends upon the number of moles of solute added. Higher the concentration of solute added, higher will be the elevation in boiling point. Thus, 2M glucose solution has higher boiling point than 1M glucose solution.

(*ii*) When the external pressure applied becomes more than the osmotic pressure of the solution, then the solvent molecules from the solution pass through the semipermeable membrane to the solvent side. This process is called reverse osmosis.

Q.1. **Blood cells are isotonic with 0.9% sodium chloride solution. What happens if we place blood cells in a solution containing**
(*i*) 1.2% sodium chloride solution?
(*ii*) 0.4% sodium chloride solution? ***(A.I.S.B. 2016)***

Ans. (*i*) 1.2% sodium chloride solution is hypertonic with respect to 0.9% sodium chloride solution or blood cells. When blood cells are placed in this solution, water flows out of the cells and they shrink due to loss of water by osmosis.

(*ii*) 0.4% sodium chloride solution is hypotonic with respect to 0.9% sodium chloride solution or blood cells. When blood cells are placed in this solution, water flows into the cells and they swell.

Q.3. **What will happen if pressure greater than osmotic pressure is applied on the solution separated by a semipermeable membrane from the solvent ?**

Ans. It will result into reverse osmosis *i.e.,* there will be net flow of the solvent from the solution to the solvent.

Q.4. **Will the elevation in boiling point be same if 0.1 mole of sodium chloride or 0.1 mole of sugar is dissolved in 1 L of water ?**

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Ans. The elevation in boiling point of 0.1 mole of NaCl and 0.1 mole of sugar dissolved in water will not be same. Elevation in boiling point is a colligative property and depends upon the number of solute particles. NaCl is ionic and give more number of particles due to ionisation than sugar which consists of molecules.

Q.5. When dehydrated fruits and vegetables are placed in water, they slowly swell and return to original form. Why ? Would a temperature increase accelerate the process ? Explain.

Ans. The cell walls of fruits and vegetables are semipermeable. The liquid inside the cells in the dried fruits and vegetables is more concentrated. When these dried fruits and vegetables are placed in water, water enters the fruits and vegetables due to osmosis and they swell and return to their original form. Since the increase in temperature increases the osmotic pressure $(\pi \propto T)$, hence the process gets accelerated by increase in temperature.

Q.6. Why is great care taken in intravenous injection to have comparable concentration of solutions to be injected to that of blood plasma ? ***(Pb. S.B. 2016)***

Ans. During intravenous injections, the concentrations of the solution to be injected should be comparable to blood plasma. If the solution is less concentrated, its osmotic pressure will be low. The water will try to move into the red blood cells through the cell walls. As a result, cells will swell and burst. On the other hand, if the solution is more concentrated, the water in the cells will try to move outside the cell to the more concentrated solution by osmosis. This causes cells to shrink and consequently cease to function.

Q.7. Which colligative property is prefered for the molar mass determination of macromolecules ?

Ans. Osmotic pressure measurement is preferred over all other colligative properties because

(*i*) even in dilute solutions, the osmotic pressure values are appreciably high and can be measured accurately.

(*ii*) osmotic pressure can be measured at room temperature. On the other hand, elevation in boiling point is measured at high temperature where the solute may decompose. The depression in freezing point is measured at low temperatures.

CONCEPTUAL QA

Q.8. Will the depression in freezing point be same or different if 0.1 mole of sugar or 0.1 mole of glucose is dissolved in one litre of water ?

Ans. The depression in freezing point will be same in both the solutions because both are non-electrolytes and give same number of solute particles.

Q.9. Outer hard shells of two eggs are removed. One of the eggs is placed in pure water and the other is placed in saturated solution of sodium chloride. What will be observed and why ? ***(Pb. S.B 2016)***

Ans. The egg placed in water will swell due to osmosis of pure water into the egg. On the other hand, the egg placed in saturated solution of NaCl will shrink due to osmosis of water out of the egg. This is because osmosis always occurs from higher concentration of solvent to lower concentration of solvent.

Q.10. Are equimolar solutions of sodium chloride and urea isotonic? Why ? ***(J.K.S.B. 2013)***

Ans. Sodium chloride gets dissociated to two ions (Na^+ and Cl^-) and exerts almost double osmotic pressure than urea (which is non-electrolyte).

Q.11. Why is it advised to add ethylene glycol to water in a car radiator while driving in a hill station ?

Ans. Ethylene glycol lowers the freezing point of water and, therefore, it does not freeze in a hill station.

Q.12. Sodium chloride solution freezes at lower temperature than water but boils at higher temperature than water, Explain.

Ans. Freezing point of a liquid depresses on the addition of a non-volatile solute and therefore, a solution of sodium chloride freezes at lower temperature than freezing point of water. On the other hand, there is elevation in boiling point on the addition of a non-volatile solute and consequently boiling point of sodium chloride solution is more than that of water.

Q.13. What is de-icing agent? How does it function?

Ans. Common salt acts as a de-icing agent because it lowers the freezing point of water to such an extent that it does not freeze to form ice. Hence, it is used to clear snow from roads.

Q.14. Why is camphor preferred as a solvent for measuring the molecular mass of naphthalene by Rast method?

Ans. Camphor has a large K_f value (39.8%) and therefore, causes large depression in melting point of solution with very small amount of solute (naphthalene).

Q.15. When mercuric iodide is added to an aqueous solution of KI the freezing point is raised, Why ?

(C.B.S.E. Sample Paper 2007)

Ans. HgI_2 forms a complex with KI and therefore, the number of particles in solution decreases.

$$HgI_2 + 2KI \longrightarrow K_2[HgI_4]$$

As a result, the depression in freezing point is less and hence the freezing point increases.

Q.16. Arrange the following in increasing order of freezing point :

0.2 M NaOH, 0.2M Na_2CO_3, 0.1M $AgNO_3$, 0.1M $(NH_4)_2 SO_4.FeSO_4.6H_2O$.

Ans. 0.2M Na_2CO_3 < 0.1M $(NH_4)_2 SO_4.FeSO_4.6H_2O$ < 0.2M NaOH < 0.1M $AgNO_3$

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Q.17. Why does an azeotropic mixture distils without any change in composition ?

Ans. Azeotropic mixture on boiling forms vapours in the same mole fraction of the two components as present in the liquid mixture.

Q.18. Under what conditions Vant Hoff's factor 'i' is

(i) equal to unity (ii) less than 1 and (iii) greater than 1 ?

Explain the answer

Ans. (i) When the solute does not undergo any dissociation or association in the solution *i.e.,* for non-electrolyte solutes.

(ii) When the solute undergoes association in the solution.

(iii) When the solute undergoes dissociation in the solution.

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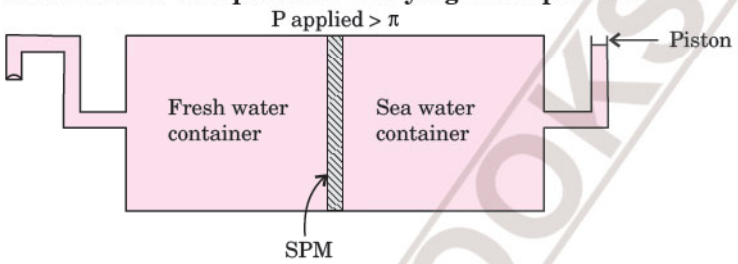
Q.19. What would be the value of Vant Hoff's factor for a dilute solution of K_2SO_4 in water ? ***(A.I.S.B. 2005)***

Ans. $i = 3$.

Q.20. State the condition resulting in reverse osmosis. ***(A.I.S.B. 2007)***

Ans. When pressure larger than osmotic pressure is applied on the solution.

Q.21. Given below is the sketch of a plant for carrying out a process.



(i) Name the process occurring in the above plant.

(ii) To which container does the net flow of solvent take place ?

(iii) Name one SPM which can be used in this plant.

(iv) Give one practical use of the plant. ***(C.B.S.E. Sample Paper 2007)***

Ans. (i) Reverse osmosis (ii) To fresh water container

(iii) Film of cellulose acetate (iv) This can be used as desalination plants to meet potable water requirements.

Q.22. Which of the following solutions has higher freezing point?

0.05 M $Al_2(SO_4)_3$, 0.1 M $K_3[Fe(CN)_6]$ Justify. ***(C.B.S.E. Sample Paper 2017-18)***

Ans. 0.05 M $Al_2(SO_4)_3$ has higher freezing point.

$\Delta T_f \propto i \times$ concentration

For 0.05 M $Al_2(SO_4)_3$, $i = 5$

$\Delta T_f \propto 5 \times 0.05 = 0.25$ moles of ions

For 0.1 M $K_3[Fe(CN)_6]$, $i = 4$

$\Delta T_f \propto 4 \times 0.1 = 0.40$ moles of ions

$\therefore$ Depression in freezing point for 0.05 M $Al_2(SO_4)_3$ will be less and hence freezing point will be higher.

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Hints & Solutions for Practice Problems

❑ **1.** Mass of solute (1) $= \frac{300 \times 25}{100} = 75$ g

Mass of solute (2) $= \frac{400 \times 40}{100} = 160$ g

Total mass of solute $= 75 + 160 = 235$ g

Total mass of solution $= 300 + 400 = 700$ g

% mass of solute $= \frac{235}{700} \times 100 =$ **33.57%**

% mass of solvent $= 100 - 33.5 =$ **66.43%**

❑ **2.** Moles of glucose $= \frac{18}{180} = 0.1$ mol

Molarity $= \frac{0.1}{500} \times 1000 =$ **0.2 M**.

Density of solution is needed to calculate the molality of the solution.

❑ **3.** 10% by weight means that 10 g of glucose is present in 100 g of solution.

Mass of solvent $= 100 - 10 = 90$ g

Moles of glucose $= \frac{10}{180} = 0.0556$

Molality $= \frac{0.0556}{90} \times 1000 =$ **0.618 m**.

❑ **4.** 10% Na_2CO_3 (*w/v*) means 10 g of Na_2CO_3 are present in 100 mL of solution.

Molarity of Na_2CO_3 solution $= \frac{10/106}{100} \times 1000 = 0.94$ M

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Molarity of HCl solution $= \frac{3.65/36.5}{100} \times 1000 = 1\ M$

$$Na_2CO_3 + 2HCl \longrightarrow 2NaCl + CO_2 + H_2O$$

$$\left(\frac{M_1V_1}{1}\right)_{Na_2CO_3} = \left(\frac{M_2V_2}{2}\right)_{HCl}$$

$$\frac{0.94 \times V_1}{1} = \frac{1 \times 100}{2}$$

$$\therefore \quad V_1 = \frac{1 \times 100}{2 \times 0.94} = \mathbf{53.19\ mL}$$

❑ **5.** 95% H_2SO_4 means that 95 g of H_2SO_4 is present in 100 g of solution.

Vol. of solution $= \frac{100}{1.85} = 54.05$

Molarity $= \frac{95 \times 1000}{98 \times 54.05} = 17.93\ M$

Similarly, 15% H_2SO_4 means 15 g of H_2SO_4 is present in 100 g of solution.

Vol. of solution $= \frac{100}{1.10} = 90.91$

Molarity $= \frac{15 \times 1000}{98 \times 90.91} = 1.68\ M$

Applying molarity equation,

$M_1V_1 = M_2V_2$

(95% H_2SO_4) (15%H_2SO_4)

$17.93 \times V_1 = 1.68 \times 100$

$$\therefore \quad V_1 = \frac{1.68 \times 100}{17.93} = 9.37\ cm^3 = 9.4\ cm^3$$

$\therefore$ **Volume of 95% H_2SO_4 required = 9.4 cm^3**

Mass of 100 cm^3 of 15% H_2SO_4 to be prepared $= 100 \times 1.10 = 110$ g

Mass of 9.4 cm^3 of 95% $H_2SO_4 = 9.4 \times 1.85 = 17.4$ g

$\therefore$ **Mass of water to be taken = 110 – 17.4 = 92.6 g.**

❑ **6.** If 100 g is the total mass,

Mass of ethanol = 95 g

Moles of ethanol $= \frac{95}{46} = 2.065$

Moles of water $= \frac{5}{18} = 0.278$

Mole fraction of ethanol $= \frac{2.065}{2.065 + 0.278} = \mathbf{0.88}$

Mole fraction of water $= \frac{0.278}{2.065 + 0.278} = \mathbf{0.12}.$

❑ **7.** Moles of water $= \frac{2}{18} = 0.67$

Moles of acetic acid $= \frac{108}{60} = 1.8$

Moles of ethanol $= \frac{92}{46} = 2.0$

Mole fraction of water $= \frac{0.67}{0.67 + 1.8 + 2.0} = \mathbf{0.15}.$

❑ **8.** 1L of N/2 HCl solution contains $= 36.5/2 = 18.25$ g of HCl

Wt. of HCl lost on heating = 3.25 g

Wt. of HCl left after heating = 18.25 – 3.25 = 15.0 g

Normality $= \frac{15.0 \times 1000}{36.5 \times 600} = \mathbf{0.685\ N.}$

❑ **9.** 99% H_2SO_4 means that 99 g of H_2SO_4 is present in 100 g of solution.

Moles of $H_2SO_4 = \frac{99}{98} = 1.01$ mol

Vol. of solution $= \frac{100}{1.9} = 52.63$ mL

Molarity $= \frac{1.01}{52.63} \times 1000 = \mathbf{19.19\ M.}$

❑ **10.** Moles of urea $= \frac{3}{60} = 0.05$

Molality $= \frac{0.05}{250} \times 1000 = \mathbf{0.2\ m}$

Moles of water $= \frac{250}{18} = 13.89$

Moles fraction of solute $= \frac{0.05}{13.89 + 0.05} = \mathbf{0.0036.}$

❑ **11.** 1 kg of water contains ethyl alcohol = 1.55 mol

2 kg of water contain ethyl alcohol = 155 × 2

= 3.10 mol

Mass of ethyl alcohol = 3.10 × 46

= 142.6 g

❑ **12.** Moles of HCl $= \frac{38}{36.5}$

Volume of solution $= \frac{100}{1.19} = 84.03$ mL

Molarity $= \frac{38/36.5}{84.03} \times 1000 = \mathbf{12.39\ M}$

❑ **13.** Formality $= \frac{1.24/248}{100} \times 1000 = \mathbf{0.05\ F}$

❑ **14.** Moles of NaOH $= \frac{4.0}{40} = 0.1$

Volume of solution = 100 mL

Mass of solution = 100 × 1.038 = 103.8 g

Mass of water = 103.8 – 4.0 = 99.8 g

Moles of water $= \frac{99.8}{18} = 5.54$

(*i*) Mole fraction of NaOH $= \frac{0.1}{0.1 + 5.54} = \mathbf{0.018}$

(*ii*) Molarity $= \frac{0.1}{100} \times 1000 = \mathbf{1M}$

Molality $= \frac{0.1}{99.8} \times 1000 = \mathbf{1.002\ m}$.

❑ **15.** Suppose 100 mL of each solution is mixed.

Total volume of the solution = 200 mL

Wt. of H_2SO_4 in 30% $H_2SO_4 = \frac{100 \times 1.218 \times 30}{100}$

= 36.54 g

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Wt. of H_2SO_4 in 70% H_2SO_4 = $\frac{100 \times 1.610 \times 70}{100}$

= 112.7 g

Total wt. of H_2SO_4 = 36.54 + 112.7 = **149.24 g**

Wt. of water = (100 × 1.218 + 100 × 1.610) – 149.24

= **133.56 g**

Molarity = $\frac{149.24/98}{200} \times 1000$ = **7.61 M**

Molality = $\frac{149.24/98}{133.56} \times 1000$ = **11.4 m**.

❑ **16.** 18 M H_2SO_4 means 18 mole of H_2SO_4 are present in 1000 mL of solution.

Mass of solution = 1000 × 1.84 = **1840 g**

Mass of H_2SO_4 = 18 × 98 = 1746 g

Mass of water = 1840 – 1764 = 76 g

Moles of water = $\frac{76}{18}$ = **4.22**

Mole fraction of H_2SO_4 = $\frac{18}{18+4.22}$ = **0.81**

Mass % H_2SO_4 = $\frac{1764}{1840} \times 100$ = **95.87%**.

❑ **17.** Gram equivalents of oxalic acid = $\frac{0.2 \times 100}{1000}$ = 0.02

Mass of oxalic acid = 0.02 × 63 = 1.26 g

126 g of oxalic acid contain = 6.02×10^{23} molecules

1.26 g of oxalic acid contain = $\frac{6.02 \times 10^{23} \times 1.26}{126}$

= **6.02×10^{21} molecules**

❑ **18.** Mole fraction of benzene = 0.45

Mole fraction of chloroform = 1 – 0.45 = 0.55

Wt % benzene = $\frac{0.45 \times 78}{0.45 \times 78 + 0.55 \times 119.5} \times 100$

= **34.8**

❑ **19.** Mol. mass of Glauber's salt ($Na_2SO_4.10H_2O$) = 322

Mol. mass of Na_2SO_4 = 142

Wt. of Na_2SO_4 = $\frac{142 \times 8.0575 \times 10^{-2} \times 10^3}{322}$

= **35.533 g**

Moles of Na_2SO_4 = $\frac{35.533}{142}$ = 0.25 M

(*i*) Molarity = $\frac{0.25}{1}$ = 0.25 M

(*ii*) Density = $\frac{1077.2 \text{ kg}}{m^3} = \frac{1077.2 \times 10^3 \text{ g}}{10^6 \text{ cm}^3}$ = 1.0772 g cm^{-3}

Mass of 1 dm^3 of solution = 1000 × 1.0772 = 1077.2 g

Mass of Na_2SO_4 = 0.25 × 142 = 35.5

Mass of water = 1077.2 – 35.5 = 1041.7 g

Molality = $\frac{0.25}{1041.7} \times 1000$ = **0.24 m**

(*iii*) Moles of water = $\frac{1041.7}{18}$ = 57.87

Mole fraction of Na_2SO_4 = $\frac{0.25}{0.25 + 57.87}$ = **4.3×10^{-3}**

❑ **20.** $CaCl_2 \rightleftharpoons Ca^{2+} + 2Cl^-$

$2 \times 6.02 \times 10^{23}$ Cl^- ions are obtained from 1 mol of $CaCl_2$

1.505×10^{23} Cl^- ions are obtained from $CaCl_2$

= $\frac{1}{2 \times 6.02 \times 10^{23}} \times 1.505 \times 10^{23}$ = 0.125 mol

Molarity = $\frac{0.125 \times 1000}{500}$ = **0.25 M**.

❑ **21.** Molarity = $\frac{\text{Mass/Molar mass}}{\text{Vol. of solution}} \times 1000$

$\frac{1}{5}$ = $\frac{\text{Mass of NaOH}/40}{200} \times 1000$

Mass of NaOH = $\frac{1}{5} \times \frac{200 \times 40}{1000}$ = 1.6 g

Amount of NaOH in 100 mL of solution = 5 g

Total mass of NaOH = 1.6 + 5 = 6.6 g

Total volume = 100 + 200 = 300 mL

Molarity = $\frac{6.6/40}{300} \times 1000$ = **0.55 M**.

❑ **22.** 2.05 M acetic acid solution means 2.05 moles of acetic acid are present in 100 mL of solution.

Mass of solution = 1000 × 1.02 = 1020 g

Mass of 2.05 moles of CH_3COOH

= 60 × 2.05 = 123 g

Mass of water = 1020 – 123 = 897 g

Molality = $\frac{2.05}{897} \times 1000$ = **2.29 m**

❑ **23.** 69% HNO_3 means 69 g of HNO_3 is present in 100 g of solution.

Vol. of solution = $\frac{100}{1.41}$ = 70.92 mL

69 g of HNO_3 is present in solution = 70.92 mL

23 g of HNO_3 is present in solution = $\frac{70.92}{69} \times 23$ = **23.64 mL**

❑ **24.** 4.27 M H_2SO_4 (*aq*) solution means that 4.27 mol of H_2SO_4 is present in 1000 cm^3 of solution.

Mass of solution = 1000 × 1.25 = 1250 g

Mass of 4.27 mol of H_2SO_4 = 4.27 × 98 = 418.46 g

Mass of water present = 1250 – 418.46 = 831.54 g

Molality = $\frac{4.27 \times 1000}{831.54}$ = **5.135 m**

❑ **25.** Moles of $Al(NO_3)_3$ = $\frac{100}{213}$ = 0.469 mol.

Mass of water = 1000 × 0.9982 = 998.2 g

Molality = $\frac{0.469}{998.2} \times 1000$ = **0.470 m**

Mass of solution = 998.2 g H_2O + 100g $Al(NO_3)_3$

= 1098.2 g

Volume of solution = $\frac{1098.2}{0.9990}$ = 1099.3 cm^3

Molarity = $\frac{0.469}{1099.3} \times 1000$ = **0.427 M.**

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❑ **26.** Partial pressure of N_2 in atmosphere α mole fraction of N_2 in air

$$p_{N_2} = 0.78 \text{ atm} = 0.78 \times 760 \text{ mm Hg}$$
$$= 592.8 \text{ mm Hg}$$

Now, according to Henry's law, solubility of a gas dissolved is proportional to pressure of gas

$$\text{Solubility of } N_2 = K_H \times p_{N_2}$$
$$= 8.42 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M/mm Hg} \times 592.8 \text{ mm Hg}$$
$$= \mathbf{4.99 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M.}}$$

❑ **27.**
$$p = K_H \cdot x$$
$$x = \frac{\text{Moles of } N_2}{\text{Moles of } N_2 + \text{Moles of } H_2O}$$
$$= \frac{\frac{0.02}{28}}{\frac{0.02}{28} + \frac{1000}{18}} = 1.29 \times 10^{-5}$$
$$p = 1 \text{ atm}$$
$$K_H = \frac{p}{x}$$
$$= \frac{1}{1.129 \times 10^{-5}} = \mathbf{7.75 \times 10^4 atm}.$$

❑ **28.**
$$x_2 = \frac{p}{K_H}$$
$$K_H = 1.67 \text{ k bar} = 1.67 \times 10^3 \text{ bar}$$
$$p = 4 \text{ atm} = 4 \text{ bar}$$
$$x_2 = \frac{4 \text{ bar}}{1.76 \times 10^3 \text{ bar}}$$
$$= 2.395 \times 10^{-3}$$
$$x_2 = \frac{n_2}{n_1 + n_2} = 2.395 \times 10^{-3}$$
$$\frac{n_2}{\frac{1000}{18} + n_2} = 2.395 \times 10^{-3}$$
$$n_2 = 0.133 + 2.395 \times 10^{-3} n_2$$
$$0.998\, n_2 = 0.133$$
or $$n_2 = 0.133 \text{ mol}$$

$\therefore$ Amount of CO_2 dissolved $= 0.133 \times 44 = \mathbf{5.85\ g}$

❑ **29.** Mass of 1L of solution = 1000 g

Mass of water = 1000 − 0.06 = 999.94 g

$$\text{Moles of water} = \frac{999.94}{18} = 55.55$$
$$\text{Moles of } O_2 = \frac{0.06}{32} = 1.875 \times 10^{-3}$$
$$\therefore \text{ Mole fraction of } O_2,\ x_{O_2} \simeq \frac{1.875 \times 10^{-3}}{55.55 + 1.875 \times 10^{-3}}$$
$$\simeq \frac{1.875 \times 10^{-3}}{55.55} = 3.37 \times 10^{-5}$$

Now, $p_{O_2} = K_H \times x_{O_2} = (46.82 \times 10^3 \text{ bar}) \times (3.37 \times 10^{-5})$
$= \mathbf{1.58 \text{ bar}}.$

❑ **30.** $p_{He} = K_H \times x_{He} = (144.98 \times 10^3 \text{ bar}) \times (1.25 \times 10^{-6})$
$= \mathbf{0.181 \text{ bar}}$

❑ **31.** Mole fraction of A in solution $= \frac{0.095}{0.158} = \mathbf{0.601}$

❑ **32.** Moles of ethyl acetate $(CH_3COOC_2H_5) = \frac{25}{88} = 0.284$

Moles of ethyl propionate $(CH_3COOC_3H_7) = \frac{50}{120} = 0.490$

$$\text{Mole fraction of ethyl acetate} = \frac{0.284}{0.284 + 0.490}$$
$$= 0.367$$
$$\text{Mole fraction of ethyl propionate} = 1 - 0.367 = 0.633$$
$$\text{Vap. pressure of ethyl acetate} = 72.8 \times 0.367$$
$$= 26.72 \text{ torr}$$
$$\text{Vap. pressure of ethyl propionate} = 27.7 \times 0.633 = 17.53 \text{ torr}$$
$$\text{Total vap. pressure} = 26.72 + 17.53 = \mathbf{44.25 \text{ torr.}}$$

❑ **33.** Moles of liquid A $= \frac{28}{140} = 0.2$

Moles of water $= \frac{72}{18} = 4.0$

Mole fraction of liquid A, $x_l = \frac{0.2}{0.2 + 4.0} = 0.048$

Mole fraction of water, $x_w = 1.0 - 0.048 = 0.952$

$$0.210 = p_l^\circ x_l + p_w^\circ x_w$$
$$0.210 = p_l^\circ \times 0.048 + 0.198 \times 0.952$$
$$p_l^\circ = \frac{0.210 - 0.198 \times 0.952}{0.048} = \mathbf{0.448 \text{ bar}}.$$

❑ **34.** Let the weight of benzene and toluene in the solution $= w$ gram.

$$\text{Moles of benzene} = \frac{w}{78} \quad \text{(Molar mass = 78)}$$
$$\text{Moles of toluene} = \frac{w}{92} \quad \text{(Molar mass = 92)}$$
$$\text{Mole fraction of benzene, } x_b = \frac{\frac{w}{78}}{\frac{w}{78} + \frac{w}{92}} = 0.541$$

Mole fraction of toluene, $x_t = 1 - 0.541 = 0.459$

Partial vapour pressure of benzene,

$$p_b = p_b^\circ \times x_b = 150 \times 0.541 = 81.15 \text{ torr}$$

Partial vapour pressure of toluene, $p_t = p_t^\circ \times x_t = 50 \times 0.459$
$= 22.95$ torr

Total vapour pressure of solution $= 81.15 + 22.95$
$= \mathbf{104.1 \text{ torr.}}$

❑ **35.** Moles of ethanol $= \frac{60}{46} = 1.304$

Moles of methanol $= \frac{40}{32} = 1.250$

$$\text{Mole fraction of ethanol} = \frac{1.304}{1.304 + 1.250} = 0.51$$
$$\text{Mole fraction of methanol} = 1 - 0.51 = 0.49$$
$$p(\text{ethanol}) = 44.5 \times 0.51 = 22.69 \text{ mm Hg}$$
$$p(\text{methanol}) = 88.7 \times 0.49 = 43.46 \text{ mm Hg}$$

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Total vapour pressure = 22.69 + 43.46

= **66.15 mm Hg**

Mole fraction methanol in vapour phase

$$= \frac{p\,(\text{methanol})}{\text{Total vapour pressure}}$$

$$= \frac{43.46}{66.15} = \mathbf{0.657}.$$

❑ **36.** $\text{Moles of methanol} = \frac{32}{32} = 1$

$\text{Moles of ethanol} = \frac{23}{46} = 0.5$

$\text{Mole fraction of methanol} = \frac{1}{1+0.5} = 0.67$

$\text{Mole fraction of ethanol} = \frac{0.5}{1+0.5} = 0.33$

Partial vapour pressure of methanol = 90 × 0.67

= 60.3 mm Hg

Partial vapour pressure of ethanol = 51 × 0.33

= 16.8 mm Hg

p (total) = 60.3 + 16.8 = **77.1 mm Hg.**

❑ **37.** Let x_A and x_B are the mole fractions of liquids A and B in the solution, then

$$p_A = p_A^\circ x_A = 22\,x_A$$

$$p_B = p_B^\circ x_B = p_B^\circ\,(1 - x_A) = 75\,(1 - x_A)$$

$$p_A + p_B = 22x_A + 75\,(1 - x_A) = 48.5$$

$\therefore$ x_A = **0.5**

Thus, the solution contains **equal moles of both liquids A and B.**

❑ **38.** Let the mole fraction of A = x

Mole fraction of B = $1 - x$

$0.658\,x = 0.264\,(1 - x)$

or x = **0.286**

❑ **39.** Since solution is equimolar,

Mole fraction of X = 0.5, Mole fraction of Y = 0.5

$p_{total} = p_x + p_y$ = 200 × 0.5 + 100 × 0.5

= 150

Mole fraction of X in vapour phase = $\frac{100}{150}$ = **0.67**

❑ **40.** For CH_3OH, $x = 1$

$\therefore$ P = 119 + 135 = **254 mm Hg**

For C_2H_5OH, $x = 0$

$\therefore$ P = 119 × 0 + 135 = **135 mm Hg.**

❑ **41.** $\frac{p_A^\circ - p_A}{p_A^\circ} = \frac{w_B \times M_A}{M_B \times w_A}$

p_A° = 23.8 mm, w_B = 30 g, w_A = 846 g

M_B = 60 g mol^{-1}, M_A = 18 g mol^{-1}

$\frac{23.8 - p_A}{23.8} = \frac{30 \times 18}{60 \times 846}$

$23.8 - p_A = \frac{30 \times 18 \times 23.8}{60 \times 846} = 0.2532$

$p_A = 23.8 - 0.2532$ = **23.55 mm Hg**

❑ **42.** Mole fraction of solute = $\frac{1}{1 + 1000/18}$ = **0.0177**

$\frac{12.3 - p_A}{12.3} = 0.0177$ $\therefore$ p_A = **12.08 kPa**

❑ **43.** $\text{Moles of sucrose} = \frac{68.4}{342} = 0.2$

$\text{Moles of water} = \frac{1000}{18} = 55.56$

$\text{Mole fraction of sucrose} = \frac{0.2}{0.2 + 55.56} = 0.0036$

(*i*) Relative lowering of vapour press. = Mole fraction of solute = **0.0036**

(*ii*) $\frac{p_A^\circ - p_A}{p_A^\circ} = 0.0036$ or $\frac{17.5 - p_A}{17.5} = 0.0036$

$\therefore$ p_A = 17.437 mm Hg

❑ **44.** $\frac{262 - 256}{262} = \frac{2}{M_B} \times \frac{78}{100}$

(Mol. wt. of benzene = 78)

$M_B = \frac{2 \times 78 \times 262}{100 \times 6}$ = **68.12 g mol^{-1}.**

❑ **45.** Let mole fraction of liquid A in solution = x_A

Mole fraction of liquid B in solution, x_B = $1 - x_A$

$p = p_A^\circ x_A + p_B^\circ x_B$ or $= p_A^\circ\,x_A + p_B^\circ\,(1 - x_A)$

p = 600 mm Hg

$600 = 450\,x_A + 700\,(1 - x_A)$

Solving $x_A = \frac{100}{250} = 0.4$

Mole fraction of liquid A = **0.4**

Mole fraction of liquid B = 1 – 0.4 = **0.6**

Calculation of composition of vapour phase

$p_A = p_A^\circ\,x_A$ = 450 mm × 0.4 = 180 mm

$p_B = p_B^\circ\,x_B$ = 700 × 0.6 = 420 mm

$p_{total} = p_A + p_B$ = 180 + 420 = 600 mm

$y_A = \frac{p_A}{p_{total}} = \frac{180}{600}$ = **0.3**

$y_B = \frac{p_B}{p_{total}} = \frac{420}{600}$ = **0.7.**

❑ **46.** $\frac{p_A^\circ - p_A}{p_A^\circ} = \frac{w_B \times M_A}{w_A \times M_B}$

w_B = 5.0 g , w_A = 100 – 5.0 = 95 g

p_A° = 760 mm, p_A = 745 mm

$\frac{760 - 745}{760} = \frac{5.0 \times 18}{95 \times M_B}$

Solving

M_B = **48 g mol^{-1}.**

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❑ **47.** $\frac{23.76 - 22.98}{23.56} = x_B$

or $x_B = 0.033$

Now for the dilute solution,

$$x_B = \frac{n_B}{n_A} \quad ...(i)$$

$$\text{Molality, } m = \frac{n_B}{w_A} \times 1000 \quad ...(ii)$$

Dividing eq. (*ii*) by eq. (*i*),

$$\frac{m}{x_B} = \frac{1000}{w_A} \times n_A = \frac{1000}{w_A} \times \frac{w_A}{18}$$

$$m = x_B \times \frac{1000}{18} = \frac{0.033 \times \mathbf{1000}}{18}$$

$$= \mathbf{1.83\ m.}$$

❑ **48.** Let the initial pressure of solvent, $p_A^\circ = p$

$$\text{Pressure of solution} = p - \frac{25}{100}p = \frac{3}{4}p$$

$$\frac{p - 3/4p}{p} = \frac{\frac{w_B}{60}}{\frac{w_B}{60} + \frac{100}{18}}$$

or $w_B = \mathbf{111\ g}$

Now, molality, $m = \frac{111/60 \times 1000}{100} = \mathbf{18.5\ m.}$

❑ **49.** $w_A = 90$ g. $w_B = 10$ g

$$\frac{p_A^\circ - p_A}{p_A^\circ} = \frac{w_B \times M_A}{w_A \times M_B}$$

$$\frac{55.3 - p_A}{55.3} = \frac{10 \times 18}{90 \times 60} = 0.0333$$

$$55.3 - p_A = 1.84$$

$$\therefore \quad p_A = \mathbf{53.46\ mm\ Hg.}$$

❑ **50.** Lowering in vapour pressure,

$$p_A^\circ - p_A = 0.0231 - 0.0228$$

$$= 0.0003 \text{ bar}$$

$$\frac{p_A^\circ - p_A}{p_A^\circ} = \frac{w_B M_A}{w_A M_B} \text{ (For dilute solutions)}$$

$$\frac{0.0003}{0.0231} = \frac{108.24 \times 18}{1000 \times M_B}$$

or $M_B = \frac{108.24 \times 0.0231 \times 18}{0.0003 \times 1000} = \mathbf{150.0.}$

❑ **51.** $\Delta T_b = 36.86 - 35.60 = 1.26°C$, $K_b = 2.02$ K m^{-1}

$$M_B = \frac{2.02 \times 8 \times 1000}{1.26 \times 100} = \mathbf{128.25}.$$

❑ **52.** $$M_B = \frac{K_b \times w_B \times 1000}{\Delta T_b \times w_A}$$

$$= \frac{2.62 \times 1.5 \times 1000}{0.268 \times 100} = \mathbf{146.6}.$$

❑ **53.** $$\Delta T_b = \frac{K_b \times w_B \times 1000}{M_B \times w_A}$$

$$= \frac{0.52 \times 18 \times 1000}{180 \times 1000} = \mathbf{0.052}.$$

Boiling point of solution

$$= 373.15 + 0.052 = \mathbf{373.202\ K}$$

❑ **54.** $\Delta T_b = 100.52 - 100 = 0.52$, $w_A = 20$ ml $= 20$ g (assuming density = 1 g ml^{-1})

$$M_B = \frac{0.52 \times 3 \times 1000}{0.52 \times 20} = \mathbf{150}.$$

❑ **55.** Calculation of K_b :

$$K_b = \frac{\Delta T_b \times w_A \times M_B}{1000 \times w_B}$$

$$= \frac{0.402 \times 50 \times 128}{1000 \times 0.513} = \mathbf{5.02\ K\ m^{-1}}$$

$$M_B = \frac{5.02 \times 0.625 \times 1000}{0.650 \times 50} = \mathbf{96.54}$$

❑ **56.** $$M_B = \frac{2.53 \times 10 \times 1000}{1 \times 1000} = \mathbf{253}$$

❑ **57.** $$\Delta T_b = \frac{K_b \times w_B \times 1000}{M_B \times w_A}$$

$$= \frac{1.15 \times 5 \times 1000}{60 \times 75} = \mathbf{1.28°}$$

❑ **58.** $$M_B = \frac{0.52 \times 12.5 \times 1000}{0.70 \times 175} = \mathbf{53.06}$$

❑ **59.** For sucrose solution,

$$K_f = \frac{\Delta T_f \times w_A \times M_B}{w_B \times 1000}$$

$\Delta T_f = 273.15 - 269.15 = 4.0$, $w_B = 10$, $w_A = 100 - 10 = 90$

$$K_f = \frac{4.0 \times 90 \times 342}{10 \times 100} = 12.31 \text{ Km}^{-1}$$

For glucose solution,

$w_B = 10$, $w_A = 100 - 10 = 90$ g

$M_B = 180$

$$\Delta T_f = \frac{12.31 \times 10 \times 1000}{90 \times 180}$$

$$= 7.6 \text{ K}$$

Freezing point of glucose solution $= 273.15 - 7.6$

$$= \mathbf{265.55\ K}$$

❑ **60.** $$\Delta T_f = \frac{K_f \times 1000 \times w_B}{w_A \times M_B}$$

$$0.48 = \frac{5.12 \times 1000 \times w_B}{75 \times 256}$$

$$w_B = \frac{0.48 \times 75 \times 256}{5.12 \times 1000} = \mathbf{1.8\ g}$$

❑ **61.** $$M_B = \frac{K_f \times 1000 \times w_B}{\Delta T_f \times w_A}$$

$K_f = 1.86$ K kg mol^{-1}, $w_B = 18$ g, $w_A = 200$ g,

$\Delta T_f = 273.15 - 272.07 = 1.08°$

$$M_B = \frac{1.86 \times 1000 \times 18}{1.08 \times 200} = \mathbf{155\ g\ mol^{-1}}$$

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❑ **62.** $M_B = \dfrac{K_f \times w_B \times 1000}{\Delta T_f \times w_A}$

$= \dfrac{5.12 \times 1.0 \times 1000}{0.40 \times 50}$ **= 256 g mol^{-1}**

❑ **63.** $M_B = \dfrac{3.83 \times 2.56 \times 1000}{1000 \times 0.383} = 256$

If formula of sulphur is S_x

$32 \times x = 256 \quad \therefore x = 8$

Molecular formula = **S_8.**

❑ **64.** $w_B = \dfrac{\Delta T_f \times w_A \times M_B}{K_f \times 1000}$

$= \dfrac{10 \times 5500 \times 62}{1.86 \times 1000} = 1833.3$ g

or = **1.833 kg.**

❑ **65.** For urea, $M_B = \dfrac{K_f \times 7.5 \times 1000}{\Delta T_f \times 100} = 60$

For X, $M_B' = \dfrac{K_f \times 42.75 \times 1000}{\Delta T_f \times 100}$

Dividing, $\dfrac{60}{M_B'} = \dfrac{7.5}{42.75}$ or $M_B' =$ **342**.

❑ **66.** $M_B = \dfrac{K_f \times w_B \times 1000}{w_A \times \Delta T_f} = \dfrac{1.86 \times 30.0 \times 1000}{800 \times 1.16}$

$M_B = 60.1$

$n = \dfrac{\text{Mol. formula mass}}{\text{Empirical formula mass}} = \dfrac{60}{30} = 2$

Molecular formula = $(CH_2O)_2$ = **$C_2H_4O_2$**

❑ **67.** $w_B = 30$ g, $w_A = 70$ g, $K_f = 1.86$ Km^{-1}, $M_B = 62$

$\Delta T_f = \dfrac{1.86 \times 30 \times 1000}{62 \times 70} =$ **12.86.**

The solution will freeze at –12.86° C and therefore, it will be suitable.

❑ **68.** $\Delta T_f = 273 - 272.07 = 0.93°$

$m = \dfrac{\Delta T_f}{K_f} = \dfrac{0.93}{1.86} =$ **0.5 m**

$\Delta T_b = K_b \times m = 0.512 \times 0.5 = 0.256$

Boiling point of solution = 373 + 0.256 = **373.256 K.**

❑ **69.** $\Delta T_b = 101.128 - 100 = 1.128°$

$m = \dfrac{\Delta T_b}{K_b} = \dfrac{1.128}{0.512} = 2.203$ m

$\Delta T_f = K_f \times m = 1.86 \times 2.203 = 4.1$

Freezing point of solution = 0 – 4.1 = **– 4.1°C.**

❑ **70.** $w_B = \dfrac{\Delta T_f \times w_A \times M_B}{K_f \times 1000}$

$\Delta T_f = 0 - (-10) = 10°$

$\therefore \quad w_B = \dfrac{10 \times 1 \times 10^3 \times 62}{1.86 \times 1000}$

= **333.3 g.**

❑ **71.** $\pi = \dfrac{68.4 \times 0.082 \times 300}{342 \times 1} =$ **4.92 atm.**

❑ **72.** $M_B = \dfrac{w_B RT}{\pi V} = \dfrac{3.5 \times 0.0821 \times 310}{25/760 \times 50/1000}$

= **54159.7**

❑ **73.** Solution constant, $R = \dfrac{M_B \pi V}{w_B \times T}$

= **0.082 L atm mol^{-1} K^{-1}.**

❑ **74.** Total volume after mixing = 100 + 100 = 200 cm^3

= 0.2 L

π (urea) $= \dfrac{1.5 \times 0.082 \times 293}{60 \times 0.2} =$ **3.0 atm**

π (sugar) $= \dfrac{3.42 \times 0.082 \times 293}{342 \times 0.2} =$ **1.20 atm** .

π (solution) = 3.0 + 1.2 = **4.2 atm.**

❑ **75.** $M_B = \dfrac{w_B RT}{\pi \times V}$

$= \dfrac{3.0 \times 0.083 \times 300}{2 \times 1} =$ **37.35.**

❑ **76.** Total moles $= \dfrac{10}{180} + \dfrac{10}{342} = 0.085$

$\pi = \dfrac{0.085 \times 0.083 \times 298}{1} =$ **2.10 bar.**

❑ **77.** $\pi = \dfrac{nRT}{V}$

π (glycerine) $= \dfrac{10.2}{M} \times \dfrac{RT}{1}$

π (glucose) $= \dfrac{2}{180} \times \dfrac{RT}{0.1}$

$\dfrac{10.2}{M} \times \dfrac{RT}{1} = \dfrac{2}{180} \times \dfrac{RT}{0.1}$

$M = \dfrac{10.2 \times 180 \times 0.1}{2}$

= **91.8 g mol^{-1}**

❑ **78.** $\dfrac{5 \times RT}{342 \times 0.1} = \dfrac{0.877 \times RT}{M \times 0.1}$

M = **59.99 g mol^{-1}.**

❑ **79.** Let wt. of sugar = w g per litre

$\dfrac{w \times R \quad T}{342 \times 1} = \dfrac{6}{60} \times \dfrac{RT}{1}$

$w =$ **34.2 g/litre.**

❑ **80.** $M_B = \dfrac{w_B RT}{\pi \times V}$

$= \dfrac{7 \times 0.083 \times 310}{3.3 \times 10^{-2} \times 0.1} =$ **54579.**

❑ **81.** $M_B = \dfrac{0.52 \times 68.4 \times 1000}{0.104 \times 1000} =$ **342**

$\pi = \dfrac{68.4 \times 0.082 \times 293}{342 \times 1}$ (V = 1000 g = 1 L)

= **4.80 atm.**

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❑ **82.** $\Delta T_b = 100.104 - 100 = 0.104°$

$$M_B = \frac{0.52 \times 34.2 \times 1000}{0.104 \times 500} = \mathbf{342.}$$

$$\Delta T_f = \frac{1.87 \times 34.2 \times 1000}{342 \times 500} = 0.374$$

$\therefore$ Freezing point = **– 0.374°C.**

❑ **83.** $c = \frac{\pi}{RT} = \frac{7.7}{0.0821 \times 313} = \mathbf{0.30\ mol\ L^{-1}}$

Assuming molar concentration as equal to molality

$m = 0.30$, $K_f = 1.86\ °C\ m^{-1}$

$\Delta T_f = K_f \times m = 1.86 \times 0.30 = 0.558°$

Freezing point of blood = 0 – 0.558

= **– 0.558 °C.**

❑ **84.** π (blood) = π (glucose solution) = 8.21 atm.

Now, $\pi V = nRT$ or $n = \frac{\pi V}{RT}$

$$n = \frac{8.21 \times 1.0}{0.0821 \times 310} = \frac{10}{31}$$

Weight of glucose= $\frac{10}{31} \times 180 = \mathbf{58.06\ g.}$

❑ **85.** $\pi = cRT = \frac{w_2}{M_2 V} RT$ or $M_2 = \frac{w_2 RT}{\pi V}$

$w_2 = 2.5$ g, R = 0.0821 L atm mol^{-1} K^{-1}

T = 273 + 27 = 300 K

$\pi = \frac{25}{760}$ atm, V = $\frac{600}{1000}$ L

$$M_2 = \frac{(2.5\ g \times 0.0821\ L\ atm\ mol^{-1}K^{-1}) \times (300\ K)}{\left(\frac{25}{760} atm\right) \times \left(\frac{600}{1000} L\right)}$$

= **3119.8 g mol^{-1}.**

❑ **86.** $\pi = 0.1 \times 0.082 \times 300 = 2.46$

$i = \frac{4.6}{2.46} = 1.87$

$1.87 = \frac{1+\alpha}{1}$ or α = **87%.**

❑ **87.** 1 molar solution means that 1 mole of KCl is dissolved in 1000 mL of solution.

Mass of solution = 1000 × 1.04 = 1040 g

Mass of KCl = 74.5 g

Mass of water = 1040 – 74.5 = 965.5 g

Molality of solution = $\frac{1}{965.5} \times 1000 = 1.0357$ m

Since KCl is strong electrolyte, $i = 2$

$\Delta T_f = i\ K_f \times m$

= 2 × 1.86 × 1.0357 = **3.852°**

Freezing point of solution = 0 – 3.852 = **– 3.852°C.**

❑ **88.** Molar mass of KBr = 39 + 80 = 119

Amount of KBr = 119 g

Mass of solution = 1000 × 1.06 = 1060 g

Mass of water = 1060 – 119 = 941 g

Molality of solution = $\frac{1}{941} \times 1000 = 1.063°$

Since KBr is a strong electrolyte, $i = 2$

$\Delta T_b = i \times K_b \times m$

= 2 × 0.52 × 1.063 = 1.106°

Boiling point of solution = 100 + 1.106 = **101.106°C.**

❑ **89.** Since NaCl undergoes complete dissociation as:

$$NaCl \longrightarrow Na^+ + Cl^-$$

One mole of NaCl will give 2 mole particles and the value of 'i' will be equal to 2.

$\Delta T_f = i\ K_f m$

$K_f = 1.86\ Km^{-1}$, $\Delta T_f = 3K$, $i = 2$

$\therefore$ $3 = 2 \times 1.86 \times m$

or $m = \frac{3}{2 \times 1.86} = 0.806$ mol/kg

Grams of NaCl = 0.806 × 58.5 = **47.151 g per kg**

❑ **90.** M_B(observed) = $\frac{5.12 \times 1000 \times 5}{250 \times 0.70} = 146.3$

Molar mass of phenol (C_6H_5OH) = 94

$i = \frac{94}{146.3} = 0.64$

$$2C_6H_5OH \rightleftharpoons (C_6H_5OH)_2$$

Initial 1 0

After association $1 - \alpha$ $\alpha/2$

$i = \frac{1 - \alpha + \alpha/2}{1} = \frac{1 - \alpha/2}{1} = 0.64$

$\alpha = 0.36$

α = 72%

❑ **91.** M_B (observed) = $\frac{1.86 \times 1000 \times 1.5}{0.280 \times 100} = 99.64$

$i = \frac{261}{99.64} = 2.62$

$$Ba(NO_3)_2 \rightleftharpoons Ba^{2+} + 2NO_3^-$$

Initial	1	0	0
After dissociation	$1 - \alpha$	α	2α

$i = \frac{1 - \alpha + \alpha + 2\alpha}{1} = 2.62$

α = **81%**

❑ **92.** ΔT_b (glucose) = 0.52 × 0.5 = 0.26

$T_b = 100.26$

$\Delta T_b(Na_2SO_4) = 3 \times 0.52 \times 0.2 = 0.312$

$T_b = 100.312$

Difference in boiling point = 100.312 – 100.26

= **0.052°.**

❑ **93.** M_B (observed) = $\frac{5.12 \times 0.2 \times 1000}{20 \times 0.45} = 113.78$

$i = \frac{60}{113.78} = 0.527$

$$2CH_3COOH \rightleftharpoons (CH_3COOH)_2$$

Initial 1 0

After dissociation $1 - \alpha$ $\alpha/2$

$i = \frac{1 - \alpha + \alpha/2}{1} = \frac{1 - \alpha/2}{1} = 0.527$

α = **94.6%.**

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❑ **94.** Moles of NaCl = 3.8/58.5 = 0.065

Moles of $MgCl_2$ = 0.12/95 = 0.00126

$NaCl \longrightarrow Na^+ + Cl^-$ (2 particles)

$MgCl_2 \longrightarrow Mg^{2+} + 2Cl^-$ (3 particles)

Total moles of all species = 2 × 0.065 + 3 × 0.00126

= 0.1338 mol

Mass of water in 100 g of sea water = 100 – (3.8 + 0.12)

= 96.08 g

$$\text{Molality} = \frac{0.1338}{96.08} \times 1000 = 1.39 \text{ m}$$

$$\Delta T_f = 1.86 \times 1.39 = 2.59$$

Freezing point = **– 2.59° C**

❑ **95.** $NaCl \longrightarrow Na^+ + Cl^-$ ($i = 2$)

$Na_2CO_3 \longrightarrow 2Na^{2+} + CO_2^{2-}$ ($i = 3$)

$\Delta T_b(NaCl) = \Delta T_b(Na_2CO_3)$

$i \times K_b \times m = i \times K_f \times m$

$2 \times 0.52 \times m = 3 \times 1.86 \times 0.25$

m = **1.34 m.**

❑ **96.** (ΔT_f) cal = 1.86 × 0.01 = 0.0186

$$i = \frac{0.062}{0.0186} = 3.33$$

$K_3[Fe(CN)_6] \rightleftharpoons 3K^+ + [Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$

Initial	1	0	0
After dissociation	1 – α	3α	α/2

$$i = \frac{1 + 3\alpha}{1} = 3.33$$

$\therefore$ α = **77.7%**

❑ **97.** Since KCl undergoes complete dissociation as:

$KCl \longrightarrow K^+ + Cl^-$

One mole of KCl will give 2 mole particles and the value of 'i' will be equal to 2.

$\Delta T = i K_f m$

K_f = 1.86 K kg mol^{-1}, ΔT_f = 2K, $i = 2$

$\therefore$ $2 = 2 \times 1.86 \times m$

or $$m = \frac{2}{2 \times 1.86} = 0.5376 \text{ mol/kg}$$

Grams of KCl = 0.5376 × 74.5 = **40.05 g per kg**

❑ **98.** $$M_B = \frac{w_B RT}{\pi \times V}$$

$$= \frac{4.9 \times 0.082 \times 300}{2.1 \times 0.5} = \mathbf{114.8}$$

Since, observed molar mass is more than the theoretical molar mass, the solute is associated in nature.

❑ **99.** i for KCl = 2, i for $BaCl_2$ = 3

ΔT_f (KCl) = 2 × K_f × 0.01

ΔT_f ($BaCl_2$) = 3 × K_f × 0.01

$$\frac{\Delta T_f \text{ (KCl)}}{\Delta T_f \text{ (BaCl}_2\text{)}} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\therefore \quad \Delta T_f \text{ (BaCl}_2\text{)} = \frac{3}{2} \times \Delta T_f \text{ (KCl)} = \frac{3}{2} \times 2 = 3°$$

$\therefore$ Freezing point of $BaCl_2$ = **– 3°C.**

❑ **100.** For $MgBr_2$,

$MgBr_2 \longrightarrow Mg^{2+} + 2Br^-$

$i = 3$

$$\Delta T_f = \frac{i \times K_f \times w_B \times 1000}{w_A \times M_B}$$

$$= \frac{3 \times 1.86 \times 10.50 \times 1000}{200 \times 184}$$

= 1.59

Freezing point = 0 – 1.59°C

= **– 1.59°C.**

Chapter Summary

Key Terms & Laws

- **Vapour pressure.** It is the pressure exerted by the vapours above the liquid surface in equilibrium with the liquid at a given temperature.
- **Henry's law.** The mass of a gas dissolved in a given volume of the liquid at a given temperature is directly proportional to the pressure of the gas in equilibrium with the solution.
- **Raoult's law.** At a given temperature, for a solution of volatile liquids, the partial vapour pressure of each component in solution is equal to the product of the vapour pressure of the pure component and its mole fraction.
- **Ideal solution.** The solution which obeys Raoult's law exactly over the entire range of concentration.
- **Non-ideal solution.** The solution which does not obey Raoult's law.
- **Azeotropes.** The solutions (liquid mixtures) which boil at constant temperature and can distil unchanged in composition are called azeotropes.

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- **Colligative properties.** These are the properties of the solutions which depend only on the number of solute particles but not on the nature of the solute.
- **Osmosis.** It is the phenomenon of the flow of solvent through a semipermeable membrane from pure solvent to the solution.
- **Osmotic pressure.** It is the excess pressure which must be applied to a solution to prevent the passage of solvent into it through a semipermeable membrane.
- **Isotonic solutions.** The solutions having the same osmotic pressure at the same temperature are isotonic solutions.
- **Van't Hoff factor.** It is the ratio of the normal molar mass to the observed molar mass of solute or it is the ratio of the observed colligative property to the normal colligative property.

QUICK CHAPTER ROUND UP

CONCENTRATION OF SOLUTIONS
amount of solute present in a given quantity of solution

Molality and mole fraction are independent of temperature

Molarity (M)
$\frac{\text{Moles of solute}}{\text{Vol of solution (mL)}} \times 1000$

Molality (m)
$\frac{\text{Moles of solute}}{\text{Wt. of solvent (g)}} \times 1000$

Mole fraction (x)
$\frac{\text{Moles of solute}}{\text{Total moles of solution}}$

Normality (N)
$\frac{\text{Equiv. of solute}}{\text{Vol. of solution (mL)}} \times 1000$

Henry's law
$m \propto p$ or $m = K.p$
$x \propto p$ or $p = \frac{1}{K}, x$ or $p = K_H x$

Henry's law gives relationship between solubility of gas in a liquid and pressure.

Raoult's law
$p_A = p_A^\circ x_A$ and $p_B = p_B^\circ x_B$
and $p = p_A + p_B = p_A^\circ + (p_B^\circ - p_A^\circ)x_B$

IDEAL SOLUTIONS
- Obeys Raoult's law
- Δ_{mixing} H = 0
- Δ_{mixing} V = 0
- benzene + toluene
- *n*-hexane + *n*-heptane

⇒ Ideal solutions are formed by liquids having same intermolecular forces.

NON-IDEAL SOLUTIONS
- donot obey Raoult's law
- Δ_{mixing} H ≠ 0
- Δ_{mixing} V ≠ 0

AZEOTROPES
Liquid mixture boiling without change in composition
- Solutions with +ve deviations from ideal behaviour form **minimum boiling azeotropes**.
- Solutions with -ve deviation from ideal behaviour form **maximum boiling azeotropes**.

Positive deviations from Raoult's law
- $p_A > p_A^\circ x_A$ and $p_B > p_B^\circ x_B$
- Δ_{mixing} H– +ve
- Δ_{mixing} V= +ve
- Ethyl alcohol + Cyclohexane
- Benzene + Acetone

Negative deviations from Raoult's law
- $p_A < p_A^\circ x_A$ and $p_B < p_B^\circ x_B$
- Δ_{mixing} H= –ve
- Δ_{mixing} V= –ve
- Acetone + Chloroform
- Water + Nitric acid

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COLLIGATIVE PROPERTIES
depend only on the number of solute particles

Relative lowering in vapour pressure : $\frac{p_A^\circ - p_A}{p_A^\circ} = x_B$ and $M_B = \frac{w_B \times M_A}{w_A\left(\frac{p_A^\circ - p_A}{p_A^\circ}\right)}$

Elevation in boiling point : $\Delta T_b = K_b \times m$, $M_B = \frac{K_b \times w_B \times 1000}{\Delta T_b \times w_A}$

and $K_b = \frac{MRT_b^2}{\Delta H_{vap} \times 1000}$

Depression in freezing point : $\Delta T_f = K_f \times m$, $M_B = \frac{K_f \times w_B \times 1000}{\Delta T_f \times w_A}$

and $K_f = \frac{MRT_f^2}{\Delta H_{fusion} \times 1000}$

Osmotic pressure : $\pi = cRT = \frac{n}{V}RT$ and $M_B = \frac{w_B RT}{\pi V}$.

$i = \frac{\text{Observed colligative property}}{\text{Normal colligative property}}$

- In osmosis, there is net flow of solvent from solvent to the solution or from less concentrated solution to more concentrated solution through the semi-permeable membrane.
- The common semi-permeable membrane used in the laboratory is copper ferrocyanide, $Cu_2[Fe(CN)_6]$.

- The solutions having same osmotic pressure are called **isotonic solutions.**
- If a solution has more osmotic pressure than some other solution, it is called **hypertonic.**
- A solution having less osmotic pressure than the other is called **hypotonic solution.**

- The reverse osmosis process can be used for **desalination** of sea water.

Van't Hoff factor

$$i = \frac{\text{Normal molar mass}}{\text{Observed molar mass}} = \frac{\text{Observed colligative property}}{\text{Normal colligative property}}$$

- If observed colligative property < normal colligative property
  or observed molar mass > normal molar mass.
  $\Rightarrow$ *the solute is associated.*
- If observed colligative property > normal colligative property
  or observed molar mass < normal molar mass
  $\Rightarrow$ *the solute is dissociated.*

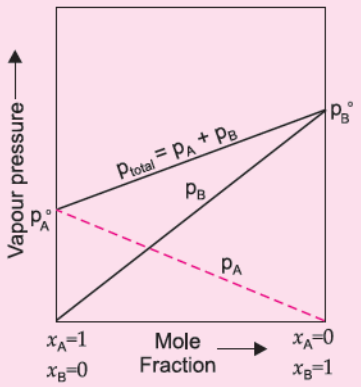
- For solutes which donot undergo association or dissociation, $i = 1$
- For solutes undergoing **association,** $i < 1$
- For solutes undergoing **dissociation,** $i > 1$

Colligative Properties for solutes undergoing association or dissociation

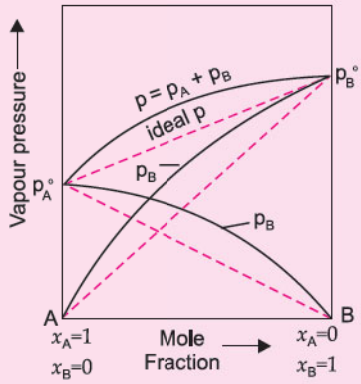
$$\frac{p_A^\circ - p_A}{p_A^\circ} = i\,x_B$$
$$\Delta T_f = i\,K_f\,m$$
$$\Delta T_b = i\,K_b\,m$$
$$\pi = i\,cRT$$

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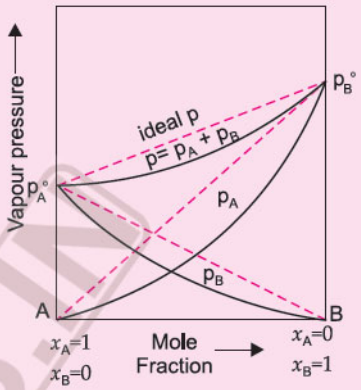
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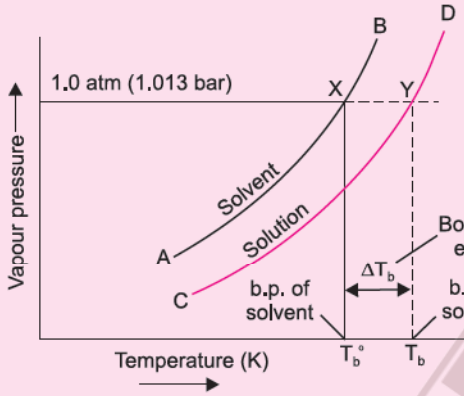
▶ Ideal behaviour



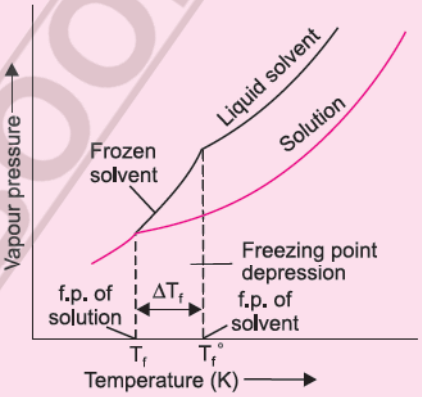
▶ Positive deviation from ideal behaviour



▶ Negative deviation from ideal behaviour



▶ Elevation in boiling point



▶ Depression in freezing point

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NCERT In-text Questions

Q.1. Calculate the mass percentage of benzene (C_6H_6) and carbon tetrachloride (CCl_4) if 22 g of benzene is dissolved in 122 g of carbon tetrachloride.

Ans. Total mass of solution = 22 + 122 = 144 g

$$\text{Mass \% benzene} = \frac{22}{144} \times 100 = 15.28\%$$

$$\text{Mass \% } CCl_4 = \frac{122}{144} \times 100 = 84.72\%$$

Q.2. Calculate the mole fraction of benzene in solution containing 30% by mass in carbon tetrachloride.

Ans. Mass of benzene = 30 g

$$\text{Moles of benzene} = \frac{30}{78} = 0.385$$

(Mol. mass of C_6H_6 = 78)

Mass of CCl_4 = 70 g

$$\text{Moles of } CCl_4 = \frac{70}{154} = 0.454$$

(Mol. mass of CCl_4 = 154)

$$x_{C_6H_6} = \frac{0.385}{0.385 + 0.454} = \mathbf{0.459}$$

Q.3. Calculate the molarity of each of the following solutions :

(*a*) 30 g of $Co(NO_3)_2.6H_2O$ in 4.3 L of solution.

(*b*) 30 mL of 0.5 M H_2SO_4 diluted to 500 mL.

Ans. (*a*) Molar mass of $Co(NO_3)_2.6H_2O$

$= 58.93 + 2 \times 14 + 6 \times 16 + 6 \times 18$

$= 290.93$

Moles of $Co(NO_3)_2.6H_2O = \frac{30}{290.93} = 0.103$

Molarity $= \frac{0.103}{4.3} =$ **0.024 M**

(*b*) $M_1V_1 = M_2V_2$

0.5×30 mL $= M_2 \times 500$ mL

$\therefore \quad M_2 = \frac{0.5 \times 30}{500} =$ **0.03 M**

Q.4. Calculate the mass of urea (NH_2CONH_2) required in making 2.5 kg of 0.25 molal aqueous solution.

Ans. 0.25 molal solution means 0.25 moles of urea in 1000 g of water

Mass of urea $= 0.25 \times 60 = 15$ g

Total mass of solution $= 1000 + 15 = 1015$ g

or $= 1.015$ kg

1.015 kg of solution contain urea = 15 g

2.5 kg of solution will require urea $= \frac{15}{1.015} \times 2.5$

= 36.94 g

Q.5. Calculate (*a*) molality (*b*) molarity and (*c*) mole fraction of KI if density of 20% (mass/mass) aqueous solution of KI is 1.202 g mL^{-1}. ***(Hr. S.B. 2013)***

Ans. 20% solution of KI means 20 g of KI are present in 100 g of solution or 80 g of water.

Mass of KI = 20 g

Molar mass of KI = 39 + 127 = 166

Moles of KI $= \frac{20}{166} = 0.120$

(*a*) Molality $= \frac{0.120}{80} \times 1000 =$ **1.5 m.**

(*b*) Volume of solution $= \frac{100}{1.202} = 83.19$ mL

Molarity $= \frac{0.120}{83.19} \times 1000 =$ **1.44 M**

(*c*) Moles of KI = 0.120

Moles of $H_2O = \frac{80}{18} = 4.44$

$x_{KI} = \frac{0.120}{4.44 + 0.120} =$ **0.0263.**

Q.6. H_2S a toxic gas with rotten egg like smell is used for qualitative analysis. If the solubility of H_2S in water at STP is 0.195 m, calculate Henry's law constant.

Ans. 0.195 m solution means that 0.195 moles of H_2S is dissolved in 1 kg of water.

Moles of $H_2S = 0.195$

Moles of water $= \frac{1000}{18} = 55.55$

Mole fraction of $H_2S = \frac{0.195}{55.55 + 0.195} = 0.0035$

Now, $p = K_H x_2$ Pressure = 0.987 bar

or $K_H = \frac{p}{x_2} = \frac{0.987 \text{ bar}}{0.0035} =$ **282 bar**.

Q.7. Henry's law constant for CO_2 in water is 1.67×10^8 Pa at 298 K. Calculate the quantity of CO_2 in 500 mL of soda water when packed under 2.5 atm CO_2 pressure at 298 K.

Ans. $K_H = 1.67 \times 10^8$ Pa

$p = 2.5$ atm $= 2.5 \times 101.325 \times 10^3$ Pa

$= 2.533 \times 10^5$ Pa

Now, $p = K_H x_2$

or, $x_2 = \frac{p}{K_H} = \frac{2.533 \times 10^5 \text{Pa}}{1.67 \times 10^8 \text{Pa}} = 1.517 \times 10^{-3}$

Moles of water $= \frac{500}{18} = 27.78$

$x_2 = \frac{n_2}{n_1 + n_2} = \frac{n_2}{27.78 + n_2} = 1.517 \times 10^{-3}$

$n_2 = 0.0419 + 0.0015\, n_2$

or $0.9985\, n_2 = 0.0419$

$n_2 = 0.0420$

Amount of CO_2 dissolved $= 0.0420 \times 44 =$ **1.85 g.**

Q.8. The vapour pressure of pure liquids A and B are 450 and 700 mm Hg at 350 K respectively. Find out the composition of the liquid mixture if total pressure is 600 mm Hg. Also find the composition of vapour phase.

Ans. Let mole fraction of liquid A in solution = x_A

Mole fraction of liquid B is solution = $x_B = (1 - x_A)$

$p = p_A + p_B = x_A p_A^\circ + x_B p_B^\circ$

$x_A p_A^\circ + (1 - x_A) p_B^\circ = x_A p_A^\circ + p_B^\circ - x_A p_B^\circ$

$\therefore \quad 600 = x_A \times 450 + 700 - x_A \times 700$

$250\, x_A = 100$

$\therefore \quad x_A = \frac{100}{250} =$ **0.4**

$x_B = 1 - 0.4 =$ **0.6**

Composition in vapour phase

$p_A = x_A p_A^\circ = 0.4 \times 450 = 180$ mm

$p_B = x_B p_B^\circ = 0.6 \times 700 = 420$ mm

Total pressure = 180 + 420 = 600 mm

Mole fraction of A in vapour phase, $y_A = \frac{180}{600} =$ **0.3**

Mole fraction of B in vapour phase, $y_B = \frac{420}{600} =$ **0.7**

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Q.9. Vapour pressure of pure water at 298 K is 23.8 mm Hg. 50 g of urea (NH_2CONH_2) is dissolved in 850 g of water. Calculate the vapour pressure of water for this solution and its relative lowering.

Ans.

$$\text{Moles of urea} = \frac{50}{60} = 0.833$$

$$\text{Moles of water} = \frac{850}{18} = 47.222$$

$$\text{Mole fraction of urea} = \frac{0.833}{0.833 + 47.222} = 0.0173$$

$$\frac{p_A^\circ - p_A}{p_A^\circ} = x_B = 0.0173$$

$$\frac{23.8 - p_A}{23.8} = 0.0173$$

$$23.8 - p_A = 0.412$$

$$p_A = \mathbf{23.39}$$

Relative lowering of vapour pressure = **0.0173.**

Q.10. Boiling point of water at 750 mm Hg is 99.63°C. How much sugar is to be added to 500 g of water such that it boils at 100°C.

Ans.

$$\Delta T_b = 100 - 99.63 = 0.37^\circ$$

$$M_B = \frac{K_b \times 100 \times w_B}{w_A \times \Delta T_b}$$

$$342 = \frac{0.522 \times 1000 \times w_B}{500 \times 0.37}$$

$$w_B = \frac{342 \times 500 \times 0.37}{0.522 \times 1000} = \mathbf{121.7\ g}.$$

Q.11. Calculate the mass of ascorbic acid (Vitamin C, $C_6H_8O_6$) to be dissolved in 75 g of acetic acid to lower its melting point by 1.5°C. K_f = 3.9 K kg mol^{-1}.

Ans.

$$\Delta T_f = 1.5^\circ$$

$$M = 6 \times 12 + 1 \times 8 + 6 \times 16 = 176$$

$$M = \frac{K_f \times 1000 \times w_B}{w_A \times \Delta T_f}$$

$$176 = \frac{3.9 \times 1000 \times w_B}{75 \times 1.5}$$

$$w_B = \frac{176 \times 75 \times 1.5}{3.9 \times 1000} = \mathbf{5.08\ g}.$$

Q.12. Calculate the osmotic pressure in Pascals exerted by a solution prepared by dissolving 1.0 g of polymer of molar mass 185, 000 in 450 mL of water at 37°C.

Ans.

$$\pi = cRT = \frac{n}{V}RT$$

$$n = \frac{1.0}{185000}$$

$$V = 450 \text{ mL}$$

$$T = 273 + 37 = 310 \text{ K}$$

$$R = 8.314 \times 10^3 \text{ Pa L mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$$

$$\pi = \frac{1.0 \times 8.314 \times 10^3 \times 310}{185,000 \times 450/1000}$$

$$= \mathbf{30.96\ Pa.}$$

NCERT Textbook Exercises

Q.1. Define the term solution. How many types of solutions are formed ? Write briefly about each type with an example.

Ans. A solution is a homogeneous mixture of two or more substances whose composition can be varied. There are nine types of solutions.

For details refer Text Page 1 – 2.

Q.2. Suppose a solid solution is formed between two substances, one whose particles are very large and the other whose particles are very small. What kind of solid solution is this likely to be ?

Ans. Interstitial solid solution.

Q.3. Define the following terms : (*i*) Mole fraction, (*ii*) Molality, (*iii*) Molarity, (*iv*) Mass percentage.

Ans. *Refer Text Page 2 – 5.*

Q.4. Concentrated nitric acid used in the laboratory work is 68% nitric acid by mass in aqueous solution. What should be molarity of such sample of the acid if the density of solution is 1.504 g mL^{-1} ?

Ans. 68% HNO_3 means that 68 g HNO_3 is present in 100 g of solution.

$$\text{Moles of } HNO_3 = \frac{68}{63} = 1.08$$

Density of solution = 1.504 g mL^{-1}

$$\text{Volume of solution} = \frac{1000}{1.504} = 66.49$$

$$\text{Molarity} = \frac{1.08}{66.49} \times 1000 = \mathbf{16.24\ M}$$

Q.5. A solution of glucose in water is labelled as 10% w/w, what would be the molality and mole fraction of each component in the solution ? If the density of solution is 1.2 g mL^{-1}, then what shall be the molarity of the solution ?

Ans. *Refer Solved Example 12 (Page 9).*

Q.6. How many mL of 0.1 M HCl are required to react completely with 1 g mixture of Na_2CO_3 and $NaHCO_3$ containing equimolar amounts of two ?

Ans. *Refer Solved Example 21 (Page 12).*

Q.7. A solution is obtained by mixing 300 g of 25% solution and 400 g of 40% solution by mass. Calculate the mass percentage of the resulting solution.

Ans. 300 g of 25% solution contains solute = $\frac{300 \times 25}{100} = 75$ g

400 g of 40% solution contains solute = $\frac{400 \times 40}{100} = 160$ g

Total solute = 75 + 160 = 235 g

Total solution = 300 + 400 = 700 g

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% of solute in the final solution = $\frac{235}{700} \times 100 = 33.5\%$

% of water in the final solution = 100 – 33.5 = **65.5%.**

Q.8. An antifreeze solution is prepared from 222.6 g of ethylene glycol ($C_2H_6O_2$) and 200 g of water. Calculate the molality of the solution. If the density of the solution is 1.072 g mL^{-1}, then what shall be the molarity of the solution ?

Ans. *Refer Solved Example 15 (Page 10).*

Q.9. A sample of drinking water was found to be severely contaminated with chloroform ($CHCl_3$), supposed to be a carcinogen. The level of contamination was 15 ppm (by mass) : (*i*) express this in percent by mass, (*ii*) determine the molality of chloroform in the water sample.

Ans. *Refer Solved Example 19 (Page 10).*

Q.10. What role does the molecular interactions play in solution of alcohol and water ?

Ans. There are strong hydrogen bonding in alcohol molecules as well as water molecules. On mixing alcohol and water, the molecular interactions become weak. Therefore, they show positive deviation from ideal behaviour. As a result, the solution will have higher vapour pressure and lower boiling point than that of alcohol and water.

Q.11. Why do gases always tend to be less soluble in liquids as the temperature is raised ?

Ans. The dissolution of a gas in a liquid is exothermic process. Therefore, in accordance with Le-Chatelier's principle, with increase in temperature, the equilibrium shifts in the backward direction.

Liquid + Gas $\rightleftharpoons$ Dissolved gas ΔH = –ve

Therefore, the solubility of gas in solution decreases with rise in temperature.

Q.12. State Henry's law and mention some important applications.

Ans. *Refer Text Page 17 – 19.*

Q.13. The partial pressure of ethane over a solution containing 6.56×10^{-3} g of ethane is 1 bar. If the solution contains 5.00×10^{-2} g of the ethane, then what shall be the partial pressure of the gas ?

Ans. According to Henry's law

$$m = k \times p$$

$$6.56 \times 10^{-3}\ g = k \times 1 \text{ bar}$$

or $k = 6.56 \times 10^{-3}$ g bar^{-1}

Now, when $m = 5.00 \times 10^{-2}$ g, p = ?

Applying $m' = k \times p'$

$$5.00 \times 10^{-2} \text{ g} = 6.56 \times 10^{-3} \text{ g bar}^{-1} \times p$$

$$\therefore \quad p = \frac{5.00 \times 10^{-2}}{6.56 \times 10^{-3}} = \mathbf{7.62\ bar}$$

Q.14. What is meant by positive and negative deviations from Raoult's law and how is the sign of $\Delta_{mix}H$ related to positive and negative deviations from Raoult's law ?

Ans. *Refer text ; Page 28.*

For positive deviation $\Delta_{mixing}H$ = +ve

For negative deviation $\Delta_{mixing}H$ = –ve

Q.15. An aqueous solution of 2% non-volatile solute exerts a pressure of 1.004 bar at the normal boiling point of the solvent. What is the molar mass of of the solute?

Ans. Vapour pressure of pure water at the boiling point = 1 atm = 1.013 bar

Vapour pressure of solution = 1.004 bar

Mass of solute = 2 g

Mass of solution = 100 g

Mass of solvent = 100 – 2 = 98 g

Applying Raoult's law

$$\frac{p^\circ - p_s}{p^\circ} = x_2 \simeq \frac{W_2 \times M_1}{M_2 \times M_1}$$

$$\frac{1.013 - 1.004}{1.013} = \frac{2 \times 18}{M_2 \times 98}$$

or $$M_2 = \frac{2 \times 18 \times 1.013}{0.009 \times 98} = \mathbf{41.35\ g\ mol^{-1}}$$

Q16. Heptane and octane form ideal solution. At 373 K, the vapour pressures of the two liquid components are 105.2 kPa and 46.8 kPa respectively. What will be the vapour pressure of a mixture of 26.0 g of heptane and 35 g of octane ?

Ans. Moles of heptane = $\frac{26.0}{100} = 0.26$

Moles of octane = $\frac{35.0}{114} = 0.31$

x(heptane) = $\frac{0.26}{0.26 + 0.31} = 0.456$

x(octane) = $\frac{0.31}{0.26 + 0.31} = 0.544$

Total pressure = 105.2 × 0.456 + 46.8 × 0.544

= 47.97 + 25.46

= **73.43 kPa.**

Q.17. The vapour presure of water is 12.3 kPa at 300 K. Calculate vapour pressure of 1 molal solution of a non-volatile solute in it.

Ans. Mole fraction of solute = $\frac{1}{1 + 1000/18} = 0.0177$

$$\frac{p^\circ - p_A}{p^\circ} = 0.0177$$

$$\frac{12.3 - p_A}{12.3} = 0.0177$$

$$p_A = \mathbf{12.08\ kPa.}$$

Q.18. Calculate the mass of a non-volatile solute (molar mass 40 g mol^{-1}) which should be dissolved in 114 g octane to reduce its vapour pressure to 80%.

Ans. *Refer Solved Example 33 (Page 37).*

Q.19. A solution containing 30 g of non-volatile solute exactly in 90 g of water has a vapour pressure of 2.8 kPa at 298 K. Further, 18 g of water is then added to the solution, the new vapour pressure becomes 2.9 kPa at 298 K. Calculate (*i*) molar mass of the solute, (*ii*) vapour pressure of water at 298 K.

Ans. *Refer Solved Example 35 (Page 37).*

Q.20. A 5% solution (by mass) of cane sugar in water has freezing point of 271 K. Calculate the freezing point of 5% glucose in water if freezing point of pure water is 273.15 K.

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Ans. For cane sugar, $\Delta T_f = 273.15 - 271.0 = 2.15°$

$$K_f = \frac{2.15 \times 100 \times 342}{1000 \times 5}$$

$$= 14.706 \text{ K m}^{-1}$$

For glucose solution,

$$\Delta T_f = \frac{14.706 \times 1000 \times 5}{100 \times 180} = 4.085 \text{ K}$$

$\therefore$ Freezing point = 273.15 – 4.085 = **269.07 K.**

Q.21. Two elements A and B form compounds having formula AB_2 and AB_4. When dissolved in 20 g of benzene (C_6H_6), 1 g of AB_2 lowers the freezing point by 2.3 K, whereas 1.0 g of AB_4 lowers it by 1.3 K. The molar depression constant for benzene is 5.1 K kg mol^{-1}. Calculate atomic masses of A and B.

Ans. *Refer Solved Example 49 (Page 45).*

Q.22. At 300K, 36 g of glucose present per litre in its solution has an osmotic pressure of 4.98 bar. If the osmotic pressure of the solution is 1.52 bar at the same temperature. What would be its concentration?

Ans. *Refer Solved Example 53 (Page 52).*

Q.23. Suggest the most important type of intermolecular attractive interaction in the following pairs. (*i*) *n*-hexane and *n*-octane (*ii*) I_2 and CCl_4 (*iii*) $NaClO_4$ and water (*iv*) methanol and acetone (*v*) acetonitrile (CH_3CN) and acetone (C_3H_6O).

Ans. (*i*) van der Waals interactions, (*ii*) van der Waals interactions (*iii*) ion-dipole (*iv*) hydrogen bonding (*v*) dipole-dipole interactions.

Q.24. Based on solute-solvent interactions, arrange the following in order of increasing solubility in *n*-octane and explain. Cyclohexane, KCl, CH_3OH, CH_3CN.

Ans. KCl < CH_3OH < CH_3CN < cyclohexane.

Q.25. Amongst the following compounds, identify which are insoluble, partially soluble and highly soluble in water ? (*i*) phenol, (*ii*) toluene, (*iii*) formic acid, (*iv*) ethylene glycol, (*v*) chloroform, (*vi*) pentanol.

Ans. (*i*) partially soluble (*ii*) insoluble (*iii*) soluble (*iv*) soluble (*v*) insoluble (*vi*) partially soluble.

Q.26. If the density of some lake water is 1.25 g mL^{-1} and contains 92 g of Na^+ ions per kg of water. Calculate the molality of Na^+ ions in the lake.

Ans. Mass of Na^+ ions = 92 g

$$\text{Moles of } Na^+ \text{ ions} = \frac{92}{23} = 4$$

Mass of water = 1 kg

$$\text{Molality} = \frac{\text{Moles of solute}}{\text{Mass of solvent in kg}}$$

$$= \frac{4}{1} = \mathbf{4\ m}.$$

Q.27. If the solubility product of CuS is 6×10^{-16}. Calculate the maximum molarity of CuS in aqueous solution.

Ans. K_{sp} of CuS = 6×10^{-16}

If s is the solubility, then

$$CuS \rightleftharpoons Cu^{2+} + S^{2-}$$

$$[Cu^{2+}] = s, [S^{2-}] = s$$

$$K_{sp} = [Cu^{2+}][S^{2-}]$$

$$= s \times s = s^2$$

$$\therefore \text{ Solubility, } s = \sqrt{K_{sp}} = \sqrt{6 \times 10^{-16}}$$

$$= 2.45 \times 10^{-8} \text{ M}$$

$\therefore$ Highest molarity = 2.45×10^{-8} M

Q.28. Calculate the mass percentage of aspirin ($C_9H_8O_4$) in acetonitrile (CH_3CN) when 6.5 g of $C_9H_8O_4$ is dissolved in 450 g of CH_3CN.

Ans. *Refer Solved Example 11 (Page 9).*

Q.29. Nalorphene ($C_{19}H_{21}NO_3$), similar to morphine, is used to combat withdrawal symptoms in narcotic users. Dose of nalorphene generally given is 1.5 mg. Calculate the mass of 1.5×10^{-3} m aqueous solution required for the above dose.

Ans. $$\text{Molality} = \frac{\text{Moles of solute}}{\text{Mass of solvent (in g)}} \times 1000$$

Molecular mass of nalorphene

$$= 19 \times 12 + 21 \times 1 + 1 \times 14 + 3 \times 16$$

$$= 311$$

$$\text{Moles of nalorphene} = \frac{1.5 \times 10^{-3}}{311} = 4.82 \times 10^{-6} \text{mol}$$

$$1.5 \times 10^{-3} = \frac{4.82 \times 10^{-6}}{\text{Mass of water}} \times 1000$$

$$\therefore \text{ Mass of water} = \frac{4.82 \times 10^{-6} \times 1000}{1.5 \times 10^{-3}}$$

$$= \mathbf{3.21\ g.}$$

Q.30. Calculate the amount of benzoic acid (C_6H_5COOH) required for preparing 250 mL of 0.15 M solution in methanol.

Ans. $$\text{Molarity} = \frac{\text{Moles of solute}}{\text{Vol. of solution (in mL)}}$$

$$0.15 = \frac{\text{Moles of benzoic acid}}{250} \times 1000$$

$$\therefore \text{ Moles of benzoic acid} = \frac{0.15 \times 250}{1000} = 0.0375$$

Molecular mass of benzoic acid (C_6H_5COOH)

$$= 7 \times 12 + 6 \times 1 + 2 \times 16$$

$$= 122$$

Amount of benzoic acid = 0.0375×122 = **4.575 g.**

Q.31. The depression in the freezing point of water observed for the same amount of acetic acid, trichloroacetic acid and trifluoroacetic acid increases in the order given above. Explain briefly.

Ans. The acids can be arranged in the following order of depression in freezing point :

acetic acid < trichloroacetic acid < trifluroacetic acid

This can be explained on the basis of degree of ionization which depends upon the strength of the acid.

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Trifluoroacetic acid is more acidic than trichloroacetic acid which is more acidic than acetic acid. Therefore, degree of ionization of these will decrease as :

trifluoroacetic acid > trichloroacetic acid > acetic acid

Greater the degree of ionization, greater will be '*i*' and hence depression of freezing point.

Q.32. Calculate the depression in the freezing point of water when 10 g of $CH_3CH_2CHClCOOH$ is added to 250 g of water. $K_a = 1.4 \times 10^{-3}$, $K_f = 1.86$ K kg mol^{-1}.

Ans. Molar mass of $CH_3CH_2CHClCOOH$

$= 4 \times 12 + 7 \times 1 + 35.5 + 2 \times 16 = 122.5$ g mol^{-1}

$$\text{Moles of } CH_3CH_2CHClCOOH = \frac{10}{122.5} = 8.16 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol}$$

$$\text{Molality of solution} = \frac{8.16 \times 10^{-2} \times 1000}{250}$$

$$= \mathbf{0.3265\ m}$$

If α is the degree of dissociation of $CH_3CH_2CHClCOOH$,

$$CH_3CH_2CHClCOOH \rightleftharpoons CH_3CH_2ClCOO^- + H^+$$

Initial conc. c 0 0

Conc. after dissociation $c(1-\alpha)$ $c\alpha$ $c\alpha$

$$K_a = \frac{c\alpha.c\alpha}{c(1-\alpha)} = c\alpha^2$$

or $$\alpha = \sqrt{K_a/c} = \sqrt{\frac{1.4 \times 10^{-3}}{0.3265}} = 0.065$$

To calculate Van't Hoff factor,

$$CH_3CH_2CHClCOOH \rightleftharpoons CH_3CH_2CHClCOO^- + H^+$$

At equi. $1-\alpha$ α α

$$i = \frac{1-\alpha+\alpha+\alpha}{1} = \frac{1+\alpha}{1} = 1 + 0.065 = 1.065$$

$$\Delta T_f = iK_f m = 1.065 \times 1.86 \times 0.3265$$

$$= \mathbf{0.647°}$$

Q.33. 19.5 g of CH_2FCOOH is dissolved in 500 g of water. The depression in the freezing point of water observed is 1.0°C. Calculate the Van't Hoff factor and dissociation constant of fluoroacetic acid.

(C.B.S.E. Sample Paper 2010)

Ans. Molecular mass of CH_2FCOOH

$= 2 \times 12 + 3 \times 1 + 1 \times 19 + 2 \times 16 = 78$

$$\text{Moles of } CH_2FCOOH = \frac{19.5}{78} = 0.25$$

$$\text{Molality} = \frac{0.25 \times 1000}{500} = 0.50 \text{ m}$$

$$\Delta T_f = K_f \times m$$

$$= 1.86 \times 0.50 = 0.93 \text{ K}$$

Van't Hoff factor

$$= \frac{\text{Observed freezing point depression}}{\text{Calculated freezing point depression}}$$

$$= \frac{1.0}{0.93} = 1.0753$$

CH_2FCOOH dissociates as :

$$CH_2FCOOH \rightleftharpoons CH_2FCOO^- + H^+$$

Initial conc. m 0 0

After dissociation $m(1-\alpha)$ $m\alpha$ $m\alpha$

(α is degree of dissociation)

Total number of moles $= m(1-\alpha) + m\alpha + m\alpha = m(1+\alpha)$

$$i = \frac{m(1+\alpha)}{m} = 1 + \alpha = 1.0753$$

$$\therefore \quad \alpha = 1.0753 - 1 = 0.0753$$

$$[CH_2FCOO^-] = m\alpha = 0.50 \times 0.0753 = 0.03765$$

$$[H^+] = m\alpha = 0.50 \times 0.0753 = 0.03765$$

$$[CH_3COOH] = m(1-\alpha)$$

$$= 0.50\ (1 - 0.0753) = 0.462$$

$$K_a = \frac{[CH_2FCOO^-][H^+]}{[CH_2FCOOH]}$$

$$= \frac{(0.03765) \times (0.03765)}{0.462}$$

$$= \mathbf{3.07 \times 10^{-3}}.$$

Q.34. Vapour pressure of water at 293 K is 17.535 mm Hg. Calculate the vapour pressure of water at 293 K when 25 g of glucose is dissolved in 450 g of water.

Ans.

$$\frac{p^\circ - p}{p^\circ} = x_2 \simeq \frac{W_B}{M_B} \frac{M_A}{W_A}$$

$$\frac{17.535 - p}{17.535} = \frac{25 \times 18}{180 \times 450}$$

$$\frac{17.535 - p}{17.535} = 5.56 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$\therefore \quad 17.535 - p = 0.0975$$

$$p = \mathbf{17.438\ mm\ Hg.}$$

Q.35. Henry's law constant for the molality of methane in benzene at 298 K is 4.27×10^5 mm Hg. Calculate the solubility of methane in benzene at 298 K under 760 mm Hg.

Ans.

$$p = k \times C$$

$$760 \text{ mm} = 4.25 \times 10^5 \text{ mm} \times C$$

$$\therefore \quad C = \frac{760}{4.25 \times 10^5} = 178 \times 10^{-5}$$

or $$= \mathbf{1.78 \times 10^{-3}}$$

Q.36. 100 g of liquid A (molar mass 140 g mol^{-1}) was dissolved in 1000 g of liquid B (molar mass 180 g mol^{-1}). The vapour pressure of pure liquid B was found to be 500 torr. Calculate the vapour pressure of pure liquid A and its vapour pressure in the solution if the total vapour pressure of the solution is 475 torr.

Ans.

$$\text{Moles of A} = \frac{100}{140} = 0.714$$

$$\text{Moles of B} = \frac{1000}{180} = 5.556$$

$$\text{Mole fraction of A} = \frac{0.714}{0.714 + 5.556} = 0.114$$

$$\text{Mole fraction of B} = 1 - 0.114 = 0.886$$

$$p_{total} = p_A + p_B = p_A^\circ x_A + p_B^\circ x_B$$

$$475 = p_A^\circ \times 0.114 + 500 \times 0.886$$

$$475 = 0.114\, p_A^\circ + 443$$

$$0.114\, p_A^\circ = 32$$

$$p_A^\circ = 280.7 \text{ torr}$$

$\therefore$ Vap. press. of pure A $= 280.7$ torr

Vap pressure of A in solution $= 280.7 \times 0.114$ **$= 32$ torr**

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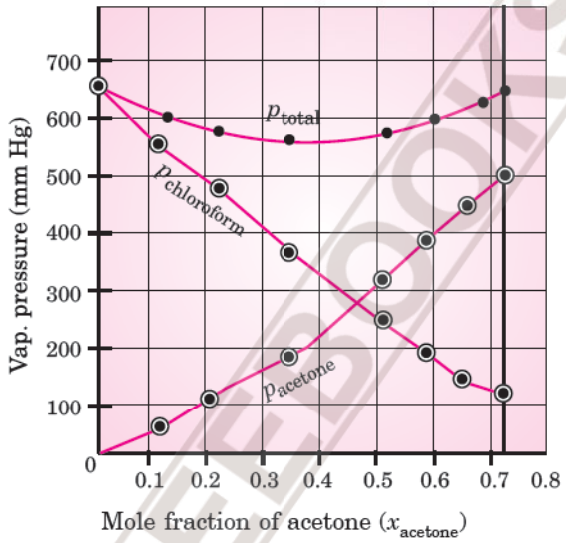
Q.37. Vapour pressure of pure acetone and chloroform at 328 K are 632.8 mm Hg and 741.8 mm Hg respectively. Assuming that they form ideal solution over the entire range of composition, plot p_{total}, $p_{chloroform}$ and $p_{acetone}$ as a function of $x_{acetone}$. The experimental data observed for different compositions of mixture is :

$100 \times x_{acetone}$	**0**	**11.8**	**23.4**	**36.0**	**50.8**	**58.2**	**64.5**	**72.1**
$p_{acetone}$/mm Hg	**0**	**54.9**	**110.1**	**202.4**	**322.7**	**405.9**	**454.1**	**521.1**
$p_{chloroform}$/mm Hg	**632.8**	**548.1**	**469.4**	**359.7**	**257.7**	**193.6**	**161.2**	**120.7**

Plot this data also on the same graph paper. Indicate whether it has positive deviation or negative deviation from the ideal solution.

Ans.

$x_{acetone}$	0.00	0.118	0.234	0.360	0.508	0.582	0.645	0.721
$p_{acetone}$/mm Hg	0	54.9	110.1	202.4	322.7	405.9	454.1	521.1
$p_{chloroform}$/mm Hg	632.8	548.1	469.4	359.7	257.7	193.6	161.2	120.7
p (total)	632.8	603.0	579.5	562.1	580.4	599.5	615.3	641.8



The plot of p(total) dips downwards and therefore, the solution shows negative deviation from ideal behaviour.

Q.38. Benzene and toluene form ideal solution over the entire range of composition. The vapour pressure of pure benzene and toluene at 300 K are 50.71 mm Hg and 32.06 mm Hg respectively. Calculate the mole fraction of benzene in vapour phase if 80 g of benzene is mixed with 100 g of toluene.

Ans. Moles of benzene $= \frac{80}{78} = 1.026$

(Molecular mass of C_6H_6 = 78)

Moles of toluene $= \frac{100}{92} = 1.087$

(Molecular mass of C_7H_8 = 92)

Mole fraction of benzene,

$$x_b = \frac{1.026}{1.026 + 1.087} = 0.486$$

Mole fraction of toluene,

$$x_t = 1 - 0.486 = 0.514$$

$$p_b = p_b^\circ \times x_b$$

$$= 50.71 \times 0.486 = 24.65 \text{ mm Hg}$$

$$p_t = p_t^\circ \times x_t$$

$$= 32.06 \times 0.514 = 16.48$$

Total vapour pressure

$$= 24.65 + 16.48$$

$$= 41.13 \text{ mm Hg}$$

Mole fraction of benzene in vapour phase

$$y_b = \frac{24.65}{41.13} = \mathbf{0.60}$$

Q.39. The air is a mixture of number of gases. The major components are oxygen and nitrogen with approximate proportion of 20% is to 79% by volume at 298 K. The water is in equilibrium with air at a pressure of 10 atm. Henry's law constants for oxygen and nitrogen at 298 K are 3.30×10^7 mm and 6.51×10^7 mm respectively. Calculate the composition of these gases in water.

Ans. The vapour pressure of air over water = 10 atm. The partial pressures of N_2 and O_2 are :

$$p_{N_2} = \frac{79 \times 10}{100} = 7.9 \text{ atm}$$

$$= 7.9 \times 760 \text{ mm} = 6004 \text{ mm Hg}$$

$$p_{O_2} = \frac{20 \times 10}{100} = 2.0 \text{ atm.}$$

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$= 2.0 \times 760$ mm Hg $= 1520$ mm Hg

Applying Henry's law

$$p_{N_2} = K_H(N_2) \times x_{N_2}$$

or $$x_{O_2} = \frac{p_{N_2}}{K_H(N_2)} = \frac{6004}{6.51 \times 10^7}$$

$$= \mathbf{9.22 \times 10^{-5}}$$

Similarly, $$x_{O_2} = \frac{p_{O_2}}{K_H(O_2)} = \frac{1520}{3.30 \times 10^7}$$

$$= \mathbf{4.6 \times 10^{-5}}$$

Q.40. Determine the amount of $CaCl_2$ ($i = 2.47$) dissolved in 2.5 litre of water such that its osmotic pressure is 0.75 atm at 27°C.

Ans. For $CaCl_2$, $i = 2.47$

$$\pi = i\,cRT$$

$$= i \frac{n_B}{V} \times RT$$

$$0.75 = \frac{2.47 \times n_B \times 0.082 \times 300}{2.5}$$

$$n_B = \frac{0.75 \times 2.5}{2.47 \times 0.082 \times 300}$$

$$= \mathbf{0.0308\ mol.}$$

Amount of $CaCl_2$ dissolved $= 0.0308 \times 111 = \mathbf{3.42\ g}$

Q.41. Determine the osmotic pressure of a solution prepared by dissolving 25 mg of K_2SO_4 in 2 litre of water at 25° C, assuming that it is completely dissociated.

Ans. If K_2SO_4 is completely dissociated,

$$K_2SO_4 \rightleftharpoons 2K^+ + SO_4^{2-}$$

$$i = 3$$

Mol. mass of $K_2SO_4 = 2 \times 39 + 32 + 4 \times 16 = 174$

$$\pi = i\,cRT$$

$$= i \frac{W_B \times RT}{M_B \times V}$$

$$= \frac{3 \times 25 \times 10^{-3} \times 0.082 \times 298}{174 \times 2.0}$$

$$= \mathbf{5.27 \times 10^{-3}\ atm.}$$



NCERT Exemplar Problems

Subjective Questions

Note: *Objective Questions from Exemplar Problems are given in Competition File, page 113.*

Short Answer Type Questions

Q.1. Components of a binary mixture of two liquids A and B were being separated by distillation. After some time separation of components stopped and composition of vapour phase became same as that of liquid phase. Both the components started coming in the distillate. Explain why this happened.

Ans. Since both the components are coming in the distillate and composition of liquid and vapour phase become same, this shows that liquids have formed azeotropic mixture. Therefore, these components cannot be separated at this stage by distillation.

Q.2. Explain why on addition of 1 mol of NaCl to 1 litre of water, the boiling point of water increases, while addition of 1 mol of methyl alcohol to one litre of water decreases its boiling point.

Ans. NaCl is a non volatile solute, therefore, addition of NaCl to water lowers the vapour pressure of water. As a result, boiling point of water increases. On the other hand, methyl alcohol is more volatile than water, therefore its addition increases the total vapour pressure over the solution. As a result, boiling point of water decreases.

Q.3. Explain the solubility rule "like dissolves like" in terms of intermolecular forces that exist in solutions.

Ans. A substance dissolves in a solvent if the intermolecular interactions are similar in both the components. For example, polar solutes dissolve in polar solvents and non polar solutes in non polar solvents. Thus, we can say "like dissolves like".

Q.4. Concentration terms such as mass percentage, ppm, mole fraction and molality are independent of temperature, however molarity is a function of temperature. Explain.

Ans. Molarity of a solution is defined as the number of moles of solute dissolved per litre of solution. Since volume depends on temperature and changes with change in temperature, therefore, the molarity will also change with change in temperature. On the other hand, mass does not change with change in temperature, and therefore, concentration terms such as mass percentage, mole fraction and molality which do not involve volume are independent of temperature.

Q.5. What is the significance of Henry's Law constant K_H?

Ans. Higher the value of Henry's law constant K_H, the lower is the solubility of the gas in the liquid.

Q.6. Why are aquatic species more comfortable in cold water in comparison to warm water?

(A.I.S.B. 2018)

Ans. At a given pressure, the solubility of oxygen in water increases with decrease in temperature. Therefore, the concentration of oxygen in sea is more in cold water and thus presence of more oxygen at lower temperature makes the aquatic species more comfortable in cold water.

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Q.7. (*a*) Explain the following phenomena with the help of Henry's law.

(*i*) Painful condition known as bends.

(*ii*) Feeling of weakness and discomfort in breathing at high altitude.

(*b*) Why soda water bottle kept at room temperature fizzes on opening ?

Ans. (*a*) (*i*) Deep sea divers depends upon compressed air for breathing at high pressure under water. The compressed air contains N_2 in addition to O_2, which are not very soluble in blood at normal pressure. However, at great depths when the diver breathes in compressed air from the supply tank, more N_2 dissolves in the blood and other body fluids because the pressure at that depth is far greater than the surface atmospheric pressure. When the diver comes towards the surface, the pressure decreases, N_2 comes out of the body quickly forming bubbles in the blood stream. These bubbles restrict blood flow, affect the transmission of nerve impulses. The bubbles can even burst the capillaries or block them and starve the tissues of O_2. This condition is called **"the bends,"** which are painful and dangerous to life.

(*ii*) At high altitudes the partial pressure of O_2 is less than that at the ground level. This results in low concentration of oxygen in the blood and tissues of the people living at high altitudes or climbers. The low blood oxygen causes climbers to become weak and unable to think clearly known as **anoxia**.

(*b*) To increase the solubility of CO_2 in soft drinks, the soda water bottles are sealed under high pressure. When the bottle is opened at room temperature under normal atmosphere conditions, the pressure inside the bottle decreases to atmospheric pressure and excess CO_2 fizzes out.

Q.8. Why is the vapour pressure of an aqueous solution of glucose lower than that of water?

Ans. In pure liquid water, the entire surface of liquid is occupied by the molecules of water. When a non volatile solute, such as glucose is dissolved in water some of the surface is covered by non volatile glucose molecules. Therefore, the fraction of surface covered by the solvent molecules decreases. As a result number of solvent molecules escaping from the surface also gets reduced and consequently the vapour pressure of aqueous solution of glucose is reduced.

Q.9. How does sprinkling of salt help in clearing the snow covered roads in hilly areas? Explain the phenomenon involved in the process.

Ans. When salt is spread over snow covered roads, it lowers the freezing point of water to such an extent that water does not freeze to form ice. As a result, the snow starts melting from the surface and therefore, it helps in clearing the roads. Hence, common salt acts as de-icing agent.

Q.10. What is "semi permeable membrane"?

Ans. The continuous sheets or films (natural or synthetic) which contain a network of submicroscopic pores or holes through which small solvent molecules like water can pass; but the bigger molecules of solute cannot pass are known as semi permeable membrane.

Q.11. Give an example of a material used for making semipermeable membrane for carrying out reverse osmosis.

Ans. Cellulose acetate.



QUICK MEMORY TEST

A. Say True or False

1. Both molality and mole fraction are independent of temperature.
2. The solubilities of all ionic substances increase with increase of temperature.
3. The depression in freezing point for 1 m solution of a solute in water and benzene is same.
4. If observed value of the colligative property is more than the normal value of same property then Van't Hoff factor is more than one.
5. Van't Hoff factor, $i < 1$ if there is association of the solute in the solution.
6. The freezing point of 0.1 m solution of acetic acid in benzene is more than freezing point of 0.01 m solution.
7. Lowering in vapour pressure is a colligative property.
8. Two liquids A and B boil at 125°C and 146°C respectively. Liquid A will have higher vapour pressure.
9. Elevation in boiling point of 0.1 m NaCl solution will be nearly twice that of 0.1 m glucose solution.
10. Solution of ethanol and cyclohexane shows positive deviation from Raoult's law.
11. Colligative properties depend only upon the moles of solute and are independent of the nature of solute and solvent.
12. The more concentrated solution is said to be hypertonic with respect to less concentrated solution.
13. Minimum boiling azeotropes are obtained in liquid solution showing negative deviation from Raoult's law.
14. For solution showing positive deviation from Raoult's law ΔV_{mixing} = –ve and ΔH_{mixing} = +ve.
15. Molality of 1 M aqueous solution is less than 1 m.

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B. Complete the missing links

1. At the same temperature, nitrogen gas is ..... soluble in water than oxygen.
2. For a non-ideal solution showing positive deviation from Raoult's law, ΔH_{mixing} is ..... and ΔV_{mixing} is ..... .
3. The solubility of a solute decreases with increase in temperature if dissolution process is ..... and increases with increase in temperature if dissolution is ..... .
4. For 100% dissociation of $K_4[Fe(CN)_6]$, Van't Hoff factor i = ...
5. If observed molar mass of a solute is more than calculated molar mass, then the solute undergoes ..... in the solvent.
6. The sum of mole fractions of all the components in a three component system is equal to ..... .
7. If 0.1 m solution of NaCl freezes at – 4.2°C, then 0.1 m solution of glucose will freeze at ..... in the same solvent.
8. The molarity of pure water is ..... .
9. The freezing point of 0.1 M NaCl solution is ..... than that of 0.1 M $MgCl_2$ solution.
10. A solution which has lower osmotic pressure compared to that of other solution is called ..... .
11. ΔH_{mixing} for solution having positive deviations from Raoult's law is ..... .
12. A solution of some organic substance in benzene boils at 0.126°C higher than benzene. The molality of the solution (K_b = 2.52 Km^{-1}) is ..... .
13. The most suitable colligative property to measure molecular mass of polymers is ..... .
14. Desalination of sea water is based on the phenomenon of ..... .
15. The variation of solubility of $Na_2SO_4 . 10H_2O$ is a discontinuous curve. With increase in temperature, it first ..... and then ..... .
16. Because of low concentration of oxygen in the blood and tissues, people living at high altitude suffer from a disease called ..... .
17. People taking a lot of salt develop swelling or puffiness of their tissues. This disease is called ..... .
18. The solution having same osmotic pressure are called ..... and they have same ..... .

C. Choose the correct alternative

1. The concentration term independent of temperature is *molarity / molality*.
2. For acetone + ethyl alcohol non-ideal solution, ΔV_{mixing} is +ve/–ve.
3. Chloroform + Benzene form non-ideal solution showing *positive/negative* deviations.
4. A pure NaCl solution with concentration more than 0.91% is called *hypertonic / hypotonic*.
5. A 0.01 m solution of cane sugar has *less / more* osmotic pressure than 0.001 m solution.
6. A non-ideal solution showing positive deviation forms an azeotrope with *lowest / highest* boiling point.
7. The freezing of aqueous 0.1 M Na_2CO_3 solution is *less / more* than 0.2 M NaOH solution.
8. When the solute undergoes association in solution, the value of Van't Hoff factor is *less / more* than 1.
9. In the reverse osmosis pressure *larger / smaller* than osmotic pressure is applied on the solution.
10. Normality of 1.5 M CH_3COOH solution is *1.5N / 3.0N* .
11. Solubility of most of the gases in A liquid increases with *decrease / increase* in temperature.
12. Elevation in boiling point of 0.1 m $CaCl_2$ solution *less / more* than 0.1 m NaCl solution.

Answers QUICK MEMORY TEST

A. Say True or False

1. True
2. **False**. Solubility increases or decreases with temperature depending upon whether solubility process is endothermic or exothermic.
3. **False**. It depends upon nature of solvent.
4. True **5.** True
6. **False**. The depression in 0.1 m solution of acetic acid is more than 0.01 m solution of benzene so that f.p. of first solution is less.
7. **False**. Relative lowering in vapour pressure is colligative property and not lowering in vapour pressure.
8. True **9.** True **10.** True
11. **False**. Colligative properties depend upon the nature of solvent.
12. True **13.** False
14. **False**. ΔH_{mixing} = +ve, ΔV_{mixing} = +ve **15.** False.

B. Complete the missing links

1. less **2.** +ve, –ve
3. exothermic, endothermic
4. 5 **5.** association **6.** 1 **7.** – 2.1°C
8. 55.6 M **9.** more **10.** hypotonic **11.** +ve
12. 0.05 m **13.** osmotic pressure
14. reverse osmosis **15.** increases, decreases
16. anoxia **17.** edema
18. isotonic, molar concentration.

C. Choose the correct alternative

1. molality **2.** +ve **3.** negative **4.** hypertonic
5. more **6.** lowest **7.** more **8.** less
9. larger **10.** 1.5 N **11.** decrease
12. more

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HOTS Higher Order Thinking Skills & Advanced Level

QUESTIONS WITH ANSWERS

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1. Why is a person suffering from high blood pressure is advised to take minimum quantity of common salt ?

Ans. Osmotic pressure is directly proportional to the concentration of the solutes. Our body fluids contain a number of solutes. If a person takes more salt, the concentration of Na^+ and Cl^- ions entering into the body fluid, raises the concentration of the solutes. As a result, osmotic pressure increases which may rupture the blood cells.

2. Why water cannot be separated completely from ethanol by fractional distillation ?

Ans. Ethanol and water (95.4% ethanol and 4.6% H_2O) form a constant boiling mixture (azeotrope) boiling at 351.5 K. Hence, further water cannot be removed by fractional distillation.

3. Why is melting point of a substance used as a criterion for testing the purity of a substance ?

Ans. A pure compound has a sharp melting point. Impurities present, if any, lowers the melting point of the compound (similar to depression in freezing point).

4. If glycerine, $C_3H_5(OH)_3$ and methyl alcohol, CH_3OH are sold at the same price per kg, which would be cheaper for preparing an anti-freeze solution for the radiator of a car ?

Ans. Methyl alcohol, CH_3OH is cheaper because it has lower molecular mass and a given mass of CH_3OH contains more moles than the same mass of glycerine. More moles of solute means higher molality and therefore, it causes lower freezing point (because ΔT_f will be more). In other words, it would take less methyl alcohol to protect a radiator to a given freezing point.

5. If K_f for water is 1.86° C/m, explain why 1 m NaCl in water does not have a freezing point equal to

(*i*) –1.86°C and (*ii*) –3.72°C.

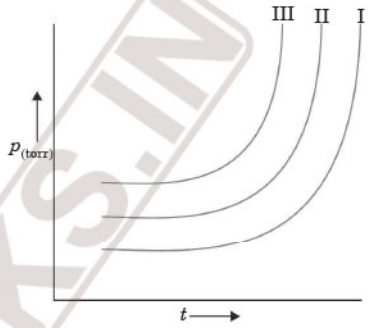
Ans. (i) There are two moles of ions per mol of NaCl. Therefore, ΔT_f cannot be equal to 1.86 and freezing point cannot be equal to 0 – 1.86 = –1.86°C.

(*ii*) ΔT_f cannot be equal to 2 × 1.86 = 3.72 and freezing point = –3.72 because there are strong interionic attractions for 1m solution so that the degree of ionization is not 100% at the freezing point. The value of i is some what less than 2.

6. Why is camphor preferred as a solvent in finding the molecular mass of naphthalene by Rast method ?

Ans. Camphor has a large value of K_f (39.7° C m^{-1}) so the depression in freezing point is large for solution of naphthalene in camphor. This can be measured by even ordinary thermometer.

7. The following figure shows vapour pressure curves of two pure liquids and solution of the two. Which curves I, II, or III represent pure liquids and which represents the solution ?



Ans. The vapour pressure of a mixture of two volatile liquids is always intermediate between the vapour pressures of the two liquids. Thus, the curves I and III represent pure liquids and the middle curve II represents the solution.

8. If vapour pressure of liquid A is greater than the vapour pressure of liquid B, then boiling point of A is lower than that of liquid B. Do you agree with the statement? Explain.

Ans. This statement is true. If vapour pressure of a liquid is high, lesser heating is needed to make its vapour pressure equal to the external pressure (atmospheric pressure). Therefore, its boiling point is lower.

9. Pure benzene has vapour pressure three times that of pure toluene. They form nearly ideal solution. What would be the ratio of their mole fractions in the vapour phase of a solution having equal mole fractions of benzene and toluene.

Ans. Since benzene and toluene have equal mole fractions in the solution,

$$\frac{p_b}{p_t} = \frac{p_b^\circ}{p_t^\circ} \qquad (\because x_b = x_t)$$

$$= 3$$

Since the vapour pressures in the vapour phase are in the ratio of their mole fractions, then

$$\frac{x_y}{x_y} = 3$$

Advanced Level Problems

10. 0.052 g of glucose ($C_6H_{12}O_6$) has been dissolved in 80.2 g of water. Calculate (*i*) the boiling point and (*ii*) freezing point of the solution (K_f = 1.86 K m^{-1}, K_b = 5.2 K m^{-1}).

Ans. Elevation in boiling point may be calculated from the relation,

$$\Delta T_b = \frac{K_b \times w_B \times 1000}{M_B \times w_A}$$

w_B = 0.052 g, w_A = 80.2 g, K_b = 5.2 K m^{-1}, M_B = 180

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$$\therefore \quad \Delta T_b = \frac{5.2 \times 0.052 \times 1000}{180 \times 80.2} = 0.0187$$

Boiling point of water = 373 K
Boiling point of solution = 373 + 0.0187 = 373.0187
= **373.02 K**
Now, depression in freezing point,

$$\Delta T_f = \frac{K_f \times w_B \times 1000}{M_B \times w_A}$$

w_B = 0.052 g, w_A = 80.2 g, K_f = 1.86 K m^{-1}, M_B = 180

$$\therefore \quad \Delta T_f = \frac{1.86 \times 0.052 \times 1000}{180 \times 80.2} = 0.067$$

Freezing point of water = 273 K
Freezing point of solution = 273 – 0.067 = **272.933 K.**

11. The degree of dissociation of Ca $(NO_3)_2$ in dilute aqueous solution containing 7.0 g of the salt per 100 g of water at 100°C is 70 percent. If the vapour pressure of water at 100°C is 760 mm, calculate the vapour pressure of the solution.

Ans. Calcium nitrate dissociates as :

$$Ca(NO_3)_2 \rightleftharpoons Ca^{2+} + 2NO_3^-$$

Initial moles	1	0	0
After dissociation	$1 - x$	x	$2x$

Total no. of moles after dissociation = $1 - x + x + 2x$
$= 1 + 2x$
Here x = 70% = 0.7
No. of moles after dissociation = 1 + 2 × 0.7 = 2.4

$$i = \frac{\text{Moles of solute after dissociation}}{\text{Normal moles of solute}} = \frac{2.4}{1} = 2.4$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{p_A^\circ - p_A}{p_A^\circ} = i\, x_B$$

$$x_B = \frac{n_B}{n_A + n_B} \approx \frac{n_B}{n_A} = \frac{w_B \times M_A}{M_B \times w_A} \quad \text{(For dilute solution)}$$

w_B = 7.0 g, w_A = 100 g, M_B = 164, M_A = 18

$$\therefore \quad w_B = \frac{7.0 \times 18}{164 \times 100} = 0.00768$$

$$\frac{p_A^\circ - p_A}{p_A^\circ} = 2.4 \times 0.00768$$

$$p_A^\circ - p_A = 2.4 \times 0.00768 \times 760 = 14.0 \text{ mm Hg}$$

$$\therefore \quad p_A = 760 - 14.0 = \mathbf{746\ mm\ Hg.}$$

12. A motor vehicle radiator was filled with 8 L of water to which 2 L of methyl alcohol (density 0.8 g/mL) were added. What is the lowest temperature at which the vehicle can be parked outdoors without a danger that water in the radiator will freeze ? K_f of water = 1.86 K m^{-1})

Ans. Let us calculate the depression caused by the addition of methyl alcohol.

$$\Delta T_f = \frac{K_f \times 1000 \times w_B}{w_A \times M_B}$$

w_A = 8000 × 1.0 = 8000 g (Density of water = 1 g/ml)
w_B = 2000 × 0.8 = 1600 g
M_B = 32

$$\Delta T_f = \frac{1.86 \times 1000 \times 1600}{8000 \times 32}$$

$$= 11.625$$

Freezing point = 0 – 11.625
= –11.625°C

∴ Vehicle may be parked outdoor not below –11.625°C temperature.

13. The mole fraction of toluene in a solution in benzene is 0.50. Calculate the weight percent of toluene in solution.

Ans. Let the weight percent of toluene in solution is x. This means x g of toluene are present in 100 g of solution.

Wt. of toluene = x g
Wt. of benzene = $(100 - x)$ g
Mol. wt. of benzene (C_6H_6) = 78
Mol. wt. of toluene ($C_6H_5CH_3$) = 92

$$\text{Now, } \frac{n_t}{n_t + n_b} = 0.5$$

$$\frac{\frac{x}{92}}{\frac{x}{92} + \frac{(100 - x)}{78}} = 0.5$$

$$\frac{\frac{x}{92}}{\frac{78x + 92(100 - x)}{92 \times 78}} = 0.5$$

$$\frac{x}{92} \times \frac{92 \times 78}{78x + 92(100 - x)} = 0.5$$

$$78x = 39x + 4600 - 46x$$

$$85x = 4600$$

$$\therefore \quad x = 54.1$$

$$\therefore \quad \text{Wt\% of toluene} = \mathbf{54.1.}$$

14. The freezing point of a solution containing 50 cm^3 of ethylene glycol in 50 g of water is found to be – 34°C. Assuming ideal behaviour, calculate the density of ethylene glycol.

Ans. Depression in freezing point,

$$\Delta T_f = \frac{K_f \times w_B \times 1000}{M_B \times w_A}$$

K_f = 1.86 K m^{-1}, ΔT_f = 0 – (–34) = 34
w_B = ?, w_A = 50 g, M_B = 62

$$\therefore \quad 34 = \frac{1.86 \times w_B \times 1000}{62 \times 50}$$

$$\therefore \quad w_B = \frac{34 \times 62 \times 50}{1.86 \times 1000} = 56.67$$

$$\text{Now, } w_B = V \times d$$

$$56.67 = 50 \times d$$

$$\text{or} \quad d = \frac{56.67}{50} = \mathbf{1.13\ g\ cm^{-3}.}$$

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Revision Exercises

Very Short Answer Questions *Carrying 1 mark*

1. Give one example of each of solid in gas and liquid in gas solution.
2. Why does the molality of a solution remain unchanged with temperature? *(Assam S.B. 2013)*
3. What will be mole fraction of water in methanol solution containing equal number of moles of water and methanol ?
4. Define molal depression constant. How is it related to enthalpy of fusion ?
5. The boiling point increases and freezing point decreases when sodium chloride is added to water. Explain. *(H.P.S.B. 2002)*
6. Sodium chloride is used to clear snow from roads. Explain. *(H.P.S.B. 2002)*
7. What is the general effect of temperature on the solubility of a gas in a liquid ?
8. When is the value of Vant Hoff's factor more than one ?
9. Why does water from the soil rise to the top of a tall tree?
10. What is the effect of temperature on molality of solution ? *(Hr. S.B. 2005, H.P.S.B. 2005)*
11. Calculate the normality of 1.5 MH_2SO_4. *(Hr. S.B. 2006)*
12. How is ΔT_f and ΔT_b related to molecular mass of a solute ? *(Pb. S.B. 2006)*
13. What is the normality of 0.5 M aqueous solution of tribasic acid ? *(Pb. S.B. 2006)*
14. Two liquids A and B boil at 145° C and 190°C respectively. Which of them has a higher vapour pressure at 80° C ? *(D. S.B. 2006)*
15. Under what condition Van't Hoff factor '*i*' is less than one? *(Pb. S.B. 2007)*
16. Under what condition Van't Hoff factor '*i*' is equal to unity ? *(Pb.S.B. 2007)*
17. Define Raoult's law. *(H.P.S.B. 2012)*
18. Why does rubbing of isopropyl alcohol give a cooling sensation to the skin ?
19. Define azeotropic mixture. *(H.P.S.B. 2013, 2015)*
20. Why is molality preferred for expressing concentration than molarity? *(J.K.S.B. 2013, H.P.S.B 2013)*
21. Mention the enthalpy of mixing ($\Delta_{mix}H$) value to form an ideal solution. *(Karnataka S.B. 2014)*
22. Define Henry's law. *(H.P.S.B. 2012, Karnataka S.B 2018, Manipur S.B. 2018)*

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23. What is the sum of the mole fractions of all the components in a three component system ? *(A.I.S.B. 2004)*
24. How is the molality of a solution different from its molarity? *(A.I.S.B. 2004)*
25. What would be the value of van't Hoff factor for a dilute solution of K_2SO_4 in water ? *(A.I.S.B. 2005, Uttarakhand S.B. 2012)*
26. State the condition resulting in Reverse Osmosis. *(A.I.S.B. 2007)*
27. Define osmotic pressure. *(A.I.S.B. 2007)*
28. What is meant by reverse osmosis ? *(A.I.S.B. 2011)*

MCQs from State Boards' Examinations

29. Which of the following solution shows maximum depression in freezing point?
(*a*) 0.5 M Li_2SO_4 (*b*) 1 M NaCl
(*c*) 0.5 M $Al_2(SO_4)_3$ (*d*) 0.5 M $BaCl_2$
(Maharashtra S.B. 2013)

30. The molality of pure water is
(*a*) 55.5 (*b*) 50.5
(*c*) 18 (*d*) 60.5
(Hr. S.B. 2013, 2015, 2018)

31. Constant boiling mixtures are called
(*a*) ideal solutions (*b*) azeotropes
(*c*) isotonic (*d*) None of these
(Hr. S.B. 2013)

32. The colligative properties of a dilute solution depend on
(*a*) the nature of the solute
(*b*) the nature of the solvent
(*c*) the number of particles of solute
(*d*) the molecular mass of solute. *(Mizoram S.B. 2014)*

33. The concentration term independent of temperature is :
(*a*) Normality (*b*) Mass-volume per cent
(*c*) Molality (*d*) Molarity
(Manipur S.B. 2014, Hr. S.B. 2015, Meghalaya S.B. 2015, Mizoram S.B. 2018)

34. The number of moles of NaCl in 3 litres of 3 M solution is :
(*a*) 1 (*b*) 3
(*c*) 9 (*d*) 27.*(Mizoram S.B. 2014)*

35. In countries nearer to polar region, the roads are sprinkled with $CaCl_2$. This is
(*a*) to minimise the effect of snow on roads
(*b*) to minimise pollution
(*c*) to minimise the accummulation of dust on the road
(*d*) to minimise the wear and tear of the roads
(H.P. S.B. 2015)

36. For solutes which do not undergo any association or dissociation in a solute, van't Hoff factor (*i*) will be
(*a*) less than 1 (*b*) more than 1
(*c*) equal to 1 (*d*) zero *(Mizoram S.B. 2015)*

37. Which of the following 0.1 M aqueous solution is likely to have the highest boiling point?
(*a*) Na_2SO_4 (*b*) KCl
(*c*) Glucose (*d*) Urea *(Tripura S.B. 2016)*

38. Which of the following solutions will have the minimum freezing point?
(*a*) 0.1M $FeCl_3$ (*b*) 0.1M $BaCl_2$
(*c*) 0.1M NaCl (*d*) 0.1M Urea
(Mizoram S.B. 2016)

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39. Isotonic solutions have
(*a*) same boiling point (*b*) same vapour pressure
(*c*) same melting point (*d*) same osmotic pressure
(*Meghalaya S.B. 2016*)

40. The value of Henry's constant K_H
(*a*) increases with increase in temperature
(*b*) decreases with increase in temperature
(*c*) remains constant
(*d*) first increases, then decreases (*Meghalaya S.B. 2016*)

41. Mole fraction of a solute in 2.5 molal aqueous solution is
(*a*) 0.43 (*b*) 0.043
(*c*) 4.3 (*d*) 43 (*Hr. S.B. 2017*)

42. Which of the following concentration of solution depends on temperature ?
(*a*) molality (*b*) molarity
(*c*) mass % (*d*) mole fraction
(*Assam S.B. 2017*)

43. Two solutions A and B are separated by a semipermeable membrane. If the solvent flows from A to B, then
(*a*) A is more concentrated than B
(*b*) A is less concentrated than B
(*c*) both A and B are of same concentration
(*d*) both A and B get diluted (*Meghalaya S.B. 2017*)

44. The van't Hoff factor *i* for a compound which undergoes dissociation in one solvent and association in another solvent is respectively
(*a*) less than one and greater than one
(*b*) less than one and less than one
(*c*) greater than one and less than one
(*d*) greater than one and greater than one
(*Meghalaya. S.B. 2017*)

45. At higher altitudes, the boiling point of water decreases because
(*a*) the atmospheric pressure is low
(*b*) the atmospheric pressure is high
(*c*) the temperature is low
(*d*) the temperature is high (*Mizoram S.B. 2017*)

46. Maximum amount of a solid solute that can be dissolved in a given amount of a liquid solvent does not depend upon
(*a*) pressure (*b*) temperature
(*c*) nature of solute (*d*) nature of solvent
(*Hr. S.B. 2017*)

47. Low concentration of O_2 in the blood of people living at high altitude is due to
(*a*) low temperature
(*b*) low atmospheric pressure
(*c*) high atmospheric pressure
(*d*) none of the above (*Hr. S.B. 2017*)

48. The units of ebullioscopic constant is
(*a*) K kg mol^{-1} (*b*) mol kg K^{-1}
(*c*) K mol kg^{-1} (*d*) none of these
(*Hr. S.B. 2017*)

49. Molar solution means 1 mole of solute present in
(*a*) 1000 g of solvent (*b*) 1000 g of solution
(*c*) 1 litre of solvent (*d*) 1 litre of solution
(*Mizoram S.B. 2018*)

50. An ether is more volatile than an alcohol having the same molecular formula due to
(*a*) dipolar character of ether
(*b*) alcohols having resonance structure
(*c*) intermolecular hydrogen bonding in ether
(*d*) intermolecular hydrogen boonding in alcohol
(*Nagaland S.B. 2018*)

Short Answer Questions *Carrying 2 or 3 marks*

1. Define the following terms:
(*a*) Molality (*b*) Osmotic pressure
(*c*) Van't Hoff factor (*d*) Molarity (*Hr. S.B. 2018*)

2. (*a*) Establish a relationship between mole fraction of solute and molality of a binary dilute solution.
(*Manipur S.B. 2014*)
(*b*) Molality is preferred over molarity. Why?
(*c*) Which has higher boiling point 0.1M NaCl or 0.1M glucose? (*H.P.S.B. 2018*)

3. (*a*) Define Raoult's law and derive it.(*Uttarakhand S.B. 2014*)
(*b*) Why is osmotic pressure considered to be a colligative property ? (*Maghalaya S.B. 2013*)

4. (*a*) How is the colligative property changed when the solute undergoes association in solution ?
(*b*) Describe a method to determine the osmotic pressure of a solution. How does it help in calculating the molar mass of the solute ?

5. Why do we get abnormal molecular masses from colligative properties? What is Van't Hoff factor? How will you explain cases of association and dissociation of solute in such cases?
(*Hr. S.B. 2013*)

6. (*a*) What is meant by positive and negative deviations from Raoult's law and how is the sign of $\Delta_{sol}H$ related to positive and negative deviations from Raoult's law ?
(*b*) Mixing acetone and chloroform occurs with reduction in volume and is endothermic process. What type of deviation from Raoult's law is shown in this case and why ?

7. Explain :
(*i*) A person suffering from high blood pressure is advised to take minimum quantity of common salt. Explain.
(*ii*) A peeled egg when dipped in water swells while in saturated brine solution it shrinks.
(*iii*) The bottle of liquid ammonia is cooled before opening the seal.
(*iv*) Semipermeable membrane of $Cu_2[Fe(CN)_6]$ is not used for studying osmosis in non-aqueous solutions.

8. (*a*) What is osmotic pressure and how is it related to the molecular mass of the non-volatile substance ?
(*b*) What advantage the osmotic pressure has over the elevation in boiling point method for determining the molecular masses ?

9. Define azeotropes and explain briefly minimum boiling azeotropes by taking suitable example.
(*CBSE Sample Paper 2011*)

10. State Raoult's law for a solution containing volatile liquids. Explain with suitable example the concept of maximum boiling azeotropes ? (*CBSE Sample Paper 2011*)

11. (*a*) When dehydrated fruits and vegetables are placed in water, they slowly swell and return to original form. Why ? What is the effect of temperature on the process ? Explain.
(*Pb. S.B. 2016*)

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(*b*) Prove that relative lowering in vapour pressure of a liquid on addition of non volatile solute is a colligative property. (*H.P.S.B. 2012*)

12. (*a*) Sodium chloride solution freezes at lower temperature than water but boils at higher temperature than water. Explain.

(*b*) What are hypertonic solutions? Explain with the help of example. (*H.P.S.B. 2012*)

13. (*a*) Define osmotic pressure. How can molar mass of a substance be determined from the measurement of osmotic pressure of a solution? (*Assam S.B. 2013*)

(*b*) What is osmotic pressure ? Show that it is a colligative property. (*Hr. S.B. 2017*)

(*c*) What will happen if a patient is given hypertonic solution of glucose ? (*Meghalaya S.B. 2018*)

14. (*a*) Prove that relative lowering in the vapour pressure is a colligative property.

(*b*) Differentiate between ideal and non-ideal solutions.

(*c*) Define colligative properties and give its types. (*H.P.S.B. 2018*)

15. (*a*) Define the following :

(*i*) Henry's law

(*ii*) Raoult's law (*Hr. S.B. 2018*)

(*b*) Give two applications of Henry's law. (*Hr. S.B. 2018*)

16. (*a*) When HgI_2 is added to aqueous solution of KI, why is there an increase in osmotic pressure of solution?

(*b*) Out of 1M urea solution and 1M KCl solution, which one has higher freezing point? (*Pb. S.B 2018, H.P.S.B. 2018*)

(*c*) Commerically available HCl contains 38% HCl by mass. Calculate molality of the solution. (*Pb. S.B. 2018*)

17. Define freezing point. Explain why the freezing point of a solvent is lowered on dissolving a non-volatile solute into it.

Or

What do you mean by abnormal molecular mass? Show that relative lowering of vapour pressure is a colligative property. (*Jammu S.Z. 2018*)

18. (*a*) Define :

(*i*) Molality of a solution

(*ii*) Isotonic solutions. (*Karnataka S.B. 2018*)

(*b*) Van't Hoff's factor for a solution is less than 1, what is the conclusion drawn from it? (*Karnataka S.B. 2018*)

(*c*) Why do some non-ideal solutions show positive deviation from ideal behaviour? Give suitable diagram. (*Nagaland S.B. 2018*)

19. What are the colligative properties ? Name the colligative property which is widely used to determine the molecular mass of macromolecules. (*Meghalaya S.B. 2017*)

20. (*a*) Define an ideal solution and write one of its characteristics.

(*b*) Some liquids on mixing form 'azeotropes'. What are 'azeotropes' ? (*D.S.B. 2014*)

21. (*a*) State Henry's law. What is the effect of temperature on the solubility of a gas in a liquid ?

(*b*) State Raoult's law for the solution containing volatile components. What is the similarity between Raoult's law and Henry's law ? (*D.S.B. 2014*)

22. (*a*) $CaCl_2$ is used to clear snow in cold countries. Explain. (*Hr. S.B. 2015*)

(*b*) Define the following and write their units:

(*a*) Molarity (*b*) Molality (*c*) Normality

Or

What are colligative properties? Show that relative lowering in vapour pressure is a colligative property. (*Hr. S.B. 2015*)

23. Define the following:

(*i*) Boiling point

(*ii*) Molal depression constant (*Hr. S.B. 2015*)

24. (*a*) Why is boiling point of water increased on addition of a non-volatile solute in it?

(*b*) Why does NaCl solution freeze at lower temperature than water but boils at higher temperature than water? (*Pb. S.B. 2015*)

25. (*a*) Define hypertonic solution.

(*b*) Explain that the depression in freezing point is a colligative property. Calculate the molar mass of a solute with it. (*H.P.S.B 2017*)

26. State Henry's law.

At the same temperature, CO_2 gas is more soluble in water than O_2 gas. Which one of them will have higher value of K_H ? (*Assam S.B. 2017*)

27. (*a*) State Henry's law and mention its important applications.

(*b*) What would be the value of van't Hoff factor for a dilute solution of K_2SO_4? (*Uttarakhand S.B. 2015*)

28. (*a*) What are the characteristics of ideal solution?

(*b*) Why does vapour pressure of a liquid decrease when a non-volatile solute is added into it? (*Manipur S.B. 2017*)

29. (*a*) Define molarity and mole fraction giving examples.

(*b*) How is the molecular mass of a solute related to the depression in freezing point of the solution? (*Manipur S.B. 2017*)

(*c*) What is reverse osmosis? Mention one of its application. (*Meghalaya S.B. 2018*)

30. What is meant by positive deviations from Raoult's law? Give an example. What is the sign of $\Delta_{mix}H$ for positive deviation?

Or

Define azeotropes. What type of azeotrope is formed by positive deviation from Raoult's law? Give an example. (*D.S.B. 2015*)

31. (*i*) Two solutions are isotonic. What is meant by the statement.

(*ii*) When a little amount of common salt is added in water, the boiling point increases. Explain why? (*Kolkata S.B. 2016*)

32. What are colligative properties? Prove that relative lowering in vapour pressure is a colligative property. (*H.P. S.B. 2016*)

33. State Raoult's law for an ideal solution containing non-volatile solute. Why do non-ideal solutions show positive deviation from Raoult's law? (*H.P.S.B. 2016, Tripura S.B. 2016*)

34. Define boiling point. What is elevation in boiling point? How will you find the molecular mass of a solute by using this property? (*H.P.S.B. 2016*)

35. (*a*) What is osmotic pressure? How is it related to the concentration of a solute in a solution?

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Or

(*b*) State and explain Raoult's law for a solution containing non-volatile solute. (*Meghalaya S.B. 2016*)

36. Define the following terms:
(*i*) Ideal solution
(*ii*) Molarity (M) (*D.S.B. 2017*)

37. Define the following terms:
(*i*) Abnormal molar mass
(*ii*) Van't-Hoff factor (*D.S.B. 2017*)

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38. State Raoult's law for solutions of volatile liquids. Taking suitable examples explain the meaning of positive and negative deviations from Raoult's law. (*A.I.S.B. 2008; D.S.B. 2008*)

39. Define the terms, 'osmosis' and 'osmotic pressure'. What is the advantage of using osmotic pressure as compared to other colligative properties for the determination of molar masses of solutes in solutions? (*A.I.S.B. 2010*)

40. State the following:
(*i*) Raoult's law in its general form in reference to solutions.
(*ii*) Henry's law about partial pressure of a gas in a mixture. (*A.I.S.B. 2011*)

41. State Henry's law. Why do gases always tend to be less soluble in liquids as the temperature is raised?

Or

State Raoult's law for the solution containing volatile components. Write two differences between an ideal solution and a non-ideal solution. (*A.I.S.B. 2015*)

42. (*i*) Write the colligative property which is used to find the molecular mass of macromolecules.
(*ii*) In non-ideal solution, what type of deviation shows the formation of minimum boiling azeotropes? (*A.I.S.B. 2016*)

43. Give reasons for the following:
(*a*) Measurement of osmotic pressure method is preferred for the determination of molar masses of macromolecules such as proteins and polymers.
(*b*) Aquatic animals are more comfortable in cold water than in warm water.
(*c*) Elevation of boiling point of 1 M KCl solution is nearly double than that of 1 M sugar solution. (*A.I.S.B. 2018*)

Long Answer Questions *Carrying 5 marks*

1. What are ideal and non-ideal solutions? What type of non-idealities are exhibited by cyclohexane ethanol and acetone chloroform mixtures. Give reasons for your answer.

2. What is Van't Hoff's factor? What possible values can it have if the solute molecules undergo (*i*) association (*ii*) dissociation in solution. Prove that osmotic pressure is a colligative property.

3. (*a*) What is elevation in boiling point? How can you calculate molecular mass of a solute using it ? Show that it is a colligative property.
(*b*) Calculate molality and molarity of KI if density of 20% (mass/mass) aqueous KI is 1.202 g/mL. (*Hr. S.B. 2013*)

4. Osmotic pressure is a colligative property and it is proportional to the molarity of solution.
(*a*) What is osmotic pressue ?
(*b*) Molecular mass of NaCl determined by osmotic pressure measurement is found to be half of the actual value. Account for it.
(*c*) Calculate the osmotic pressure exerted by a solution prepared by dissolving 1.5 g of a polymer of molar mass 185000 in 500 ml of water at 37°C. [R = 0.0821 L atm K^{-1} mol^{-1}]. (*Kerala S.B. 2014*)

5. Either
(*a*) A solution of NaOH is made by dissolving 0.8 g of it in 100 ml of its solution. Calculate the molarity of the solution.
(*b*) What is the effect of addition of non-volatile solute to the vapour pressure of a pure liquid ? Give reasons for your answer.
(*c*) Calculate the molar mass of a substance 1.3 g of which when dissolved in 169 g of water gave the solution which will boil at 100.025 °C at 1 atm. (K_b = 0.52 Km^{-1}).

Or

(*d*) Calculate the molarity and molality of a 15% solution (by wright) of H_2SO_4 of density 1.020 g. cm^{-3}.
(*e*) State Henry's law of solubility of gases in liquid. Why do we see effervescence when a cold drink bottle is opened ?
(*f*) Molar mass of CH_3COOH in aqueous solution as determined by the use of colligative properties is approximately double of the expected value. Why ? (*Meghalaya S.B. 2014*)

6. (*a*) Among the following, which is not a colligative property?
(*i*) Osmotic pressure
(*ii*) Elevation of boiling point
(*iii*) Vapour pressure
(*iv*) Depression of freezing point
(*b*) 200 cm^3 of an aqueous solution of a protein contains 1.26 g of protein. The osmotic pressure of solution at 300 K is found to be 8.3×10^{-2} bar. Calculate the molar mass of protein (R = 0.083 L bar K^{-1} mol^{-1}).
(*c*) What is the significance of van't Hoff factor? (*Kerala S.B. 2015*)

7. (*a*) Mention a method used for desalination of sea water.
(*b*) Define the term 'osmotic pressure'. How does osmotic pressure of a solution vary with temperature?
(*c*) Calculate molarity of a solution containing 11.7 g NaCl in 2.0 L solution. (M_{NaCl} = 58.5 g mol^{-1}) (*Assam S.B. 2016*)

8. (*a*) Number of moles of the solute per kilogram of the solvent is
(*i*) Mole fraction (*ii*) Molality
(*iii*) Molarity (*iv*) Molar mass
(*b*) 'The extent to which a solute is dissociated or associated can be expressed by Van't Hoff factor.' Substantiate the statement.
(*c*) The vapour pressure of pure benzene at a certain temperature is 0.850 bar. A non-volatile, non-electrolyte solid weighing 0.5 g when added to 39 g of benzene (molar mass 78 g mol^{-1}), vapour pressure becomes 0.845 bar. What is the molar mass of the solid substance? (*Kerala S.B. 2016*)

9. (*i*) Prove that elevation in boiling point is a colligative property.
(*ii*) The boiling point of benzene is 353.23 K. When 1.80 g of a non-volatile solute was dissolved in 90 g of benzene, the boiling point is raised to 354.11 K. Calculate the molar mass of solute. (K_b for benzene = 2.53 K kg mol^{-1}) (*Pb. S.B. 2017*)

10. (*i*) Prove that depression in freezing point is a colligative property.
(*ii*) 45 g of ethylene glycol ($C_2H_6O_2$) is mixed with 600 g of water. Calculate the freezing point depression. (K_f for water = 1.86 K kg mol^{-1}) (*Pb. S.B. 2017*)

11. (*i*) Prove that osmotic pressure is a colligative property.
(*ii*) Calculate the molar concentration of urea solution if it exerts an osmotic pressure of 2.45 atmosphere at 300 K. (R = 0.0821 L atm.$mol^{-1}K^{-1}$) (*Pb. S.B. 2017*)

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12. (*a*) Give the definition of solubility of a substance.
(*b*) Show that total vapour pressure over the solution of two liquids 1 and 2 at a particular temperature varies linearly with the mole fraction of a component.
(Assam S.B. 2018)

13. (*a*) A solution containing 15 g urea (molar mass = 60 g mol^{-1}) per litre of solution in water has the same osmotic pressure as a solution of glucose (molar mass = 180 g mol^{-1}) in water. Calculate the mass of glucose present in one litre of its solution.
(*b*) Define minimum boiling azeotropes with example.
(Kerala S.B. 2018)

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14. *(a)* Why is meant by
(*i*) colligative properties
(*ii*) molality of a solution ?
(b) What concentration of nitrogen should be present in a glass of water at room temperature ? Assume a temperature of 25°C, a total pressure of 1 atmosphere and mole fraction of nitrogen in air is 0.78 [K_H for nitrogen = 8.42×10^{-7} M/min Hg] *(A.I.S.B. 2010)*

15. (*a*) State the following :
(*i*) Henry's law about partial pressure of a gas in a mixture.
(*ii*) Raoult's law in its general form in reference to solutions.
(*b*) A solution prepared by dissolving 8.95 mg of a gene fragment in 35.0 mL of water has an osmotic pressure of 0.335 torr at 25°C. Assuming the gene fragment is a non-electrolyte, determine its molar mass.
Or
(*a*) Differentiate between molarity and molality in a solution. What is the effect of temperature change on molarity and molality in a solution ?
(*b*) What would be the molar mass of a compound if 6.21 g of it dissolved in 24.0 g of chloroform form a solution that has a boiling point of 68.04°C. The boiling point of pure chloroform is 61.7°C and the boiling point elevation constant, K_b for chloroform is 3.63°C/m.
(A.I.S.B. 2011)

16. (*a*) Define the following terms :
(*i*) Mole fraction
(*ii*) Ideal solution
(*b*) 15.0 g of an unknown molecular material is dissolved in 450 g of water. The resulting solution freezes at – 0.34°C. What is the molar mass of the material ? (K_f for water = 1.83 K kg mol^{-1}).
Or
(*a*) Explain the following :
(*i*) Henry's law about dissolution of a gas in a liquid
(*ii*) Boiling point elevation constant for a solvent.
(*b*) A solution of glycerol ($C_3H_8O_3$) in water was prepared by dissolving some glycerol in 500 g of water. This solution has a boiling point of 100.42°C. What mass of glycerol was dissolved to make this solution ? (K_b for water = 0.512 K kg mol^{-1}) *(A.I.S.B. 2012)*

17. (*a*) State Raoult's law for a solution containing volatile components. How does Raoult's law become a special case of Henry's law ?
(*b*) 1.00 g of non-electrolyte solute dissolved in 50 g of benzene lowered the freezing point of benezene by 0.40 K. Find the molar mass of the solute. (K_f for benzene = 5.12 K kg mol^{-1}).
Or
(*a*) Define the following terms :
(*i*) Ideal solution (*ii*) Azeotrope (*iii*) Osmotic pressure
(*b*) A solution of glucose ($C_6H_{12}O_6$) in water is labelled as 10% by weight. What would be molality of the solution? (Molar mass of glucose = 180 g mol^{-1}). *(A.I.S.B. 2013)*

18. (*a*) Define the following terms:
(*i*) Molarity
(*ii*) Molal elevation constant (K_b).
(*b*) A solution containing 15 g urea (molar mass = 60 g mol^{-1}) per litre of solution in water has the same osmotic pressure (isotonic) as a solution of glucose (molar mass = 180 g mol^{-1}) in water. Calculate the mass of glucose present in one litre of its solution.
Or
(*a*) What type of deviation is shown by a mixture of ethanol and acetone ? Give reason.
(*b*) A solution of glucose (molar mass = 180 g mol^{-1}) in water is labelled as 10% (by mass). What would be the molality and molarity of the solution ? (Density of solution = 1.2 g mL^{-1}). *(A.I.S.B. 2014)*

19. (*a*) A 10% solution (by mass) of sucrose in water has a freezing point of 269.15 K. Calculate the freezing point of 10% glucose in water if the freezing point of pure water is 273.15 K.
Given : (Molar mass of sucrose = 342 g mol^{-1})
(Molar mass of glucose = 180 g mol^{-1})
(*b*) Define the following terms:
(*i*) Molality (m)
(ii) Abnormal molar mass
Or
(*a*) 30 g of urea (M = 60 g mol^{-1}) is dissolved in 846 g of water. Calculate the vapour pressure of water for this solution if vapour pressure of pure water at 298 K is 23.8 mm Hg.
(*b*) Write two differences between ideal solutions and non-ideal solutions. *(A.I.S.B. 2017)*

NUMERICAL PROBLEMS

1. The density of a 3 M sodium thiosulphate ($Na_2S_2O_3$) solution is 1.25 g mL^{-1}. Calculate
(*i*) the % by weight of sodium thiosulphate.
(*ii*) the mole fraction of sodium thiosulphate.
(*iii*) the molalities of Na^+ and $S_2O_3^{2-}$ ions.
[Ans. (*i*) 37.92% (*ii*) 0.065 (*iii*) 7.730 m, 3.865 m]

2. Calculate the freezing point of an aqueous solution of a non-electrolyte having an osmotic pressure of 2 atm at 300 K (K_f = 1.86 K m^{-1}, R = 0.082 L atm K^{-1} mol^{-1})
[Ans. – 0.151]

3. 0.01 m aqueous solution of sodium sulphate depresses the freezing point of water by 0.0284°C. Calculate the degree of dissociation of the salt. (K_f for water = 1.86 K m^{-1}).
[Ans. 26.5%]

4. Ice begins to separate at – 0.744°C from a solution containing 2.4 g of a non-electrolyte solute in 100 g of water. Calculate the molecular weight of non-electrolyte and osmotic pressure which the solution would exert at 20°C.
[Ans. 60, 9.622 atm.]

5. A solution of glycerol ($C_3H_8O_3$; molar mass = 92 g mol^{-1}) in water was prepared by dissolving some glycerol in 500 g of water. This solution has a boiling point of 100.42°C. What mass of glycerol was dissolved to make this solution? (K_b for water = 0.512 K kg mol^{-1}). *(D.S.B. 2010)*
[Ans. 37.73 g]

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6. 0.52 g of glucose ($C_6H_{12}O_6$) is dissolved in 80.2 g of water. Calculate the boiling point of the solution.
(K_b for water is 0.52 K kg mol^{-1}). (*Assam S.B. 2013*)
[**Ans.** 100.019°C]

7. 9 g of a non-volatile solute when dissolved in 100 g of water causes lowering of freeing point by 0.93 K. Calculate the molecular weight of the solute when K_f for water is 1.86 K/m. (*Mizoram S.B. 2017*)

8. (*a*) 7.45 g KCl is dissolved in 100 g of water. What will be the mole fraction of KCl in solution. [**Ans.** 0.0177]
(*b*) On dissolving 9.0 g of glucose in 100 g of water, its freezing point is lowered by 0.93 °C. Calculate the molal depression constant of water. (*Uttarakhand S.B. 2013*)
[**Ans.** 3.53 K m^{-1}]

9. Calculate the boiling point of one molar aqueous solution (density 1.03 g mL^{-1}) of NaCl. K_b for water = 0.52 Km^{-1}.
(*Nagaland S.B. 2016*)

10. Calculate the osmotic pressure at 273 K of a 5% solution of compound A. (molecular mass = 60) (Given that R = 0.0821 L atm K^{-1} mol^{-1}) (*Mizoram S.B. 2016*)

11. Calculate the molar mass of a substance 1.3 g of which when dissolved in 169 g of H_2O gave the solution which will boil at 100.025 °C at 1 atm. (K_b = 0.52 K m^{-1})
(*Meghalaya S.B. 2017*)

12. A solution containing 4.2 g of an organic compound in 50 g of acetone shows an elevation of boiling point by 1.8 K. Determine the molar mass of the organic compound. K_b of acetone = 1.71 K kg mol^{-1}. (*Nagaland S.B. 2017*)

13. The boiling point of water is 100°C. Calculate the boiling point of an aqueous solution containing 0.6 g of urea (molar mass = 60) is 100 g of water. (K_b for water = 0.52 Km^{-1})
(*Mizoram S.B. 2018*)

14. The vapour pressure of a compound A of molar mass 80 g mol^{-1} at 20°C is 2.0 bar. When 4g of a non-volatile solid is added to 40 g of compound A in a beaker, the resulting vapour pressure is 1.5 bar. Calculate molar mass of the non-volatile solid. (*Mizoram S.B. 2018*)

15. 1.8 g of glucose ($C_6H_{12}O_6$) is dissolved in 100 g of water in a beaker. At what temperature will water in the solution boil at 1.013 bar? Given boiling point of pure water at 1.013 bar is 373.15 K and K_b for water is 0.052 K kg mol^{-1}.
(*Assam S.B. 2018*)

16. The freezing point of 0.1 molal solution of CH_3COOH in benzene is 0.256 K (K_f = 5.12 K m^{-1}). What conclusion will you draw about molecular state of CH_3COOH in C_6H_6?
(*Meghalaya S.B. 2018*)

CBSE QUESTIONS

17. A 0.1539 molal aqueous solution of cane sugar (molar mass = 342 g mol^{-1}) has a freezing point of 271 K while the freezing point of pure water is 273.15 K. What will be the freezing point of an aqueous solution containing 5 g of glucose (mol. mass = 180 g mol^{-1}) per 100 g of solution.
(*A.I.S.B. 2007*)
[**Ans.** 269.07 K]

18. Calculate the temperature at which a solution containing 54 g of glucose ($C_6H_{12}O_6$) in 250 g of water will freeze. (K_f for water = 1.86 K kg mol^{-1}). (*A.I.S.B. 2008, D.S.B. 2008*)
[**Ans.** –2.23°C]

19. A solution containing 8 g of a substance in 100 g of diethyl ether boils at 36.86°C, whereas pure ether boils at 35.60°C. Determine the molecular mass of the solute (For ether K_f = 2.02 K kg mol^{-1}) (*A.I.S.B. 2008*)
[**Ans.** 128.25]

20. 100 mg of a protein is dissoved in just enough water to make 10.0 mL of solution. If this solution has an osmotic pressure of 13.3 mm Hg at 25°C, what is the molar mass of the protein ? (R = 0.0821 L atm mol^{-1} K^{-1} and 760 mm Hg = 1 atm) (*A.I.S.B. 2009, D.S.B. 2009*)
[**Ans.** 13980.4]

21. What mass of ethylene glycol (molar mass = 62.0 g mol^{-1}) must be added to 5.50 kg of water to lower the freezing point of water from 0 to – 10.0°C (K_f for water = 1.86 K kg mol^{-1}). (*A.I.S.B. 2010*)
[**Ans.** 1.83 kg]

22. 15 g of unknown molecular substance was dissolved in 450 g of water. The resulting solution freezes at –0.34°C. What is the molar mass of the substance (K_f for water = 1.86 K kg mol^{-1}) ? (*A.I.S.B. 2010*)
[**Ans.** 182.35]

23. What mass of NaCl must be dissolved in 65.0 g of water to lower the freezing point of water by 7.50°C? The freezing point depression constant (K_f) for water is 1.86°C/m. Assume Van't Hoff factor for NaCl is 1.87. (Molar mass of NaCl = 58.5 g). (*A.I.S.B. 2011*)
[**Ans.** 8.20 g]

24. The freezing point of benzene decreases by 2.12 K when 2.5 g of benzoic acid (C_6H_5COOH) is dissolved in 25 g of benzene. If benzoic acid forms a dimer in benzene, calculate the van't Hoff factor and the percentage association of benzoic acid. (K_f for benzene = 5.12 K kg mol^{-1})
(*CBSE Sample Paper 2017-18*)
[**Ans.** i = 0.505, α = 99.0%]

Hints & Answers for Revision Exercises

Very Short Answer Questions

1. Dust, water vapour in air (humidity)

2. This is because molality involves masses which do not change with temperature.

3. 0.5

4. Molal depression constant K_f is related to the enthalpy of fusion, ΔH_f as :

$$K_f = \frac{RT_f^2M}{\Delta H_f \times 1000}$$

where M is the molar mass and T_f is the freezing point.

5. When sodium chloride is added to water, there is elevation in boiling point and depression in freezing point.

6. Because it depresses the freezing point to such an extent that it cannot freeze to form ice.

7. Solubility decreases

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8. $i > 1$ when the solute undergoes dissociation in the solution.
9. Due to osmosis.
10. Remains unchanged.
11. 3.0 N
12. ΔT_f and ΔT_b are inversely proportional to molecular mass of solute.
13. 1.5 N
14. A
15. When solute undergoes association.
16. Solute behaves as non-electrolyte and does not undergo association or dissociation.
18. Being volatile in nature, isopropyl alcohol absorbs certain energy from the skin which becomes cold.
20. Because molality does not change with temperature.
21. Zero
23. One
24. Molarity changes with temperature but molality does not change with temperature.
25. $K_2SO_4 \longrightarrow 2K^+ + SO_4^{2-}$; $i = 3$
26. When pressure higher than osmotic pressure is applied to the solution to get pure solvent.

29. (*c*) **30.** (*a*) **31.** (*b*) **32.** (*c*) **33.** (*c*)
34. (*c*) **35.** (*a*) **36.** (*c*) **37.** (*a*) **38.** (*a*)
39. (*d*) **40.** (*a*) **41.** (*b*) **42.** (*b*) **43.** (*b*)
44. (*c*) **45.** (*a*) **46.** (*a*) **47.** (*b*) **48.** (*a*)
49. (*d*) **50.** (*d*)

Short Answer Questions

4. (*a*) The association causes a decrease in the number of particles and the colligative property also decreases.
7. (*i*) The osmotic pressure increases with the amount of solute. Since the body fluid contains Na^+ and Cl^- ions and if we take more salt, the concentration of these ions will increase leading to high osmotic pressure. The high osmotic pressure may cause rupture of the cells. Therefore, the patients suffering from high blood pressure are advised to take less of common salt.

(*iii*) To lower the vapour pressure of NH_3 otherwise the gas will bump out of the bottle.

(*iv*) Because $Cu_2[Fe(CN)_6]$ is soluble in non-aqueous solutions.

42. (*i*) Osmotic pressure

(*ii*) Positive deviation from Raoult's law.

Long Answer Questions

3. (*b*) 20% (mass/mass) means that 20 g of KI is present in 100g of solution or 80 g of water.

Molar mass of KI = 39 + 127 = 166

$$\text{Molality} = \frac{20/166}{80} \times 1000 = \mathbf{1.51\ m}$$

$$\text{Volume of solution} = \frac{100}{1.202} = 83.19\ \text{mL}$$

$$\text{Molarity} = \frac{20/166}{83.19} \times 1000 = \mathbf{1.45\ M}$$

4. (*c*)
$$\pi = \frac{w_B}{M_B}\frac{RT}{V}$$
$$= \frac{1.5}{185000} \times \frac{0.0821 \times 310}{500/1000}$$
$$= \mathbf{4.13 \times 10^{-4}\ atm}$$

7. (*c*) Moles of NaCl $= \frac{11.7}{58.5}$

$$\text{Molarity} = \frac{11.7}{58.5 \times 2} = 0.1\ \text{M}$$

8. (*c*) *Refer Solved Example 32 (Page 37)*
9. *Refer Solved Example 37 (Page 40)*
10. *Refer Solved Example 44 (Page 44)*
11. $\pi = cRT$

$2.45 = c \times 0.0821 \times 300$

$$c = \frac{2.45}{0.0821 \times 300} = 0.099\ \text{mol L}^{-1}$$

12. *(a) Refer Solved Example 56 (Page 52)*
14. *(b) Refer Solution to Practice Problem 26 (Page 69)*
15. *(b) Refer Solved Example 55 (Page 52).*

Or

Refer Solved Example 40 (Page 41).

16. *(b) Refer Solution to Practice Problem, 61. (Page 71)*

Or

Refer Solved Example 41 (Page 41).

17. *Refer Solution to Practice Problem 62 (Page 72)*
18. *Refer Solution to Practice Problem 57 (Page 71)*

Or

Refer Solved Example 12 (Page 9)

19. (*a*) *Refer Solution to Practice Problem 59 (Page 71)*

Or

(*b*) *Refer Solution to Practice Problem 41 (Page 70)*

Numerical Problems

◆ **1.** (*i*) Wt. of 1000 mL of $Na_2S_2O_3$ solution = 1.25 × 1000 = 1250 g

Molar mass of $Na_2S_2O_3$ = 23 × 2 + 32 × 2 + 16 × 3 = 158

Wt. of $Na_2S_2O_3$ in 1000 mL of M solution = 3 × 158 = 474 g

Now, 1250 g of solution contain = 474 g $Na_2S_2O_3$

$\therefore$ % by weight of sod. thiosulphate $= \frac{474}{1250} \times 1000$

$= \mathbf{37.92\%}$.

(*ii*) Wt. of $Na_2S_2O_3$ present in 100 g of solution = 37.92 g

Wt. of water present = 100 − 37.92 = 62.08 g

$$\text{Moles of } Na_2S_2O_3 = \frac{37.92}{158} = 0.24$$

$$\text{Moles of water} = \frac{62.08}{18} = 3.45$$

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$\therefore$ Mole fraction of $Na_2S_2O_3 = \frac{0.24}{0.24 + 3.45} = \mathbf{0.065.}$

(*iii*) 62.08 g of water contain = 0.24 moles of $Na_2S_2O_3$

Molality of solution $= \frac{0.24}{62.08} \times 1000 = \mathbf{3.865\ m.}$

Since 1 mole of $Na_2S_2O_3$ contains 2 moles of Na^+ and 1 mole of $S_2O_3^{2-}$

$\therefore$ Molality of $Na^+ = 2 \times 3.865 = \mathbf{7.730}$

Similarly, Molality of $S_2O_3^{2-} = 1 \times 3.865 = \mathbf{3.865}$

♦ **2.** Osmotic pressure, $\pi = cRT$ or $c = \frac{\pi}{RT}$

$$c = \frac{2.0}{0.0821 \times 300} = 0.0812\ \text{mol L}^{-1}$$

Since density of water is 1.0 g cm^{-3}, the molarity of aqueous solution may be taken equal to molality.

$\therefore$ Molality of solution = 0.0812 m

Now, $\Delta T_f = K_f \times m$

$= 1.86 \times 0.0812 = 0.151$

Freezing point of solution

$= 0 - 0.151 = \mathbf{-0.151.}$

♦ **3.** The observed molecular mass can be calculated from the reaction :

$$M_B = \frac{K_f \times 1000 \times w_B}{w_A \times \Delta T_f}$$

0.01 m aqueous solution means 0.01 mole or 0.01 × 142 (mol. wt. of Na_2SO_4 = 142) g of sodium sulphate are dissolved in 1000 g of water.

$w_B = 1.42$ g, $w_A = 1000$ g, $\Delta T_f = 0.0284$

$$M_B \text{ (observed)} = \frac{1.86 \times 1000 \times 1.42}{1000 \times 0.0284} = 93$$

$$\text{Vant' Hoff factor, } i = \frac{\text{Normal mol. mass}}{\text{Observed mol. mass}}$$

$$i = \frac{142}{93} = 1.53$$

Degree of dissociation can be calculated as :

$$Na_2SO_4 \rightleftharpoons 2N^+ + SO_4^{2-}$$

Initial moles	1	0	0
After dissociation	1 – α	2 α	α

Total number of moles after dissociation

$= 1 - \alpha + 2\alpha + \alpha = 1 + 2\alpha$

$$i = \frac{\text{Moles after dissociation}}{\text{Normal moles}}$$

$$i = \frac{1 + 2\alpha}{1} = 1.53$$

$\therefore$ $\frac{1 + 2\alpha}{1} = 1.53$

or $2\alpha = 1.53 - 1 = 0.53$

$\alpha = 0.53/2 = 0.256$

$\therefore$ Degree of dissociation = **26.5%.**

♦ **4.** $M_B = \frac{K_f \times w_B \times 1000}{w_A \times \Delta T_f}$

$K_f = 1.86$, $w_B = 2.4$ g, $w_A = 100$ g

$\Delta T_f = 0 - (-0.744) = 0.744$

$$M_B = \frac{1.80 \times 2.4 \times 1000}{100 \times 0.744} = \mathbf{60}$$

Now, osmotic pressure

$$\pi = \frac{w_B \pi RT}{M_B V}$$

$$\pi = \frac{2.4 \times 82.1 \times 293}{60 \times 1000} = \mathbf{9.622\ atm.}$$

♦ **5.** $\Delta T_b = \frac{K_b \times 1000 \times w_B}{w_A \times M_B}$

$\Delta T_b = 100.42 - 100 = 0.42$, $w_A = 500$ g,

$K_b = 0.512$ K kg mol^{-1}, $M_B = 92$, $w_B = ?$

$$0.42 = \frac{0.512 \times 1000 \times w_B}{500 \times 92}$$

$$w_B = \frac{0.42 \times 500 \times 92}{0.512 \times 1000} = \mathbf{37.73\ g.}$$

♦ **6.** $\Delta T_b = \frac{K_b \times w_B \times 1000}{w_A \times M_B} = \frac{0.52 \times 0.52 \times 1000}{80.2 \times 180}$

$= \mathbf{0.019.}$

Boiling point of solution = 100 + 0.019 = **100.019 °C.**

♦ **7.** $M_B = \frac{K_f \times 1000 \times w_B}{w_A \times \Delta T_f}$

$K_f = 1.86$ Km^{-1}, $w_B = 9$ g, $w_A = 100$ g

$\Delta T_f = 0.93$ K

$\therefore$ $M_B = \frac{1.86 \times 1000 \times 9}{100 \times 0.93}$

$= \mathbf{180\ g\ mol^{-1}}$

♦ **8.** (*a*) Moles of KCl $= \frac{7.45}{74.5} = 0.1$

(Molar mass of KCl = 39 + 35.5 = 74.5)

Moles of water $= \frac{100}{18} = 5.56$

Mole fraction of KCl $= \frac{0.1}{0.1 + 5.56} = \mathbf{0.0177.}$

(*b*) $w_B = 9.0$ g, $w_A = 100$ g, $\Delta T_f = 0.93°$ $M_B = 342$

$$\Delta T_f = \frac{K_f \times 1000 \times w_B}{w_A \times M_B}$$

or $K_f = \frac{\Delta T_f \times w_A \times M_B}{1000 \times w_B} = \frac{0.93 \times 100 \times 342}{1000 \times 9.0}$

$= \mathbf{3.53\ Km^{-1}.}$

♦ **9.** $NaCl \longrightarrow Na^+ + Cl^-$

$i = 2$

$\Delta T_b = i \times K_b \times m$

$= 2 \times (0.52\ Km^{-1}) \times (1\ m)$

$= 1.04$ K

Boiling point of solution = 373 + 1.04 = **374.04 K**

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♦ **10.** Concentration of solution = $\frac{5\text{ g}}{100\text{ mL}}$

$$\pi = \frac{w_B RT}{M_B V_B}$$

$$= \frac{5 \times 0.0821 \times 273}{60 \times 100/1000}$$

$$= \mathbf{18.68\ atm}$$

♦ **11.** $$M_B = \frac{K_b \times 1000 \times w_B}{w_A \times \Delta T_B}$$

$K_b = 0.52\ \text{Km}^{-1}$, $w_B = 1.3$ g, $w_A = 169$ g

$\Delta T_b = 100.025 - 100 = 0.025$ K

$$M_B = \frac{0.52 \times 1000 \times 1.3}{169 \times 0.025}$$

$$= 160\ \text{g mol}^{-1}$$

♦ **12.** $$M_B = \frac{K_b \times 1000 \times w_B}{w_A \times \Delta T_b}$$

$w_B = 4.2$ g, $w_A = 50$ g, $\Delta T_b = 1.8$ K

$K_f = 1.71\ \text{Km}^{-1}$

$$M_B = \frac{1.71 \times 1000 \times 4.2}{50 \times 1.8}$$

$$= \mathbf{79.8\ g\ mol^{-1}}$$

♦ **13.** $$\Delta T_b = \frac{K_b \times w_b \times 1000}{M_B \times w_A}$$

$$= \frac{0.52 \times 0.6 \times 1000}{60 \times 100}$$

$$= 0.052°$$

Boiling point of solution = 100 + 0.052 = **100.052°C**
or 273.15 + 100.052 = 373.202 K

♦ **14.** $$\frac{p_A^\circ - p_A}{p_A^\circ} = x_B = \frac{w_B \times M_A}{M_B \times w_A}$$

$$\frac{2.0 - 1.5}{2.0} = \frac{4 \times 80}{M_B \times 40}$$

$$\frac{0.5}{2.0} = \frac{4 \times 80}{M_B \times 40}$$

$$M_B = \frac{4 \times 80 \times 2.0}{0.5 \times 40} = \mathbf{32\ g\ mol^{-1}}$$

♦ **15.** $$\Delta T_b = \frac{K_b \times w_B \times 1000}{M_B \times w_A}$$

$$= \frac{0.52 \times 1.8 \times 1000}{180 \times 100}$$

$$= 0.052°$$

Boiling point of solution = 373.15 + 0.052 = 373.202 K.

♦ **16.** $\Delta T_f = K_f \times m$

$= 5.12 \times 0.1 = 0.512$ K

Observed $\Delta T_f = 0.256$ K

Van't Hoff factor, $i = \frac{\text{Observed freezing point depression}}{\text{Calculated freezing point depression}}$

$$= \frac{0.256}{0.512} = 0.5$$

Since 'i' is less than one, this means that CH_3COOH undergoes association in benzene. The value 0.5 indicates that the number of particles become half and therefore, CH_3COOH dimerises in benzene.

♦ **17.** *Refer Solved Example 47 (page 44)*

♦ **18.** $$\Delta T_f = \frac{K_f \times 1000 \times w_B}{w_A \times M_B}$$

$$\frac{1.86 \times 1000 \times 54}{250 \times 180} = 2.23°$$

Freezing point of solution = 0 – 2.23

$$= \mathbf{-2.23°C}$$

♦ **19.** $$M_B = \frac{K_b \times 1000 \times w_B}{w_A \times \Delta T_b}$$

$$= \frac{2.02 \times 1000 \times 8}{100 \times 1.26} = \mathbf{128.25\ g\ mol^{-1}}$$

♦ **20.** $$\pi = cRT = \frac{w_2}{M_2 V} RT \quad \text{or} \quad M_2 = \frac{w_2 RT}{\pi V}$$

$w_2 = 100 \times 10^{-3}$ g, R = 0.0821 L atm mol^{-1} K^{-1}

T = 298 K

$$\pi = \frac{13.3}{760}\text{ atm}, \quad V = \frac{10}{1000}\text{ L}$$

$$M_2 = \frac{(100 \times 10^{-3} g) \times (0.0821\text{ L atm mol}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}) \times (298\text{K})}{\left(\frac{13.3}{760}\text{atm}\right) \times \left(\frac{10}{1000}\text{L}\right)}$$

$$= \mathbf{13980.45\ g\ mol^{-1}.}$$

♦ **21.** *Refer Solution to Practice Problem 63 (page 72).*

♦ **22.** *Refer Solution to Practice Problem 60 (page 71).*

♦ **23.** Lowering in freezing point, $\Delta T_f = 7.50°C$

$K_f = 1.86°C/m$

Mass of water, $w_A = 65.0$ g

Molar mass of NaCl, $M_B = 58.5$

Van't Hoff factor, $i = 1.87$, Mass of NaCl, $w_B = ?$

$$\Delta T_f = \frac{i K_f \times 1000 \times w_B}{w_A \times M_B}$$

$$\text{or } w_B = \frac{\Delta T_f \times w_A \times M_B}{i \times K_f \times 1000}$$

$$= \frac{7.50 \times 65.0 \times 58.5}{1.87 \times 1.86 \times 1000} = \mathbf{8.20\ g.}$$

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Additional Useful Information and Objective Questions

ADDITIONAL USEFUL INFORMATION

Relation between molarity (M) and molality (m)

Molarity (M) means that M moles of the solute are present in 1000 mL of the solution. If density of the solution is ρ g cm^{-3}, then

Mass of solution = 1000 ρ

Mass of solute = MM_2 (M_2 is the molar mass of solute)

$\therefore$ Mass of solvent = $1000\ \rho - MM_2$

$$\therefore \quad \text{Molality} = \frac{M}{1000\rho - MM_2} \times 1000 = \frac{1000\ M}{1000\rho - MM_2}$$

or $$m = \frac{M}{\rho - \frac{MM_2}{1000}}$$

or $$\frac{1}{m} = \frac{\rho - \frac{MM_2}{1000}}{M}$$

$$\frac{1}{m} = \frac{\rho}{M} - \frac{MM_2}{1000}$$

$$\frac{\rho}{M} = \frac{1}{m} + \frac{MM_2}{1000}$$

Relation between molality (m) and mole fraction(x_2)

Molality means moles of solute in 1000 g of the solvent.

Moles of solvent = $\frac{1000}{M_1}$ (M_1 is molar mass of solvent)

Moles of solute = m

Mole fraction (x_2) = $\frac{m}{m + \frac{1000}{M_1}}$

$$\therefore \quad x_2 = \frac{mM_1}{mM_1 + 1000}$$

or $$\frac{1}{x_2} = \frac{mM_1 + 1000}{mM_1} = 1 + \frac{1000}{mM_1}$$

or $$\frac{1000}{mM_1} = \frac{1}{x_2} - 1 = \frac{1 - x_2}{x_2} = \frac{x_1}{x_2}$$

$$\therefore \quad m = \frac{1000\ x_2}{x_1 M_1}$$

Relation between molarity (M) and mole fraction(x_2)

Molarity (M) means that M moles of solute are present in 1000 mL of solution. If ρ is the density of the solution, then mass of solution is 1000 ρ. Mass of solute = MM_2 (M_2 is the molar mass of solute).

Mass of solvent = $1000\ \rho - MM_2$

Moles of solvent = $\frac{1000\ \rho - MM_2}{M_1}$

(M_1 is molar mass of solvent)

Mole fraction, x_2 = $\frac{\frac{M}{1000\ \rho - MM_2}}{\frac{M_1}{} + M}$

$$= \frac{MM_1}{(1000\ \rho - MM_2) + MM_1}$$

$$= \frac{MM_1}{M(M_1 - M_2) + 1000\ \rho}$$

or $$x_2 = \frac{MM_1}{M(M_1 - M_2) + 1000\ \rho}$$

Rearranging

$$M(M_1 - M_2)x_2 + 1000\ \rho x_2 = MM_1$$

or $$MM_1 - MM_1x_2 + MM_2x_2 = 1000\ \rho x_2$$

$$MM_1\ (1 - x_2) + MM_2x_2 = 1000\ \rho x_2$$

$$MM_1x_1 + MM_2x_2 = 1000\ \rho x_2$$

$$M(M_1x_1 + M_2x_2) = 1000\ \rho x_2$$

$$\therefore \quad M = \frac{1000\ \rho x_2}{x_1M_1 + x_2M_2}$$

Note : If molarity (M) is in mol/litre and density, ρ is in kg/L and molality m is in mol/kg of solvent then 1000 will be replaced by 1 in the above relations.

AZEOTROPES – BOILING POINT DIAGRAMS

Some liquids on mixing form azeotropes which are binary mixtures having same composition in liquid and vapour phase and boil at constant temperature. In such cases, it is not possible to separate the components by fractional distillation. There are two types of azeotropes called *minimum boiling azeotropes and maximum boiling azeotropes*.

(*i*) Minium boiling azeotropes: In case of solutions showing very large positive deviations from Raoult's law, there is a maximum in the vapour pressure curve which is above the vapour pressure of either of the pure components. For one of the intermediate composition, the total vapour pressure of such a solution will be the highest and the boiling point will be the lowest (because higher the vapour pressure, lower is the boiling point). At this point, the composition of liquid and vapour phase is same and the liquid mixture boils at constant temperature and remains unchanged in composition. Therefore, this liquid mixture distils over as if it is a *pure liquid*. The solution acquires the the property of boiling at constant temperature and remains unchanged in composition. These types of solutions are called **minimum boiling azeotropes**.

For example, ethanol and water form minimum

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boiling azeotrope. In this boiling point diagram (Fig. 1), we indicate the composition of the vapour phase by the upper curve and composition of the liquid phase by the lower curve. As shown in Fig. 1, the boiling point diagram shows an azeotropic composition at $x(H_2O)$ = 0.056 and $x(C_2H_5OH)$ = 0.944 at a temperature of 351 K (or 78°C) which is lower than that of pure ethanol 351.5 K (or 78.5°C) and water 373 K (or 100°C).

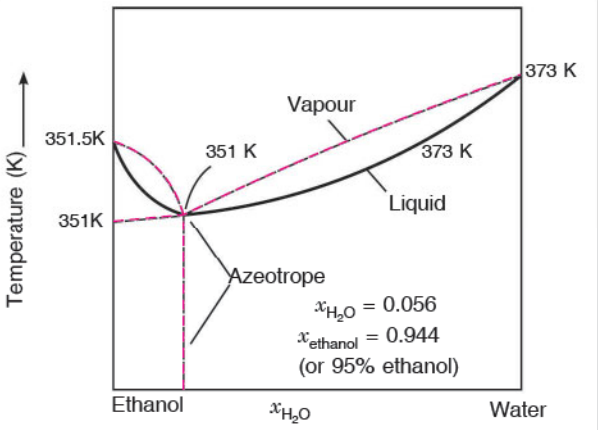


Fig. 1. Boiling point diagram for ethanol-water mixtures showing azeotrope.

***(ii)* Maximum boiling azeotropes:** In the case of solutions showing negative deviations, total vapour pressure becomes less than the corresponding ideal solution of same composition (because lower the vapour pressure, higher is the boiling point). The boiling points of such solutions are increased because lower the vapour pressure, higher is the boiling point). For one of the intermediate composition, the total vapour pressure will be the least and the boiling point will be the highest (Fig. 2). At this composition, the solution also boils at constant temperature without a change in composition. These types of solution are called **maximum boiling azeotropes**.

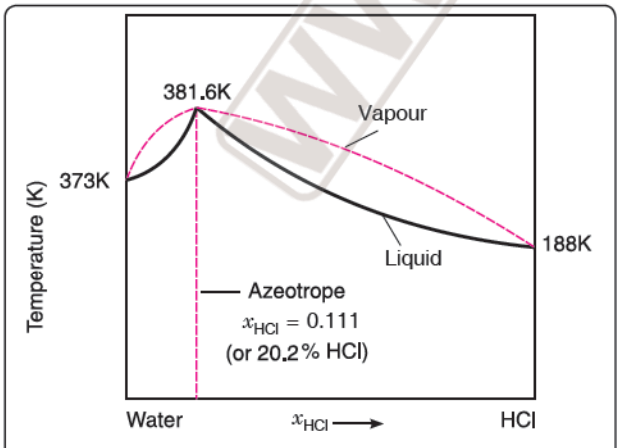


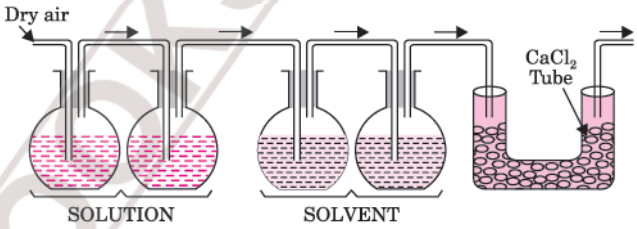
Fig. 2. Boiling point diagram for HCl water mixture.

For example, hydrochloric acid and water form maximum boiling point azeotrope at the composition x (H_2O) = 0.889 and x (HCl) = 0.111 (or 20.2% HCl) which boils at 381.6 K (or 108.6°C) which has higher value than that of pure water and HCl as shown in Fig. 2.

MEASUREMENT OF RELATIVE LOWERING IN VAPOUR PRESSURE

In this method, a stream of dry and pure air is passed through bulbs containing solution and then through bulbs containing pure solvent and finally through U-tubes containing calcium chloride (if solvent is water).

As the dry air passes through the solution, it becomes saturated upto the vapour pressure of the solution or the solvent. The actual loss of vapours from the bulbs is obtained by weighing them before and after the air has been passed through them.



The loss of water from the solution and the solvent is noted. These are proportional to p_A and $p_A^\circ - p_A$ respectively. *i.e.*,

Loss in weight of solution bulb $\propto$ vap. pressure of the solution (p_A).

Loss in weight of solvent bulb $\propto$ vap. pressure of solvent –vap. pressure of solution ($p_A^\circ - p_A$).

From this relative lowering in vapour pressure can be calculated. This method is known as **Ostwald Walker dynamic method**.

Illustration: A current of dry air was passed through a solution of 13.4 g of non-volatile substance 'S' in 100 g of water and then through water alone. The loss in weight of the former was 1.02 g and that of the latter was 0.05 g. Calculate

(*i*) mole fraction of the solute in the solution

(*ii*) molecular mass of the solute.

Solution: Loss in weight of solution $\propto p_A$ = 1.02 g

Loss in weight of solvent (water) $\propto p_A^\circ - p_A$

= 0.05 g

$$p_A^\circ = (p_A^\circ - p_A) + p_A = 0.05 + 1.02$$

= 1.07 g

$$\frac{p_A^\circ - p_A}{p_A^\circ} = \frac{0.05}{1.07} = 0.0467$$

$$\therefore \quad x_2 = 0.0467$$

$$\text{Now} \quad \frac{p_A^\circ - p_A}{p_A^\circ} = \frac{n_2}{n_1} = \frac{w_2 / M_2}{w_1 / M_1}$$

$$= 0.0467$$

$$\text{or} \quad \frac{13.4 / M_2}{100 / 18} = 0.0467$$

$$\text{or} \quad M_2 = \frac{13.4 \times 18}{100 \times 0.0467}$$

$$= \mathbf{51.65\ g\ mol^{-1}}.$$

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OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTIONS

Multiple Choice Questions *M. C. Q.*

A Topicwise MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS *with only one correct answer*

Types of Solutions and Expressing their Concentrations

A1. An aqueous solution containing 6 g of urea in 500 mL of solution has a density equal to 1.05. If the molar mass of urea is 60, then the molality of solution is :
(*a*) 0.20 (*b*) 0.19 (*c*) 0.10 (*d*) 1.2.

A2. 2.5 litre of 1 M NaOH solution are mixed with another 3 litre of 0.5 M NaOH solution. Then the molarity of the resulting solution is
(*a*) 0.80 M (*b*) 0.1 M
(*c*) 0.73 M (*d*) 0.50 M

A3. The volume of 4N HCl and 10 N HCl required to make 1 litre of 6N HCl are
(*a*) 0.75 litre of 4 N HCl and 0.25 litre of 10 N HCl
(*b*) 0.25 litre of 4 N HCl and 0.75 litre of 10 N HCl
(*c*) 0.67 litre of 4 N HCl and 0.33 litre of 10 N HCl
(*d*) 0.50 litre of 4 N HCl and 0.20 litre of 10 N HCl

A4. The mole fraction of methanol in its 4.5 molal aqueous solution is
(*a*) 0.250 (*b*) 0.125
(*c*) 0.100 (*d*) 0.075

A5. Density of 3M NaCl solution is 1.28 g/cc. The molality of the solution is
(*a*) 2.79 molal (*b*) 0.279 molal
(*c*) 1.279 molal (*d*) 3.85 molal

A6. The mole fraction of solute in 2.5 m aqueous solution is
(*a*) 0.045 (*b*) 0.043
(*c*) 0.86 (*d*) 0.25

A7. Battery acid is 4.27M H_2SO_4 (*aq*) and has the density of 1.25 g mL^{-1}. The molality of H_2SO_4 in the solution is
(*a*) 3.416 m (*b*) 3.342 m
(*c*) 5.135 m (*d*) 2.135 m

A8. A 7M solution of potassium hydroxide (KOH) in water contains 40% by weight of KOH. The density of the solution is
(*a*) 1.96 (*b*) 1.28
(*c*) 0.49 (*d*) 0.98

A9. What volume of 12M and 4M HCl must be mixed to prepare 1000 mL of 6M HCl?
(*a*) 200, 800 (*b*) 700, 300
(*c*) 250, 750 (*d*) 400, 600

A10. The volume of 80% sulphuric acid (H_2SO_4) by weight (density = 1.80 g mL^{-1}) required to prepare 1L of 0.2 M H_2SO_4 is
(*a*) 14.7 mL (*b*) 29.4 mL
(*c*) 6.8 mL (*d*) 13.60 mL

Solubility, Vapour Pressure of Liquid Solutions, Ideal and Non-ideal Solutions

A11. The vapour pressure pure liquid 'A' is 70 torr at 27°C. It forms an ideal solution with another liquid B. The mole fraction of B in the solution is 0.2 and total pressure of solution is 84 torr at 27°C. The vapour pressure of pure liquid B at 27°C is :
(*a*) 14 torr (*b*) 56 torr (*c*) 140 torr (*d*) 70 torr.

A12. Which of the following plots represents the behaviour of an ideal binary liquid solution?
(*a*) plot of $1/p_{total}$ vs y_A is linear (mol fraction of A in vapour phase)
(*b*) plot of p_{total} vs y_B is linear
(*c*) plot of p_{total} vs y_A is linear
(*d*) plot of $1/p_{total}$ vs y_B is non-linear

A13. The vapour pressure of a solution prepared by dissolving 1 mol of liquid A and 2 mol of liquid B has been found to be 38 torr. The vapour pressure of pure A and pure B are 45 and 36 torr respectively. The solution
(*a*) shows negative deviation
(*b*) is a minimum boiling azeotrope
(*c*) is an ideal solution
(*d*) has ΔH_{mixing} positive

A14. Which pair will not form an ideal solution ?
(*a*) C_2H_5Br and C_2H_5I (*b*) C_6H_5Br and C_6H_5I
(*c*) C_6H_6 and $C_6H_5CH_3$ (*d*) C_2H_5I and C_2H_5OH

A15. When a gas is bubbled through water at 298 K, a very dilute solution of the gas is obtained. Henry's law constant for the gas at 298 K is 100 kbar. If the gas exerts a partial pressure of 1 bar, the number of millimoles of the gas dissolved in one litre of water is
(*a*) 0.555 (*b*) 5.55
(*c*) 0.0555 (*d*) 55.5

A16. The partial pressure of oxygen in air is 0.2 atm. What is the concentration of dissolved oxygen in water in equilibrium with air at 25°C? (K_H for oxygen at 25°C is 4.34×10^4 atm)
(*a*) 2.56×10^{-4} M (*b*) 3.68×10^{-6} M
(*c*) 4.26×10^{-4} M (*d*) 2.96×10^{-6} M

Answers

A1. (*b*) **A2.** (*c*) **A3.** (*c*) **A4.** (*d*) **A5.** (*a*) **A6.** (*b*) **A7.** (*c*) **A8.** (*d*) **A9.** (*c*) **A10.** (*d*)
A11. (*c*) **A12.** (*a*) **A13.** (*a*) **A14.** (*d*) **A15.** (*a*) **A16.** (*a*)

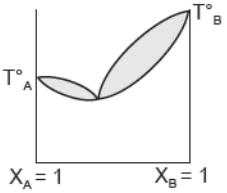
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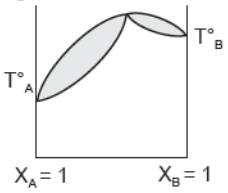
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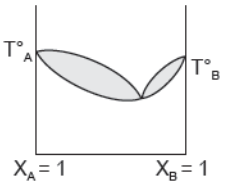
A17. The vapour pressure of pure components X and Y are 200 torr and 100 torr respectively. Assuming a solution of these components obeys Raoult's law, the mole fraction of component X in the vapour phase in equilibrium with a solution containing equimoles of X and Y is
(*a*) 0.22 (*b*) 0.33
(*c*) 0.50 (*d*) 0.67

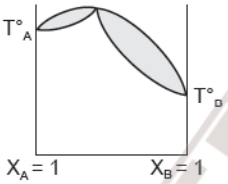
A18. If the ratio of vapour pressure of pure liquids A and B is 1 : 2 and their mole fraction in solution is 1:2, then mole fraction of B in vapours is
(*a*) 0.25 (*b*) 0.80
(*c*) 0.56 (*d*) 0.20

A19. Two completely miscible liquids A and B form an azeotropic mixture having maximum vapour pressure. If the liquid A is more volatile, then which of the following respresents the boiling point-composition graph?

(*a*) 

(*b*) 

(*c*) 

(*d*) 

A20. Two liquids P and Q have vapour pressures 450 and 200 torr respectively at certain temperature. In an ideal solution of the two, the mole fraction of P at which two liquids have equal partial pressures is
(*a*) 0.80 (*b*) 0.308
(*c*) 0.444 (*d*) 0.154

Colligative Properties

A21. A solution of solute X in benzene boils at 0.126°C higher than benzene. What is the molality of the solution ? (K_b for benzene = 2.52 K/m)
(*a*) 0.05 (*b*) 2 (*c*) 1 (*d*) 20.

A22. The osmotic pressure of 0.2 molar solution of urea at 27°C (R = 0.082 litre atm mol^{-1} K^{-1}) is :
(*a*) 4.92 atm (*b*) 1 atm (*c*) 0.2 atm (*d*) 27 atm.

A23. A 5% solution of glucose (molar mass = 180) is isotonic with a 2.5% solution of a substance X at the same temperature. The molar mass of X is
(*a*) 360 (*b*) 180
(*c*) 90 (*d*) 45

A24. An aqueous solution containing 1 g of urea boils at 100.25°C. The aqueous solution containing 3 g of glucose in the same volume will boil at
(*a*) 100.75°C (*b*) 100.5°C
(*c*) 100°C (*d*) 100.25°C.

A25. An aqueous solution of sucrose boils at 100.01°C. The number of dextrose molecules in 100 g solution are (K_b of water = 0.50°K kg mol^{-1})
(*a*) 1.2×10^{21} (*b*) 2.0×10^{22}
(*c*) 3.0×10^{23} (*d*) 6.0×10^{11}

A26. The vapour pressure of the solvent decreased by 10 mm of Hg when a non-volatile solute was added to the solvent. The mole fraction of the solute in the solution is 0.2. What should be the mole fraction of the solvent if a decrease in vapour pressure of 20 mm of Hg is desired :
(*a*) 0.6 (*b*) 0.8 (*c*) 0.4 (*d*) 0.2

A27. Which of the following colligative property can provide molar mass of proteins (or polymers or colloids) with greater precision ?
(*a*) Relative lowering of vapour pressure ?
(*b*) Elevation of boiling point
(*c*) Depression in freezing point
(*d*) Osmotic pressure

A28. An aqueous solution of a substance X boils at 100. 512°C. The freezing point of the solution is (K_f = 1.86 Km^{-1} and K_b = 0.512 Km^{-1})
(*a*) 0.93°C (*b*) –0.93°C
(*c*) 1.86°C (*d*) –1.86°C

A29. When a non-volatile solute (A) is added to solvent (B), its vapour pressure is reduced by 10%. If molar mass of B is 30% of molar mass of A, the mass ratio of B and A is
(*a*) 0.33 (*b*) 6.0
(*c*) 3.0 (*d*) 0.66

A30. When 0.6 g of urea is dissolved in 100 g water, the solution will boil at (K_b for water = 0.52 K m^{-1} and normal boiling point of water = 100°C):
(*a*) 372.48 K (*b*) 273.52 K
(*c*) 373.052 K (*d*) 273.052 K.

Colligative Properties of Electrolytic Solutions : Abnormal Molar Masses

A31. The osmotic pressure of equimolar solutions of glucose, sodium chloride and barium chloride will be in the order :
(*a*) $BaCl_2$ > NaCl > glucose (*b*) $BaCl_2$ > glucose > NaCl
(*c*) Glucose > $BaCl_2$ > NaCl (*d*) NaCl > $BaCl_2$ > glucose.

A32. Equal weights of *m* gram of the following substances were dissolved in equal amount of water. Which of these will have highest boiling points ?
(*a*) Urea (NH_2CONH_2)
(*b*) Glucose ($C_6H_{12}0_6$)
(*c*) Sodium chloride (NaCl)
(*d*) Calcium chloride ($CaCl_2$)

Answers

A17. (*d*) **A18.** (*b*) **A19.** (*a*) **A20.** (*b*) **A21.** (*a*) **A22.** (*a*) **A23.** (*c*) **A24.** (*d*) **A25.** (*a*) **A26.** (*a*)
A27. (*d*) **A28.** (*d*) **A29.** (*c*) **A30.** (*c*) **A31.** (*a*) **A32.** (*c*)

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A33. Which one of the following pairs of solutions can be expected to be isotonic at the same temperature ?
(*a*) 0.1 M urea and 0.1 M NaCl
(*b*) 0.1 M urea and 0.1 M $MgCl_2$
(*c*) 0.1 M NaCl and 0.1 M Na_2SO_4
(*d*) 0.1 M $Ca(NO_3)_2$ and 0.1 M Na_2SO_4

A34. The Van't Hoff factor for 0.1 M $Ba(NO_3)_2$ solution is 2.74. The degree of dissociation is
(*a*) 91.3% (*b*) 87% (*c*) 100% (*d*) 74%

A35. A 0.2 molal aqueous solution of weak acid (HX) is 20% ionized. The freezing point of this solution is :
(K_f = 1.86 K kg mol^{-1} for water)
(*a*) – 0.45°C (*b*) – 0.90°C
(*c*) – 0.31°C (*d*) – 0.53°C

A36. Electrolyte A gives 3 ions and B is a non-electrolyte. If 0.1 molar solution of solute B produces an osmotic pressure *p*, then 0.05 molar solution of A will produce an osmotic pressure equal to
(*a*) *p* (*b*) 1.5 *p* (*c*) 0.5 *p* (*d*) 0.75 *p*

A37. 0.01 M solution each of urea, common salt and sodium sulphate are taken, the ratio of depression in freezing point of these solutions is
(*a*) 1 : 1 : 1 (*b*) 1 : 2 : 1
(*c*) 1 : 2 : 3 (*d*) 2 : 2 : 3

A38. Which of the following 0.10 m aqueous solution will have the lowest freezing point ?
(*a*) $Al_2(SO_4)_3$ (*b*) $C_6H_{12}O_6$
(*c*) $C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}$ (*d*) KI

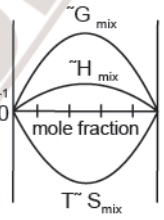
A39. In a 0.2 molal aqueous solution of a weak acid, HX, the degree of dissociation is 0.3. Taking K_f for water as 1.86, the freezing point of the solution will be nearest to
(*a*) – 0.360°C (*b*) – 0.206°C
(*c*) + 0.480°C (*d*) – 0.480°C

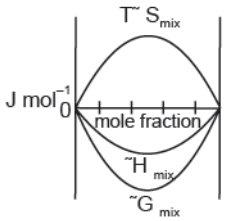
A40. Which of the following solutions are isotonic with one another ?
(1) 0.15 M urea (2) 0.05 M $CaCl_2$
(3) 0.1 M $MgSO_4$ (4) 0.15 M glucose
Select the correct answer using the codes given below :
(*a*) 1 and 4 (*b*) 2 and 3
(*c*) 1, 2 and 4 (*d*) 2, 3 and 4

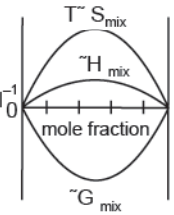
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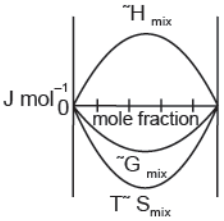
A41. Two volatile liquids A and B having vapour pressures p_A° and p°_B respectively form an ideal solution. If x_A and x_B are the mole fractons in the solution and y_A and y_B are the mole fractions in vapour phase of A and B respectively, then a plot of $1/y_A$ along *y*-axis against $1/x_A$ along *x*-axis gives a straight line. The slope of the straight line is
(*a*) p_A°/p_B° (*b*) p_B°/p_A°
(*c*) $p_A^\circ - p_B^\circ$ (*d*) $p_B^\circ - p_A^\circ$

A42. Which of the following graph represents correctly the variation in thermodynamic functions during the formation of a binary solution showing positive deviations from ideal behaviour?

(*a*)


(*b*)


(*c*)


(*d*)


A43. Dry air was passed successively through a solution of 5 g of a solute in 80 g of water and then through pure water. The loss in weight of the solution was 2.5 g and that of pure water 0.05 g. The molar mass of solute is
(*a*) 48 (*b*) 32
(*c*) 40 (*d*) 35

Answers

A33. (*d*) **A34.** (*b*) **A35.** (*a*) **A36.** (*b*) **A37.** (*c*) **A38.** (*a*) **A39.** (*d*) **A40.** (*c*) **A41.** (*b*)
A42. (*c*) **A43.** (*a*)

B MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS *from Competitive Examinations*

AIPMT & Other State Boards' Medical Entrance

B1. Concentrated aqueous sulphuric acid is 98% H_2SO_4 by mass and has a density of 1.80 g mL^{-1}. Volume of acid required to make one litre of 0.1 M H_2SO_4 is
(*a*) 5.55 mL (*b*) 11.10 mL
(*c*) 16.65 mL (*d*) 22.20 mL
(C.B.S.E. PMT. 2007)

B2. 0.5 molal aqueous solution of a weak acid is 20% ionized. If K_f for water is 1.86 K kg mol^{-1}, the lowering in freezing point of the solution is
(*a*) – 0.56 K (*b*) – 1.12 K
(*c*) 0.56 K (*d*) 1.12 K *(C.B.S.E. PMT. 2007)*

Answers

B1. (*a*) **B2.** (*d*)

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B3. A 0.0020 m aqueous solution of an ionic compound $Co(NH_3)_5(NO_2)Cl$ freezes at –0.00732°C. Number of moles of ions which 1 mol of ionic compound produces on being dissolved in water will be (K_f = 1.86°C/m)
(*a*) 3 (*b*) 4
(*c*) 1 (*d*) 2 *(C.B.S.E. PMT 2009)*

B4. 25.3 g of sodium carbonate, Na_2CO_3 is dissolved in enough water to make 250 ml of solution. If sodium carbonate dissociates completely, molar concentration of sodium ion, Na^+ and carbonate ions, CO_3^{2-} are respectively (Molar mass of Na_2CO_3 = 106 g mol^{-1}):
(*a*) 1.90 M and 1.910 M (*b*) 0.477 M and 0.0477 M
(*c*) 0.955 M and 1.910 M (*d*) 1.910 M and 0.955 M
(C.B.S.E. Med 2010)

B5. An aqueous solution is 1.00 molal in KI. Which change will cause the vapour pressure of the solution to increase ?
(*a*) addition of 1.00 molal KI (*b*) addition of water
(*c*) addition of NaCl (*d*) addition of Na_2SO_4
(C.B.S.E. Med 2010)

B6. A solution of sucrose (molar mass = 342 g mol^{-1}) has been prepared by dissolving 68.5 g of sucrose in 100 g of water. The freezing point of the solution obtained will be (K_f for water = 1.86 K kg mol^{-1}).
(*a*) + 0.372°C (*b*) – 0.570°C
(*c*) – 0.372°C (*d*) – 0.520°C
(C.B.S.E. Med. 2010)

B7. The van't Hoff factor *i* for a compound which undergoes dissociation in one solvent and association in other solvent is respectively
(*a*) less than one and greater than one
(*b*) less than one and less than one
(*c*) greater than one and less than one
(*d*) greater than one and greater than one
(C.B.S.E. P.M.T. 2011)

B8. p_A and p_B are the vapour pressure of pure liquid components, A and B, respectively of an ideal binary solution. If x_A represents the mole fraction of component A, the total pressure of the solution will be
(*a*) $p_A + x_A(p_B - p_A)$ (*b*) $p_A + x_A(p_A - p_B)$
(*c*) $p_B + x_A(p_B - p_A)$ (*d*) $p_B + x_A(p_A - p_B)$
(A.I.P.M.T. 2012)

B9. 6.02×10^{20} molecules of urea are present in 100 mL of its solution. The concentration of solution is
(*a*) 0.001 M (*b*) 0.1 M
(*c*) 0.02 M (*d*) 0.01 M *(NEET 2013)*

B10. How many grams of concentrated nitric acid solution should be used to prepare 250 mL of 2.0 M HNO_3? The concentrated acid is 70% HNO_3.
(*a*) 90.0 g conc. HNO_3 (*b*) 70.0 g conc. HNO_3
(*c*) 54.0 g conc. HNO_3 (*d*) 45.0 g conc. HNO_3
(NEET 2013)

B11. Of the following 0.10 m aqueous solutions, which one will exhibit the largest freezing point depression?
(*a*) KCl (*b*) $C_6H_{12}O_6$
(*c*) $Al_2(SO_4)_3$ (*d*) K_2SO_4
(A.I.P.M.T. 2014)

B12. The boiling point of 0.2 mol kg^{-1} solution of X in water is greater than equimolal solution of Y in water. Which one of the following statements is true in this case?
(*a*) Molecular mass of X is less than the molecular mass of Y.
(*b*) Y is undergoing dissociation in water while X undergoes no change.
(*c*) X is undergoing dissociation in water.
(*d*) Molecular mass of X is greater than the molecular mass of Y. *(A.I.P.M.T. 2015)*

B13. Which one of the following electrolytes has the same value of van't Hoff factor (*i*) as that of $Al_2(SO_4)_3$ (if all are 100% ionised)?
(*a*) $Al(NO_3)_3$ (*b*) $K_4[Fe(CN)_6]$
(*c*) K_2SO_4 (*d*) $K_3[Fe(CN)_6]$ *(A.I.P.M.T. 2015)*

B14. What is the mole fraction of the solute in a 1.00 m aqueous solution?
(*a*) 0.0354 (*b*) 0.0177
(*c*) 0.177 (*d*) 1.770 *(A.I.P.M.T. 2015)*

B15. Which of the following statement about the composition of the vapour over an ideal 1 : 1 molar mixture of benzene and toluene is correct? Assume that the temperature is constant at 25°C. (Given, vapour pressure data at 25°C, benzene = 12.8 kPa, toluene = 3.85 kPa)
(*a*) The vapour will contain equal amounts of benzene and toluene.
(*b*) Not enough information is given to make a prediction.
(*c*) The vapour will contain a higher percentage of benzene.
(*d*) The vapour will contain a higher percentage of toluene.
(NEET 2016)

B16. At 100°C the vapour pressure of a solution of 6.5 g of a solute in 100 g water is 732 mm. If K_b = 0.52 Km^{-1} the boiling point of this solution will be
(*a*) 102°C (*b*) 103C°
(*c*) 101°C (*d*) 100°C *(NEET 2016)*

B17. Which one of the following is incorrect for an ideal solution?
(*a*) $\Delta H_{mix} = 0$
(*b*) $\Delta V_{mix} = 0$
(*c*) $\Delta P = P_{obs} - P_{calculated\ by\ Raoult's\ law} = 0$
(*d*) $\Delta G_{mix} = 0$ *(NEET 2016)*

B18. The van't Hoff factor (*i*) for a dilute aqueous solution of the strong electrolyte barium hydroxide is
(*a*) 0 (*b*) 1
(*c*) 2 (*d*) 3 *(NEET 2016)*

Answers

B3. (*d*) **B4.** (*d*) **B5.** (*b*) **B6.** (*c*) **B7.** (*c*) **B8.** (*d*) **B9.** (*d*) **B10.** (*d*) **B11.** (*c*) **B12.** (*c*) **B13.** (*b*) **B14.** (*b*) **B15.** (*c*) **B16.** (*c*) **B17.** (*d*) **B18.** (*d*)

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B19. If molality of the dilute solution is doubled, the value of molal depression constant (K_f) will be
(a) halved (b) tripled
(c) unchanged (d) doubled *(NEET 2017)*

B20. Consider the following aqueous solutions and assume 100% ionization of electrolytes
(I) 0.1 m urea (II) 0.04 m $Al_2(SO_4)_3$
(III) 0.05 m $CaCl_2$ (IV) 0.005 m NaCl
The correct statement regarding the above solutions is
(a) freezing point will be lowest for solution I
(b) freezing point will be highest for solution IV
(c) vapour pressure will be highest for solution II
(d) osmotic pressure will be highest for solution III
(Kerala P.M.T. 2007)

B21. The temperature at which 10% aqueous solution (w/v) of glucose will exhibit the osmotic pressure of 16.4 atm is ($R = 0.082\ dm^3\ atm\ K^{-1}\ mol^{-1}$).
(a) 360°C (b) 180 K
(c) 90 K (d) 300 K
(e) 360 K *(Kerala P.M.T. 2008)*

B22. At 300 K the vapour pressure of an ideal solution containing 1 mole of liquid A and 2 moles of liquid B is 500 mm of Hg. The vapour pressure of the solution increases by 25 mm of Hg if one more mole of B is added to the above ideal solution at 300 K. Then vapour pressure of A in its pure state is
(a) 300 mm of Hg (b) 40 mm of Hg
(c) 500 mm of Hg (d) 600 mm of Hg
(e) 200 mm of Hg *(Kerala PMT 2009)*

B23. Henry's law constant of oxygen is 1.4×10^{-3} mol L^{-1} atm^{-1} at 298 K. How much of oxygen is dissolved in 100 mL at 298 K when the partial pressure of oxygen is 0.5 atm ?
(a) 1.4 g (b) 3.2 g
(c) 22.4 mg (d) 2.24 mg
(e) 3.2 mg *(Kerala PMT 2009)*

B24. The solubility of a gas in water at 300 K under a pressure of 100 atmospheres is 4×10^{-3} kg L^{-1}. Therefore, the mass of the gas in kg dissolved in 250 mL of water under a pressure of 250 atmospheres at 300 K is
(a) 2.5×10^{-3} (b) 2.0×10^{-3}
(c) 1.25×10^{-3} (d) 5.0×10^{-3}
(e) 3×10^{-3} *(Kerala PMT 2010)*

B25. Which one of the following statements is false?
(a) Raoult's law states that the vapour pressure of a component over a binary solution of volatile liquids is directly proportional to its mole fraction.
(b) Two sucrose solutions of the same molality prepared in different solvents will have the same depression of freezing point.
(c) The correct order of osmotic pressures of 0.01 M solution of each compound is $BaCl_2 > KCl > CH_3COOH$ > glucose.
(d) In the equation osmotic pressure p = MRT, M is the molarity of the solution.
(e) The molecular weight of NaCl determined by colligative property measurement is less than its theoretical molecular weight. *(Kerala P.M.T. 2011)*

B26. Equimolal aqueous solutions of NaCl and $BaCl_2$ are prepared. If the freezing point of NaCl is –2°C, the freezing point of $BaCl_2$ solution is expected to be
(a) –2°C (b) –3°C
(c) –1.5°C (d) – 1.66°C *(A.M.U. Med. 2013)*

B27. The degree of ionization of HF in 0.100 m aqueous solution is (freezing point of the solution = – 0.197°C and K_f for water = 1.86 °C)
(a) 6% (b) 12%
(c) 3% (d) 9%

B28. The partial pressure of nitrogen in air is 0.76 atm. and its Henry's law constant is 7.6×10^4 atm at 300 K. What is the mole fraction of N_2 in the solution obtained when air is bubbled through water at 300 K?
(a) 1×10^{-4} (b) 2×10^{-4}
(c) 1×10^{-5} (d) 2×10^{-5}
(e) 1×10^{-6} *(Kerala PMT 2014)*

B29. The experimental and calculated elevation in boiling points of an electrolyte AB in its aqueous solution at a given concentration are 0.81 K and 0.54 K respectively. The percentage ionization of the electrolyte at this concentration is
(a) 20 (b) 40
(c) 50 (d) 60
(e) 80 *(Kerala PMT 2014)*

B30. An electrolyte (AB) is 100% ionized in 10% aqueous solution. What is the osmotic pressure (atm) of a 10% solution of the electrolyte at 300 K, if molecular weight of AB is 200 g mol^{-1} ?
(a) 200 (b) 100
(c) 246 (d) 24.6

B31. The density of 2.0 M solution of a solute is 1.2 g mL^{-1}. If the molecular mass of the solute is 100 g mol^{-1}, then the molality of the solution is
(a) 2.0 m (b) 1.2 m
(c) 1.0 m (d) 0.6 m
(e) 2.4 m *(Kerala PMT 2015)*

Answers

B19. (c) **B20.** (b) **B21.** (e) **B22.** (a) **B23.** (d) **B24.** (a) **B25.** (b) **B26.** (b) **B27.** (a) **B28.** (c)
B29. (c) **B30.** (d) **B31.** (a)

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B32. The correct equation for the degree of association 'α' of an associating solute, '*n*' molecules of which undergoes association in solution, is

(*a*) $\alpha = \frac{n(i-1)}{1-n}$ (*b*) $\alpha = \frac{i(n-1)}{1+n}$

(*c*) $\alpha = \frac{i(n+1)}{1-n}$ (*d*) $\alpha = \frac{i(n+1)}{n-1}$

(*e*) $\alpha = \frac{n(1-i)}{1-n}$ *(Kerala PMT 2015)*

B33. The vapour pressure of a solvent at 293 K is 100 mm Hg. Then the vapour pressure of a solution containing 1 mole of a strong electrolyte (AB_2) in 99 moles of the solvent at 293 K is (assume complete dissociation of solute)

(*a*) 103 mm Hg (*b*) 99 mm Hg

(*c*) 97 mm Hg (*d*) 101 mm Hg

(*e*) 98 mm Hg *(Kerala PMT 2015)*

B34. The correct order of osmotic pressure of 0.01 M aqueous solution of the following is

(*a*) Sucrose > CH_3COOH > KCl

(*b*) CH_3COOH > Sucrose > KCl

(*c*) Sucrose > KCl > CH_3COOH

(*d*) KCl > Sucrose > CH_3COOH

(*e*) KCl > CH_3COOH > Sucrose *(Kerala PMT 2015)*

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B35. A 5.25% solution of a substance is isotonic with a 1.5% solution of urea (molar mass = 60 g mol^{-1}) in the same solvent. If the densities of both the solutions are assumed to be equal to 1.0 g cm^{-3}, molar mass of the substance will be

(*a*) 90.0 g mol^{-1} (*b*) 115.0 g mol^{-1}

(*c*) 105.0 g mol^{-1} (*d*) 210.0 g mol^{-1}

(A.I.E.E.E. 2007)

B36. The density (in g mL^{-1}) of a 3.60 M sulphuric acid solution that is 29% H_2SO_4 (molar mass = 98 g mol^{-1}) by mass will be

(*a*) 1.64 (*b*) 1.88

(*c*) 1.22 (*d*) 1.95 *(A.I.E.E.E. 2007)*

B37. At 80°C, the vapour pressure of pure liquid 'A' is 520 mm Hg and that of pure liquid 'B' is 1000 mm Hg. If a mixture of solution of 'A' and 'B' boils at 80° C and 1 atm pressure, the amount of 'A' in the mixture is (1atm = 760 mm Hg):

(*a*) 50 mol percent (*b*) 52 mol percent

(*c*) 34 mol percent (*d*) 48 mol percent

(A.I.E.E.E. 2008)

B38. The vapour pressure of pure water at 20°C is 17.5 mm Hg. If 18 g of glucose ($C_6H_{12}O_6$) is added to 178.2 g of water at 20°C, the vapour pressure of resulting solution will be

(*a*) 17.325 mm Hg (*b*) 17.675 mm Hg

(*c*) 15.750 mm Hg (*d*) 16.500 mm Hg

(A.I.E.E.E. 2008)

B39. Two liquids X and Y form an ideal solution. At 300 K, vapour pressure of the solution containing 1 mole of X and 3 mole of Y is 550 mm Hg. At the same temperature, if 1 mole of Y is further added to this solution, vapour pressure of the solution increases by 10 mm Hg. Vapour pressure (in mm Hg) of X and Y in their pure states will be, respectively

(*a*) 200 and 300 (*b*) 300 and 400

(*c*) 400 and 600 (*d*) 500 and 300 *(A.I.E.E.E. 2009)*

B40. If sodium sulphate is considered to be completely dissociated into cations and anions in aqueous solution, the change in freezing point of water (ΔT_f), when 0.01 mol of sodium sulphate is dissolved in 1 kg of water is (K_f = 1.86 K kg mol^{-1})

(*a*) 0.0744 K (*b*) 0.0186 K

(*c*) 0.0372 K (*d*) 0.0558 K *(A.I.E.E.E. 2010)*

B41. On mixing, heptane and octane form an ideal solution. At 373 K, the vapour pressures of the two liquid components (heptane and octane) are 105 kPa and 45 kPa respectively. Vapour pressure of the solution obtained by mixing 25.0 g of heptane and 35 g of octane will be (molar mass of heptane = 100 g mol^{-1} and of octane = 114 g mol^{-1}) :

(*a*) 96.2 kPa (*b*) 144.5 kPa

(*c*) 72.0 kPa (*d*) 36.1 kPa *(A.I.E.E.E. 2010)*

B42. A 5.2 molal aqueous solution of methyl alcohol, CH_3OH, is supplied. What is the mole fraction of methyl alcohol in the solution?

(*a*) 0.086 (*b*) 0.050

(*c*) 0.100 (*d*) 0.190 *(A.I.E.E.E. 2011)*

B43. Ethylene glycol is used as an antifreeze in a cold climate. Mass of ethylene glycol which should be added to 4 kg of water to prevent it from freezing at – 6 °C will be (K for water = 1.86 K kg mol^{-1}, and molar mass of ethylene glycol = 62 g mol^{-1})

(*a*) 400.00 g (*b*) 304.60 g

(*c*) 804.32 g (*d*) 204.30 g *(A.I.E.E.E. 2011)*

B44. The degree of dissociation (α) of a weak electrolyte, A_xB_y is related to Van't Hoff factor (*i*) by the expression :

(*a*) $\alpha = \frac{x+y-1}{i-1}$ (*b*) $\alpha = \frac{x+y+1}{i-1}$

(*c*) $\alpha = \frac{i-1}{(x+y-1)}$ (*d*) $\alpha = \frac{i-1}{x+y+1}$

(A.I.E.E.E. 2011)

Answers

B32. (*a*) **B33.** (*c*) **B34.** (*e*) **B35.** (*d*) **B36.** (*c*) **B37.** (*a*) **B38.** (*a*) **B39.** (*c*) **B40.** (*d*) **B41.** (*c*)
B42. (*a*) **B43.** (*c*) **B44.** (*c*)

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B45. The molality of a urea solution in which 0.0100 g of urea, $[(NH_2)_2CO]$ is added to 0.3000 dm^3 of water at STP is :

(*a*) 5.55×10^{-4} m (*b*) 33.3 m

(*c*) 3.33×10^{-2} m (*d*) 0.555 m *(A.I.E.E.E. 2011)*

B46. A 5% solution of cane sugar (molar mass 342) is isotonic with 1% of a solution of an unknown solute. The molar mass of unknown solute in g/mol is

(*a*) 171.2 (*b*) 68.4

(*c*) 34.2 (*d*) 136.2 *(A.I.E.E.E. 2011)*

B47. The density of a solution prepared by dissolving 120 g of urea (mol. mass = 60 u) in 1000 g of water is 1.15 g/mL. The molarity of this solution is

(*a*) 1.78 M (*b*) 1.02 M

(*c*) 2.05 M (*d*) 0.50 M *(A.I.E.E.E. 2012)*

B48. K_f for water is 1.86 K kg mol^{-1}. If your automobile radiator holds 1.0 kg of water, how many grams of ethylene glycol ($C_2H_6O_2$) must you add to get the freezing point of the solution lowered to – 2.8°C ?

(*a*) 93 g (*b*) 39 g

(*c*) 27 g (*d*) 72 g *(A.I.E.E.E. 2012)*

B49. The molarity of a solution obtained by mixing 750 mL of 0.5 M HCl with 250 mL of 2M HCl will be

(*a*) 0.875 M (*b*) 1.00 M

(*c*) 1.75 M (*d*) 0.975 M *(JEE Main 2013)*

B50. Consider separate solutions of 0.500M $C_2H_5OH_{(aq)}$, 0.100 M $Mg_3(PO_4)_{2(aq)}$, 0.250 M $KBr_{(aq)}$ and 0.125 M $Na_3PO_{4(aq)}$ at 25 °C. Which statement is true about these solutions, assuming all salts to be strong electrolytes ?

(*a*) 0.500 M $C_2H_5OH_{(aq)}$ has the highest osmotic pressure.

(*b*) They all have the same osmotic pressure.

(*c*) 0.100 M $Mg_3(PO_4)_{2(aq)}$ has the highest osmotic pressure.

(*d*) 0.125 M $Na_3PO_{4(aq)}$ has the highest osmotic pressure. *(JEE Main 2014)*

B51. The vapour pressure of acetone at 20°C is 185 torr. When 1.2 g of a non-volatile substance was dissolved in 100 g of acetone at 20°C, its vapour pressure was 183 torr. The molar mass (g mol^{-1}) of the substance is

(*a*) 128 (*b*) 488

(*c*) 32 (*d*) 64 *(JEE Main 2015)*

B52. 18 g glucose ($C_6H_{12}O_6$) is added to 178.2 g water. The vapour pressure of water (in torr) for this aqueous solution is

(*a*) 7.6 (*b*) 76.0

(*c*) 752.4 (*d*) 759.0 *(JEE Main 2016)*

B53. The freezing point of benzene decreases by 0.45°C when 0.2 g of acetic acid is added to 20 g of benzene. If acetic acid associates to form a dimer in benzene, percentage association of acetic acid in benzene will be: (K_f for benzene = 5.12 K kg mol^{-1})

(*a*) 64.6% (*b*) 80.4%

(*c*) 74.6% (*d*) 94.6% *(JEE Main 2017)*

B54. For 1 molal aqueous solution of the following compounds, which one will show the highest freezing point?

(*a*) $[Co(H_2O)_6]Cl_3$

(*b*) $[Co(H_2O)_5Cl]Cl_2.H_2O$

(*c*) $[Co(H_2O)_4Cl_2]Cl.2H_2O$

(*d*) $[Co(H_2O)_3Cl_3.]3H_2O$ *(JEE Main 2018)*

B55. Two liquids X and Y form an ideal solution. The mixture has a vapour pressure of 400 mm at 300 K when mixed in the molar ratio of 1:1 and a vapour pressure of 350 mm when mixed in the molar ratio of 1:2 at the same temperature. The vapour pressures of the two pure liquids X and Y respectively are

(*a*) 250 mm, 550 mm

(*b*) 350 mm, 450 mm

(*c*) 350 mm, 700 mm

(*d*) 500 mm, 500 mm

(*e*) 550 mm, 250 mm *(Kerala P.E.T. 2008)*

B56. A 6% solution of urea is isotonic with

(*a*) 0.05 M solution of glucose

(*b*) 6% solution of glucose

(*c*) 25% solution of glucose

(*d*) 1 M solution of glucose *(Karnataka C.E.T. 2009)*

B57. The difference between the boiling point and freezing point of an aqueous solution containing sucrose (molecular wt. = 342 g mol^{-1}) in 100 g of water is 105°C. If K_f and K_b of water are 1.86 and 0.51 K kg mol^{-1} respectively, the weight of sucrose in solution is about

(*a*) 34.2 g (*b*) 342 g

(*c*) 7.2 g (*d*) 72 g

(*e*) 68.4 g *(Kerala PET 2009)*

B58. The amount of solute (molar mass 60 g mol^{-1}) that must be added to 180 g of water so that the vapour pressure of water is lowered by 10% is

(*a*) 30 g (*b*) 60 g

(*c*) 120 g (*d*) 12 g

(*e*) 24 g *(Kerala PET 2010)*

59. A solution containing 1.8 g of a compound (empirical formula CH_2O) in 40 g of water is observed to freeze at – 0.465°C. The molecular formula of the compound is (K_f of water = 1.86 kg K mol^{-1})

(*a*) $C_2H_4O_2$ (*b*) $C_3H_6O_3$

(*c*) $C_4H_8O_4$ (*d*) $C_5H_{10}O_5$

(*e*) $C_6H_{12}O_6$ *(Kerala P.E.T. 2011)*

Answers

B45. (*a*) **B46.** (*b*) **B47.** (*c*) **B48.** (*a*) **B49.** (*a*) **B50.** (*b*) **B51.** (*d*) **B52.** (*c*) **B53.** (*d*) **B54.** (*d*)
B55. (*e*) **B56.** (*d*) **B57.** (*d*) **B58.** (*b*) **B59.** (*e*)

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B60. 58.5 g of NaCl and 180 g of glucose were separately dissolved in 1000 mL of water. Identify the correct statement regarding the elevation of boiling point (b.pt.) of the resulting solutions.
(*a*) NaCl solution will show higher elevation of b.pt.
(*b*) Glucose solution will show higher elevation of b.pt.
(*c*) Both the solutions will show equal elevation of b.pt.
(*d*) The b.pt. of elevation will be shown by neither of the solutions. *(W.B.J.E.E. 2012)*

B61. Freezing point of an aqueous solution is – 0.186°C. If the values of K_b and K_f of water are respectively 0.52 K kg mol^{-1} and 1.86 K kg mol^{-1}, then the elevation of boiling point of the solution in K is
(*a*) 0.52 (*b*) 1.04
(*c*) 1.34 (*d*) 0.134
(*e*) 0.052 *(Kerala P.E.T. 2012)*

B62. The mass of a non-volatile solute of molar mass 40 g mol^{-1} that should be dissolved in 114 g of octane to lower its vapour pressure by 20% is
(*a*) 8 g (*b*) 11.4 g
(*c*) 9.8 g (*d*) 12.8 g *(Karnataka C.E.T. 2012)*

B63. The vapour pressures of two liquids A and B in their pure states are in ratio of 1 : 2. A binary solution of A and B contains A and B in the mole proportion of 1 : 2. The mole fraction of A in the vapour phase of the solution will be
(*a*) 0.33 (*b*) 0.2
(*c*) 0.25 (*d*) 0.52 *(Karnataka C.E.T. 2012)*

B64. The measured freezing point depression for a 0.1 m aqueous CH_3COOH solution is 0.19°C. The acid dissociation constant K_a at this concentration will be (Given K_f, the molal cryoscopic constant = 1.86 K kg mol^{-1})
(*a*) 4.76×10^{-5} (*b*) 4×10^{-5}
(*c*) 8×10^{-5} (*d*) 2×10^{-5} *(W.B. JEE 2013)*

B65. The vapour pressure of pure benzene and toluene at a particular temperature are 100 mm and 50 mm respectively. Then the mole fraction of benzene in vapour phase in contact with equimolar solution of benzene and toluene is
(*a*) 0.67 (*b*) 0.75
(*c*) 0.33 (*d*) 0.50
(*e*) 0.20 *(Kerala P.E.T. 2013)*

B66. An aqueous solution containing 3 g of a solute of molar mass 111.6 g mol^{-1} in a certain mass of water freezes at –0.125 °C. The mass of water in grams present in the solution is (K_f = 1.86 K kg mol^{-1})
(*a*) 300 (*b*) 600
(*c*) 500 (*d*) 400
(*e*) 250 *(Kerala PET 2014)*

B67. A solution of 1.25 g of P in 50 g of water lowers freezing point by 0.3 °C. Molar mass of P is 94 and K_f (water) = 1.86 K kg mol^{-1}. The degree of association of P if it forms dimers in water is
(*a*) 80% (*b*) 60%
(*c*) 65% (*d*) 75%
(Karnataka CET 2014)

B68. Van't Hoff factor of centimolal solution of $K_3[Fe(CN)_6]$ is 3.333. Calculate the per cent dissociation of $K_3[Fe(CN)_6]$.
(*a*) 33.33 (*b*) 0.78
(*c*) 78 (*d*) 23.33 *(MH-CET 2015)*

B69. After adding non-volatile solute freezing point of water decreases to –0.186°C. Calculate ΔT_b if K_f = 1.86 K kg mol^{-1} and K_b = 0.521 K kg mol^{-1}
(*a*) 0.0521 K (*b*) 0.0186 K
(*c*) 0.521 K (*d*) 1.86 K
(Karnataka CET 2015)

B70. 0.06% (w/v) aqueous solution of urea is isotonic with
(*a*) 0.6% glucose solution (*b*) 0.1 M glucose solution
(*c*) 0.06% glucose solution (*d*) 0.01 M glucose solution
(Karnataka CET 2015)

B71. Which of the following aqueous solutions has the highest freezing point?
(*a*) 0.01 m NaCl (*b*) 0.01 m Na_2SO_4
(*c*) 0.1 m Sucrose (*d*) 0.1 m NaCl
(Karnataka CET 2015)

B72. A solution containing 2.44 g of solute dissolved in 75 g of water boiled at 100.413°C. What will be the molar mass of the solute? (K_b for water = 0.52 K kg mol^{-1})
(*a*) 40.96 g mol^{-1} (*b*) 20.48 g mol^{-1}
(*c*) 81.92 g mol^{-1} (*d*) None of these *(A.M.U. 2015)*

B73. If P° and P are the vapour pressures of the pure solvent and solution and n_1 and n_2 are the moles of solute and solvent respectively in the solution, then the correct relation between P and P° is
(*a*) $P^\circ = P\left[\frac{n_1}{n_1+n_2}\right]$ (*b*) $P^\circ = P\left[\frac{n_2}{n_1+n_2}\right]$
(*c*) $P = P^\circ\left[\frac{n_2}{n_1+n_2}\right]$ (*d*) $P = P^\circ\left[\frac{n_1}{n_1+n_2}\right]$ *(WB JEE 2016)*

B74. Calculate the molality of a solution that contains 51.2 g of naphthalene, ($C_{10}H_8$) in 500 mL of carbon tetrachloride. The density of CCl_4 is 1.60 g/mL.
(*a*) 0.250 m (*b*) 0.500 m
(*c*) 0.750 m (*d*) 0.840 m
(*e*) 1.69 m *(Kerala PET 2016)*

B75. 31 g of ethylene glycol ($C_2H_6O_2$) is mixed with 500 g of solvent (K_f of the solvent is 2 K kg mol^{-1}). What is the freezing point of the solution in K? (freezing point of solvent = 273 K).
(*a*) 272 (*b*) 271
(*c*) 270 (*d*) 274
(*e*) 275 *(Kerala PET 2016)*

Answers

B60. (*a*) **B61.** (*e*) **B62.** (*a*) **B63.** (*b*) **B64.** (*b*) **B65.** (*a*) **B66.** (*d*) **B67.** (*a*) **B68.** (*b*) **B69.** (*a*)
B70. (*d*) **B71.** (*a*) **B72.** (*a*) **B73.** (*c*) **B74.** (*b*) **B75.** (*b*)

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B76. Osmotic pressure of the solution can be increased by
(*a*) increasing the temperature of the solution
(*b*) decreasing the temperature of the solution
(*c*) increasing the volume of the vessel
(*d*) diluting the solution. *(Karnatka C.E.T. 2016)*

B77. The molarity of 3 M solution of methanol if the density of the solution is 0.9 g cm^{-3} is
(*a*) 3.73 (*b*) 3.0
(*c*) 3.33 (*d*) 3.1
(*e*) 3.2 *(Kerala PET 2017)*

B78. The freezing point of equimolal aqueous solutions will be highest for
(*a*) $C_6H_5NH_3Cl$ (*b*) $AgNO_3$
(*c*) $Ca(NO_3)_2$ (*d*) $La(NO_3)_3$
(*e*) D-fructose *(Kerala PET 2017)*

B79. Assuming the compounds to be completely dissociated in aqueous solution, identify the pair of the solutions that can be expected to be isotonic at the same temperature.
(*a*) 0.01 M Urea and 0.01 M NaCl
(*b*) 0.02 M NaCl and 0.01 M Na_2SO_4
(*c*) 0.03 M NaCl and 0.02 M $MgCl_2$
(*d*) 0.01 M Sucrose and 0.02 M glucose *(WB JEE 2017)*

B80. The Van't Hoff factor '*i*' accounts for
(*a*) extent of dissolution of solute
(*b*) extent of dissociation of solute
(*c*) extent of mobility of solute
(*d*) extent of solubility of solute *(Karnataka CET 2017)*

B81. What will be the percentage of dimerization of 61 g of benzoic acid in 1000 g of a solvent and producing a depression in freezing point of 2°C? Consider K_f to be 6.
(*a*) 72% (*b*) 67%
(*c*) 43% (*d*) 28% *(J.K. CET 2018)*

B82. Calculate the molarity of a solution of 30 g of $Co(NO_3)_2.6H_2O$ in 4.3 L of solution. Consider atomic mass of Co = 59u, N = 14u, O = 16u, H = 1u
(*a*) 0.023 M (*b*) 0.23 M
(*c*) 0.046 M (*d*) 0.46 M *(J.K. CET 2018)*

B83. Which of the following aqueous solution should have the highest boiling point?
(*a*) 1.0 M NaOH (*b*) 1.0 M Na_2SO_4
(*c*) 1.0 M NH_4NO_3 (*d*) 1.0 M KNO_3
(Karnataka CET 2018)

B84. Isotonic solutions are having the same
(*a*) surface tension (*b*) vapour pressure
(*c*) osmotic pressure (*d*) viscosity.
(Karnataka CET 2018)

B85. If 1 mol of NaCl solute is dissolved into 1 kg of water, at what temperature will water boil at 1.013 bar? (K_b of water is 0.52 K $kg\ mol^{-1}$).
(*a*) 373.15 K (*b*) 373.67 K
(*c*) 374.19 K (*d*) 373.19 K
(*e*) 375 K *(Kerala PET 2018)*

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B86. The elevation in boiling point of a solution of 13.44 g of $CuCl_2$ in 1 kg of water using following information will be (molecular wt. of $CuCl_2$ = 134.4, K_b = 0.52 K $molal^{-1}$).
(*a*) 0.16 (*b*) 0.05
(*c*) 0.1 (*d*) 0.2 *(I.I.T. 2005)*

B87. When 20 g of naphthoic acid ($C_{11}H_8O_2$) is dissolved in 50 g of benzene (K = 1.72 K kg mol^{-1}) a freezing point depression of 2 K is observed. The Van't Hoff factor '*i*' is
(*a*) 0.5 (*b*) 1
(*c*) 2 (*d*) 3 *(I.I.T. 2007)*

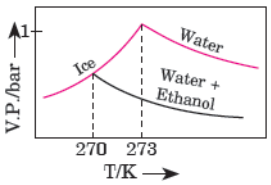
B88. The Henry's law constant for the solubility of N_2 gas in water at 298 K is 1.0×10^5 atm. The mole fraction of N_2 in air is 0.8. The number of moles of N_2 from air dissolved in 10 moles of water at 298 K and 5 atm pressure is
(*a*) 4.0×10^{-4} (*b*) 4.0×10^{-5}
(*c*) 5.0×10^{-4} (*d*) 4.0×10^{-6} *(IIT-JEE 2009)*

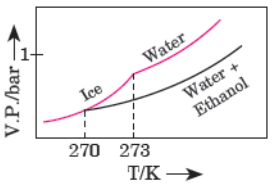
B89. Dissolving 120g of urea (mol. wt. 60) in 1000 g of water gave a solution of density 1.15 g/mL. The molarity of the solution is
(*a*) 1.78 M (*b*) 2.00 M
(*c*) 2.05 M (*d*) 2.22 M *(I.I.T. 2011)*

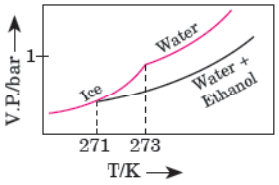
B90. The freezing point (in °C) of a solution containing 0.1 g of $K_3[Fe(CN)_6]$ (mol. wt. 329) in 100 g of water (K_f = 1.86 K $kg\ mol^{-1}$) is
(*a*) -2.3×10^{-2} (*b*) -5.7×10^{-2}
(*c*) -5.7×10^{-3} (*d*) -1.2×10^{-2} *(I.I.T. 2011)*

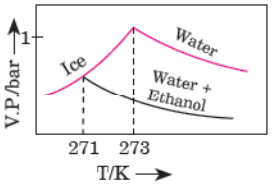
B91. For a dilute solution containing 2.5 g of a non-volatile non-electrolyte solution in 100 g of water, the elevation in boiling point at 1 atm pressure is 2°C. Assuming concentration of solute is much lower than the concentration of solvent, the vapour pressure (mm of Hg) of the solution is (take K_b = 0.76 K $kg\ mol^{-1}$)
(*a*) 724 (*b*) 740
(*c*) 736 (*d*) 718 *(I.I.T. J.E.E. 2012)*

B92. Pure water freezes at 273 K and 1 bar. The addition of 34.5 g of ethanol to 500 g of water changes the freezing point of the solution. Use the freezing point depression constant of water as 2 K $kg\ mol^{-1}$. The figures shown below represent plots of vapour pressure (V.P.) versus temperature (T).
(Molecular weight of ethanol is 46 g mol^{-1})
Among the following, the option representing change in the freezing point is

(*a*)


(*b*)


(*c*)


(*d*)


(JEE Advance 2017)

Answers

B76. (*a*) **B77.** (*a*) **B78.** (*e*) **B79.** (*c*) **B80.** (*b*) **B81.** (*b*) **B82.** (*a*) **B83.** (*b*) **B84.** (*c*) **B85.** (*c*)
B86. (*a*) **B87.** (*a*) **B88.** (*a*) **B89.** (*c*) **B90.** (*a*) **B91.** (*a*) **B92.** (*b*)

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C MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS
with more than one correct answers

C1. Colligative properties of a solution are
(*a*) independent of the nature of solute
(*b*) inversely proportional to molecular mass of solute
(*c*) proportional to concentration of solute
(*d*) independent of the amount of solvent.

C2. Non-ideal solutions showing negative deviations are:
(*a*) acetone + ethyl alcohol
(*b*) acetic acid + pyridine
(*c*) chloroform + benzene
(*d*) carbon tetrachloride + toluene

C3. Which of the following form nearly ideal solution ?
(*a*) Chlorobenzene + Bromobenzene
(*b*) Hexane + Heptane (*c*) Ethanol + Cyclohexane
(*d*) Acetic acid + Pyridine

C4. In the depression in freezing point experiment, it is observed that
(*a*) the vapour pressure of the solution is less than that of pure solvent.
(*b*) the vapour pressure of the solution is more than that of pure solvent
(*c*) only solute molecules solidify at the freezing point.
(*d*) only solvent molecules solidify at the freezing point.

C5. For 0.5 m aqueous solution of KCl, the important physical properties at 27°C are K_f(water) = 1.86 K m^{-1}, K_b (water) = 0.512 K m^{-1}
(*a*) freezing point of solution = – 3.72°C
(*b*) boiling point of soution = 100.512°C
(*c*) osmotic pressure = 3.76 atm
(*d*) observed molecular mass = 37.25 (approx. assuming degree of dissociation = 1).

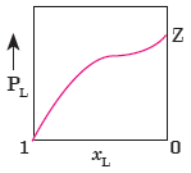
C6. Which of the following statements is/are wrong ?
(*a*) The value of colligative property decreases when solute undergoes dissociation.
(*b*) For $AlCl_3$, the Van't Hoff factor is 3.
(*c*) Solvent rises from soil to the top of a tall tree due to osmosis.
(*d*) Aqueous solution of NaCl freezes at lower temperature than water.

C7. Benzene and naphthalene form an ideal solution at room temperature. For this process, the true statement (s) is (are)
(*a*) ΔG is positive (*b*) ΔS_{system} is positive
(*c*) $\Delta S_{surroundings} = 0$ (*d*) $\Delta H = 0$
(JEE Advance 2013)

C8. The solution which is isotonic with 6% (*m*/*v*) solution of urea is / are:
(*a*) 18% (*m*/*v*) solution of glucose
(*b*) 0.5 M solution of $BaCl_2$
(*c*) 1M solution of sucrose
(*d*) 1M solution of acetic acid

C9. Mixture(s) showing positive deviation from Raoult's law at 35°C is (are)
(*a*) carbon tetrachloride + methanol
(*b*) carbon disulphide + acetone
(*c*) benzene + toluene
(*d*) phenol + aniline. *(JEE Advance 2016)*

C10. For a solution formed by mixing liquids L and M, the vapour pressure of L plotted against the mole fraction of M in solution is shown in the following figure. Here x_L and x_M represent mole fractions of L and M, respectively, in the solution. The correct statement (s) applicable to this system is (are)



(*a*) attractive intermolecular interactions between L–L in pure liquid L and M–M in pure liquid M are stronger than those between L–M when mixed in solution.
(*b*) the point Z represents vapour pressure of pure liquid M and Raoult's law is obeyed when $x_L \longrightarrow 0$
(*c*) the point Z represents vapour pressure of pure liquid M and Raoult's law is obeyed when $x_L = 0$ to $x_L = 1$
(*d*) the point Z represents vapour pressure of pure liquid L and Raoult's law is obeyed when $x_L \longrightarrow 1$
(JEE Advance 2017)

Answers

C1. (*a*), (*b*), (*c*) **C2.** (*b*), (*c*) **C3.** (*a*), (*b*) **C4.** (*a*), (*d*) **C5.** (*b*), (*d*) **C6.** (*a*), (*b*) **C7.** (*b*), (*c*), (*d*) **C8.** (*a*), (*c*)
C9. (*a*), (*b*) **C10.** (*a*), (*d*)

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D MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS
based on the given passage/comprehension

Passage I.

Vapour pressure of a liquid or a solution is the pressure exerted by the vapour in equilibrium with the liquid or solution at a particular temperature. It depends upon the nature of the liquid and temperature. According to Raoult's law, in a solution, the vapour pressure of a component at a given temperature is equal to the mole fraction of that component in solution multiplied by the vapour pressure of that component in the pure state. The solutions in which each component obeys Raoult's law are called ideal solutions. There are two types of non-ideal solutions, showing positive deviations and negative deviations from ideal behaviour.

Answer the following questions :

D1. The vapour pressure of a pure liquid A is 40 mm of Hg at 300 K. The vapour pressure of this liquid in solution with liquid B is 32 mm of Hg. The mole fraction of A in solution obeying Raoult's law is

(*a*) 0.6 (*b*) 0.5 (*c*) 0.2 (*d*) 0.8

D2. Which of the following statements is correct for non-ideal solutions ?

(*a*) For solutions showing –ve deviations, ΔV_{mixing} and ΔH_{mixing} are +ve.

(*b*) For solutions showing negative deviations, the interactions between the components are greater than the pure components.

(*c*) For solutions showing +ve deviations, ΔV_{mixing} = +ve but ΔH_{mixing} = +ve.

(*d*) For solutions showing –ve deviations, ΔV_{mixing} = –ve but ΔH_{mixing} = +ve.

D3. Vapour pressure of a solution of heptane and octane is given by the equation:
p(sol.) (mm Hg) = 35 + 65*x*, where *x* is the mole fraction of heptane. Vapour pressure of pure octane is

(*a*) 100 mm Hg (*b*) 35 mm Hg
(*c*) 30 mm Hg (*d*) 1.86 mm Hg

D4. If liquid A and B form ideal solution, then

(*a*) $\Delta G_{mix} = 0$ (*b*) $\Delta H_{mixing} = 0$
(*c*) $\Delta G_{mix} = 0, \Delta S_{mix} = 0$ (*d*) $\Delta S_{mixing} = 0$

Passage II

A solution of glucose (molar mass = 180 g mol^{-1}) has been prepared at 298 K by dissolving 7.2 g of glucose in 100 g of water. K_f for water is 1.86 K m^{-1} and vapour pressure of water at 298 K is 0.024 atm.

Answer the following questions :

D5. The freezing point of the solution at 298 K will be

(*a*) – 0.744 °C (*b*) – 0.372 °C
(*c*) – 0.186 °C (*d*) – 0.093 °C

D6. The vapour pressure of the solution at 298 K will be

(*a*) 0.0220 atm (*b*) 0.238 atm
(*c*) 0.0238 atm (*d*) 0.220 atm

D7. The amount of sodium chloride that should be dissolved in the same amount of water to get the same freezing point will be

(*a*) 11.79 g (*b*) 1.179 g
(*c*) 2.34 g (*d*) 23.4 g

D8. If on dissolving the above amount of sodium chloride in same amount of water, the freezing point is found to be – 0.698 °C, the percentage dissociation is

(*a*) 72% (*b*) 80%
(*c*) 92% (*d*) 88%

Passage III

The equations derived for colligative properties are based on the assumption that solutions are dilute and solute molecules do not dissociate or associate in solution. Discrepancies in determination of molar masses or measuring colligative properties arise when the solute dissociates or associates on dissolving in a solvent. This is because due to association or dissociation of solute molecules in the solution, the number of molecules undergo a change. Van't Hoff introduced a factor called Van't Hoff factor '*i*' to express the extent of association or dissociation of solute in solution as :

$$i = \frac{\text{Normal molar mass}}{\text{Observed molar mass}}$$

Inclusion of '*i*' modifies the equations for colligative properties as :

$$\frac{\Delta p}{p} = i\, x_{solute} \qquad \Delta T_f = i\, K_f m$$

$$\Delta T_b = i\, K_b m \qquad \pi = icRT$$

Answer the following questions :

D9. Electrolyte A gives 4 ions and B is a non-electrolyte. If 0.1 molar solution of solute B produces an osmotic pressure *p*, then 0.02 molar solution of A will produce osmotic pressure equal to

(*a*) 0.02 *p* (*b*) 0.8 *p*
(*c*) 0.4 *p* (*d*) 0.6 *p*

Answers

Passage-I. **D1.** (*d*) **D2.** (*b*) **D3.** (*b*) **D4.** (*b*) **Passage-II.** **D5.** (*a*) **D6.** (*c*) **D7.** (*b*) **D8.** (*d*)
Passage-III. **D9.** (*b*)

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D10. 0.2 m aqueous solution of a weak acid (HX) is 20% dissociated. The boiling point of this solution is (K_b for water = 0.52 Km^{-1})

(*a*) 101.04°C (*b*) 100.104°C

(*c*) 100.1248°C (*d*) 100.52°C

D11. Which of the folowing equimolar solution is expected to have lowest freezing point ?

(*a*) 0.5 M H_3PO_3 (*b*) 0.5 M Na_3PO_4

(*c*) 0.5 M NaCl (*d*) 0.5 M Aniline

D12. The elevation in boiling point for 1 M urea, 1 M glucose, 1 M NaCl and 1 M K_2SO_4 are in the ratio :

(*a*) 1 : 1 : 2 : 3 (*b*) 3 : 2 : 1 : 1

(*c*) 1 : 2 : 3 : 4 (*d*) 2 : 2 : 3 : 4

D13. The average osmotic pressure of human blood is 7.8 bar at 37° C. The concentration of aqueous NaCl solution that could be used in the blood stream is

(*a*) 7.8 mol L^{-1} (*b*) 1.5 mol L^{-1}

(*c*) 0.075 mol L^{-1} (*d*) 0.15 mol L^{-1}

Answers

Passage-III. **D10.** (*c*) **D11.** (*b*) **D12.** (*a*) **D13.** (*d*)

Assertion Reason Type Questions

The questions given below consist of an Assertion and Reason. Use the following key to choose the appropriate answer.

(*a*) If both assertion and reason are CORRECT and reason is the CORRECT explanation of the assertion.

(*b*) If both assertion and reason are CORRECT but, reason is NOT THE CORRECT explanation of the assertion.

(*c*) If assertion is CORRECT but, reason is INCORRECT.

(*d*) If assertion is INCORRECT but, reason is CORRECT.

(*e*) If both assertion and reason are INCORRECT.

1. **Assertion :** ΔH_{mix} and ΔV_{mix} are zero for the ideal solution.
   Reason : The interactions between the particles of the components of a solution are almost identical as between particles in the liquids.
2. **Assertion :** Increasing pressure on water decreases its freezing point.
   Reason : Density of water is maximum at 273 K.
3. **Assertion :** 0.1 M glucose solution has higher increment in the freezing point than 0.1 M urea solution.
   Reason : K_f for both has different values.
4. **Assertion :** Cooking time in pressure cookers is reduced.
   Reason : Boiling point inside the pressure cooker is raised.
5. **Assertion :** The sum of mole fractions of all components of a solution is unity.
   Reason : Mole fraction is independent of temperature.
6. **Assertion :** Sodium chloride is used to clear snow on the roads.
   Reason : Sodium chloride depresses the freezing point of water.
7. **Assertion :** Osmotic pressure of 0.1 M urea solution is less than that of 0.1 M NaCl solution.
   Reason : Osmotic pressure is not a colligative property.
8. **Assertion :** Elevation in boiling point for two isotonic solutions may not be same.
   Reason : Boiling point depends upon the concentration of the solute.
9. **Assertion :** Iodine is more soluble in CCl_4 than in water.
   Reason : Non-polar solutes are more soluble in non-polar solvents
10. **Assertion :** Camphor is usually used in molecular mass determination.
    Reason : Camphor has low cryoscopic constant and therefore, causes greater depression in freezing point.

Answers

1. (*a*) **2.** (*c*) **3.** (*e*) **4.** (*a*) **5.** (*b*) **6.** (*a*) **7.** (*c*) **8.** (*e*) **9.** (*a*) **10.** (*c*)

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Matrix Match Type Questions

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If the correct matches are A-*q*, A-*r*, B-*p*, B-*s*, C-*r*, C-*s* and D-*q*, then the correctly bubbled matrix will look like the following:

	p	q	r	s
A	p	q	r	s
B	p	q	r	s
C	p	q	r	s
D	p	q	r	s

1. Match the behaviour of solutions in Column I with the examples listed in Column II.

Column I	Column II
(A) Show ideal behaviour	(*p*) Water + Nitric acid
(B) Show –ve deviation from ideal behaviour.	(*q*) Benzene + Acetone
(C) Show +ve deviation from ideal behaviour	(*r*) *n*-hexane + *n*-heptane
(D) Non-ideal solution	(*s*) Carbon tetrachloride + chloroform

2. Match the type of solutions in Column I with the characteristic property mentioned in Column II.

Column I	Column II
(A) Solution in which solute undergoes association	(*p*) Van't Hoff factor will be less than 1 observed
(B) Solution in which solute dissociation	(*q*) observed molecular mass will be more than normal value
(C) Solution containing non-electrolyte	(*r*) colligative property will be more than normal value
(D) 0.1M solution of benzoic acid in benzene	(*s*) Van't Hoff factor will be equal to 1.

Answers

(1) : (A) – (*r*) (B) – (*p*) (C) – (*q*) (*s*) (D) – (*p*) (*q*) (*s*)
(2) : (A) – (*p*) (*q*) (B) – (*r*) (C) – (*s*) (D) – (*p*) (*q*)

Integer type or Numerical Value Type Questions

Integer Type: The answer to each of the following question is a **single-digit**-integer ranging from 0 to 9.

1. How many of the following solutions show negative deviation from ideal behaviour ?
Chloroform + diethyl ether, acetone + aniline, water + nitric acid, acetone + ethyl alcohol, acetone + carbon disulphide, chloroform + nitric acid.

2. The depression in freezing point for 1 M urea, 0.5 M glucose, 1 M NaCl, and 1M K_2SO_4 are in the ratio $x : 1 : y : z$, The value of $x + z$ is

3. At a certain temperature, the vapour pressure (in mm Hg) of CH_3OH and C_2H_5OH solution is represented as:

$$p = 126\,x + 142$$

where x is the mole fraction of CH_3OH. The vapour of solution containing equimoles of CH_3OH and C_2H_5OH is $y + 200$ mm Hg. The value of y is

4. An electrolyte A_2B_3 ionizes in water upto 75%. The van't Hoff factor for it is

5. The depression in freezing point expected for 0.6 m $Al_2(SO_4)_3$ solution will be '*n*' times compared with 0.2 m Na_2SO_4 solution. The value of *n* is

6. 29.2% (w/w) HCl stock solution has a density of 1.25 g mL^{-1}. The molecular weight of HCl is 36.5 g mol^{-1}. The volume (mL) of stock solution required to prepare 200 mL of 0.4 M HCl is *(I.I.T. 2012)*

7. MX_2 dissociates into M^{2+} and X^- ions in an aqueous solution, with a degree of dissociation (α) of 0.5. The ratio of the observed depression of freezing point of the aqueous solution to the value of the depression of freezing point in the absence of ionic dissociation is.

(JEE Advance 2014)

Answers

1. 4 **2.** 8 **3.** 5 **4.** 4 **5.** 5 **6.** 8 **7.** 2

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8. If the freezing point of a 0.01 molal aqueous solution of a cobalt (III) chloride-ammonia complex (which behaves as a strong electrolyte) is – 0.0558°C, the number of chloride (s) in the coordination sphere of the complex is [K_f of water = 1.86 K kg mol^{-1}]

(JEE Advance 2015)

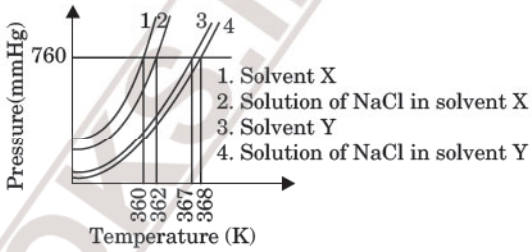
9. The mole fraction of a solute in a solution is 0.1. At 298 K, molarity of this solution is the same as its molality. Density of this solution at 298 K is 2.0 g cm^{-3}. The ratio of the molecular weights of the solute and solvent, $\left(\frac{MW_{solute}}{MW_{solvent}}\right)$, is

(JEE Advance 2016)

Numerical Value Type: Give the correct numerical value (in decimal notation truncated/rounded off to the second decimal place).

10. Liquids A and B form ideal solution over the entire range of composition. At temperature T, enquimolar binary solution of liquids A and B has vapour pressure 45 torr. At the same temperature, a new solution of A and B having mole fractions x_A and x_B respectively has vapour pressure of 22.5 torr. The value of x_A/x_B in the new solution is ..... .
(Given that the vapour pressure of pure liquid A is 20 torr at temperature T.) *(JEE Advance 2018)*

11. The plot given below shows P—T curves (where P is the pressure and T is the temperature) for two solvents X and Y and isomolal solutions of NaCl in these solvents. NaCl completely dissociates in both the solvents.



On addition of equal number of moles of a non-volatile solute S in equal amount (in kg) of these solvents, the elevation of boiling point of solvent X is three times that of solvent Y. Solute S is known to undergo dimerization in these solvents. If the degree of dimerization is 0.7 in solvent Y, the degree of dimerization in solvent X is ..... .

(JEE Advance 2018)

Answers

8. 1 **9.** 9 **10.** 19.00 **11.** 0.05

NCERT Exemplar Problems

Objective Questions

Multiple Choice Questions (Type-I)

1. Which of the following units is useful in relating concentration of solution with its vapour pressure?
(*a*) mole fraction (*b*) parts per million
(*c*) mass percentage (*d*) molality

2. On dissolving sugar in water at room temperature solution feels cool to touch. Under which of the following cases dissolution of sugar will be most rapid?
(*a*) Sugar crystals in cold water.
(*b*) Sugar crystals in hot water.
(*c*) Powdered sugar in cold water.
(*d*) Powdered sugar in hot water.

3. At equilibrium the rate of dissolution of a solid solute in a volatile liquid solvent is _____.
(*a*) less than the rate of crystallisation
(*b*) greater than the rate of crystallisation
(*c*) equal to the rate of crystallisation
(*d*) zero

4. A beaker contains a solution of substance 'A'. Precipitation of substance 'A' takes place when small amount of 'A' is added to the solution. The solution is _____.
(*a*) saturated (*b*) supersaturated
(*c*) unsaturated (*d*) concentrated

Answers

1. (*a*) **2.** (*d*) **3.** (*c*) **4.** (*b*)

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5. Maximum amount of a solid solute that can be dissolved in a specified amount of a given liquid solvent does **not** depend upon _____.
(a) Temperature (b) Nature of solute
(c) Pressure (d) Nature of solvent

6. Low concentration of oxygen in the blood and tissues of people living at high altitude is due to _____.
(a) low temperature
(b) low atmospheric pressure
(c) high atmospheric pressure
(d) both low temperature and high atmospheric pressure

7. Considering the formation, breaking and strength of hydrogen bond, predict which of the following mixtures will show a positive deviation from Raoult's law?
(a) Methanol and acetone.
(b) Chloroform and acetone.
(c) Nitric acid and water.
(d) Phenol and aniline.

8. Colligative properties depend on _____.
(a) the nature of the solute particles dissolved in solution.
(b) the number of solute particles in solution.
(c) the physical properties of the solute particles dissolved in solution.
(d) the nature of solvent particles.

9. Which of the following aqueous solutions should have the highest boiling point?
(a) 1.0 M NaOH (b) 1.0 M Na_2SO_4
(c) 1.0 M NH_4NO_3 (d) 1.0 M KNO_3

10. The unit of ebullioscopic constant is _____.
(a) K kg mol^{-1} or K $(molality)^{-1}$
(b) mol kg K^{-1} or K^{-1}(molality)
(c) kg mol^{-1} K^{-1} or $K^{-1}(molality)^{-1}$
(d) K mol kg^{-1} or K (molality)

11. In comparison to a 0.01 M solution of glucose, the depression in freezing point of a 0.01 M $MgCl_2$ solution is _____.
(a) the same (b) about twice
(c) about three times (d) about six times

12. An unripe mango placed in a concentrated salt solution to prepare pickle, shrivels because _____.
(a) it gains water due to osmosis.
(b) it loses water due to reverse osmosis.
(c) it gains water due to reverse osmosis.
(d) it loses water due to osmosis.

13. At a given temperature, osmotic pressure of a concentrated solution of a substance _____.
(a) is higher than that of a dilute solution.
(b) is lower than that of a dilute solution.
(c) is same as that of a dilute solution.
(d) cannot be compared with osmotic pressure of dilute solution.

14. Which of the following statements is false?
(a) Two different solutions of sucrose of same molality prepared in different solvents will have the same depression in freezing point.
(b) The osmotic pressure of a solution is given by the equation $\pi = cRT$ (where c is the molarity of the solution).
(c) Decreasing order of osmotic pressure for 0.01 M aqueous solutions of barium chloride, potassium chloride, acetic acid and sucrose is $BaCl_2$ > KCl > CH_3COOH > sucrose.
(d) According to Raoult's law, the vapour pressure exerted by a volatile component of a solution is directly proportional to its mole fraction in the solution.

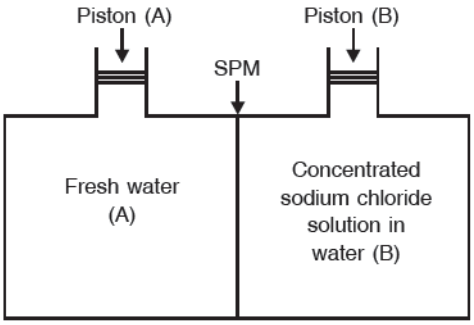
15. The values of Van't Hoff factors for KCl, NaCl and K_2SO_4, respectively, are _____.
(a) 2, 2 and 2 (b) 2, 2 and 3
(c) 1, 1 and 2 (d) 1, 1 and 1

16. Which of the following statements is **false**?
(a) Units of atmospheric pressure and osmotic pressure are the same.
(b) In reverse osmosis, solvent molecules move through a semipermeable membrane from a region of lower concentration of solute to a region of higher concentration.
(c) The value of molal depression constant depends on nature of solvent.
(d) Relative lowering of vapour pressure, is a dimensionless quantity.

17. Value of Henry's constant K_H _____.
(a) increases with increase in temperature.
(b) decreases with increase in temperature.
(c) remains constant.
(d) first increases then decreases.

18. The value of Henry's constant K_H is _____.
(a) greater for gases with higher solubility.
(b) greater for gases with lower solubility.
(c) constant for all gases.
(d) not related to the solubility of gases.

19. Consider the figure given below and mark the correct option.



(a) water will move from side (A) to side (B) if a pressure lower than osmotic pressure is applied on piston (B).
(b) water will move from side (B) to side (A) if a pressure greater than osmotic pressure is applied on piston (B).

Answers

5. (c) **6.** (b) **7.** (a) **8.** (b) **9.** (b) **10.** (a) **11.** (c) **12.** (d) **13.** (a)
14. (a) **15.** (b) **16.** (b) **17.** (a) **18.** (b) **19.** (b)

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(c) water will move from side (B) to side (A) if a pressure equal to osmotic pressure is applied on piston (B).

(d) water will move from side (A) to side (B) if pressure equal to osmotic pressure is applied on piston (A).

20. We have three aqueous solutions of NaCl labelled as 'A', 'B' and 'C' with concentrations 0.1M, 0.01M and 0.001M, respectively. The value of van't Hoff factor for these solutions will be in the order_____.

(a) $i_A < i_B < i_C$ (b) $i_A > i_B > i_C$

(c) $i_A = i_B = i_C$ (d) $i_A < i_B > i_C$

21. On the basis of information given below mark the correct option.

Information:

(A) In bromoethane and chloroethane mixture, intermolecular interactions of A–A and B–B type are nearly same as A–B type interactions.

(B) In ethanol and acetone mixture A–A or B–B type intermolecular interactions are stronger than A–B type interactions.

(C) In chloroform and acetone mixture A–A or B–B type intermolecular interactions are weaker than A–B type interactions.

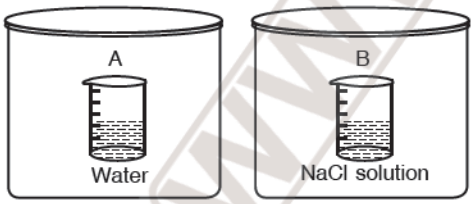
(a) Solution (B) and (C) will follow Raoult's law.

(b) Solution (A) will follow Raoult's law.

(c) Solution (B) will show negative deviation from Raoult's law.

(d) Solution (C) will show positive deviation from Raoult's law.

22. Two beakers of capacity 500 mL were taken. One of these beakers, labelled as "A", was filled with 400 mL water whereas the beaker labelled "B" was filled with 400 mL of 2 M solution of NaCl. At the same temperature both the beakers were placed in closed containers of same material and same capacity as shown in figure given below:



At a given temperature, which of the following statement is correct about the vapour pressure of pure water and that of NaCl solution.

(a) vapour pressure in container (A) is more than that in container (B).

(b) vapour pressure in container (A) is less than that in container (B).

(c) vapour pressure is equal in both the containers.

(d) vapour pressure in container (B) is twice the vapour pressure in container (A).

23. If two liquids A and B form minimum boiling azeotrope at some specific composition then _____.

(a) A–B interactions are stronger than those between A–A or B–B.

(b) vapour pressure of solution increases because more number of molecules of liquids A and B can escape from the solution.

(c) vapour pressure of solution decreases because less number of molecules of only one of the liquids escape from the solution.

(d) A–B interactions are weaker than those between A–A or B–B.

24. 4L of 0.02 M aqueous solution of NaCl was diluted by adding one litre of water. The molality of the resultant solution is _____.

(a) 0.004 (b) 0.008

(c) 0.012 (d) 0.016

25. On the basis of information given below mark the correct option.

Information : On adding acetone to methanol some of the hydrogen bonds between methanol molecules break.

(a) At specific composition, methanol-acetone mixture will form minimum boiling azeotrope and will show positive deviation from Raoult's law.

(b) At specific composition, methanol-acetone mixture forms maximum boiling azeotrope and will show positive deviation from Raoult's law.

(c) At specific composition, methanol-acetone mixture will form minimum boiling azeotrope and will show negative deviation from Raoult's law.

(d) At specific composition, methanol-acetone mixture will form maximum boiling azeotrope and will show negative deviation from Raoult's law.

26. K_H value for Ar(g), CO_2(g), HCHO (g) and CH_4(g) are 40.39, 1.67, 1.83×10^{-5} and 0.413 respectively.

Arrange these gases in the order of their increasing solubility.

(a) HCHO < CH_4 < CO_2 < Ar

(b) HCHO < CO_2 < CH_4 < Ar

(c) Ar < CO_2 < CH_4 < HCHO

(d) Ar < CH_4 < CO_2 < HCHO

Answers

20. (c) **21.** (b) **22.** (a) **23.** (d) **24.** (d) **25.** (b) **26.** (c)

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Multiple Choice Questions (Type-II)

Note : In the following questions two or more options may be correct.

27. Which of the following factor (s) affect the solubility of a gaseous solute in the fixed volume of liquid solvent ?

(*i*) nature of solute (*ii*) temperature (*iii*) pressure

(*a*) (*i*) and (*iii*) at constant T

(*b*) (*i*) and (*ii*) at constant P

(*c*) (*ii*) and (*iii*) only

(*d*) (*iii*) only

28. Intermolecular forces between two benzene molecules are nearly of same strength as those between two toluene molecules. For a mixture of benzene and toluene, which of the following are **not** true?

(*a*) Δ_{mix} H = zero (*b*) Δ_{mix} V = zero

(*c*) These will form minimum boiling azeotrope.

(*d*) These will not form ideal solution.

29. Relative lowering of vapour pressure is a colligative property because _____.

(*a*) It depends on the concentration of a non electrolyte solute in solution and does not depend on the nature of the solute molecules.

(*b*) It depends on number of particles of electrolyte solute in solution and does not depend on the nature of the solute particles.

(*c*) It depends on the concentration of a non electrolyte solute in solution as well as on the nature of the solute molecules.

(*d*) It depends on the concentration of an electrolyte or non electrolyte solute in solution as well as on the nature of solute molecules.

30. Van't Hoff factor '*i*' is given by the expression _____.

(*a*) $i = \dfrac{\text{Normal molar mass}}{\text{Abnormal molar mass}}$

(*b*) $i = \dfrac{\text{Abnormal molar mass}}{\text{Normal molar mass}}$

(*c*) $i = \dfrac{\text{Observed colligative property}}{\text{Calculated colligative property}}$

(*d*) $i = \dfrac{\text{Calculated colligative property}}{\text{Observed colligative property}}$

31. Isotonic solutions must have the same _____.

(*a*) solute

(*b*) density

(*c*) elevation in boiling point

(*d*) depression in freezing point

32. Which of the following binary mixtures will have same composition in liquid and vapour phase?

(*a*) Benzene – Toluene

(*b*) Water – Nitric acid

(*c*) Water – Ethanol

(*d*) *n*-Hexane – *n*-Heptane

33. In isotonic solutions _____.

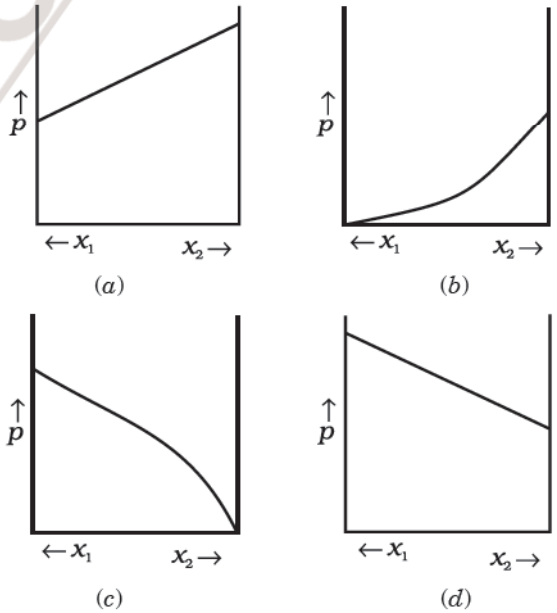
(*a*) solute and solvent both are same.

(*b*) osmotic pressure is same.

(*c*) solute and solvent may or may not be same.

(*d*) solute is always same solvent may be different.

34. For a binary ideal liquid solution, the variation in total vapour pressure versus composition of solution is given by which of the curves?



35. Colligative properties are observed when _____.

(*a*) a non volatile solid is dissolved in a volatile liquid.

(*b*) a non volatile liquid is dissolved in another volatile liquid.

(*c*) a gas is dissolved in non volatile liquid.

(*d*) a volatile liquid is dissolved in another volatile liquid.

Answers

27. (*a*), (*b*) **28.** (*c*), (*d*) **29.** (*a*),(*b*) **30.** (*a*),(*c*) **31.** (*c*),(*d*) **32.** (*b*),(*c*) **33.** (*b*),(*c*) **34.** (*a*),(*d*) **35.** (*a*),(*b*)

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Matching Type Questions

Note : In the following questions match the items given in Column I and Column II.

36. Match the items given in Column I and Column II.

Column I	Column II
(*a*) Saturated solution	(*i*) Solution having same osmotic pressure at a given temperature as that of given solution.
(*b*) Binary solution	(*ii*) A solution whose osmotic pressure is less than that of another.
(*c*) Isotonic solution	(*iii*) Solution with two components.
(*d*) Hypotonic solution	(*iv*) A solution which contains maximum amount of solute that can be dissolved in a given amount of solvent at a given temperature.
(*e*) Solid solution	(*v*) A solution whose osmotic pressure is more than that of another.
(*f*) Hypertonic solution	(*vi*) A solution in solid phase.

37. Match the items given in Column I with the type of solutions given in Column II.

Column I	Column II
(*a*) Soda water	(*i*) A solution of gas in solid
(*b*) Sugar solution	(*ii*) A solution of gas in gas
(*c*) German silver	(*iii*) A solution of solid in liquid
(*d*) Air	(*iv*) A solution of solid in solid
(*e*) Hydrogen gas in palladium	(*v*) A solution of gas in liquid
	(*vi*) A solution of liquid in solid

38. Match the laws given in Column I with expresions given in Column II.

Column I	Column II
(*a*) Raoult's law	(*i*) $\Delta T_f = K_f m$
(*b*) Henry's law	(*ii*) $\pi = cRT$
(*c*) Elevation of boiling point	(*iii*) $p = x_1 p_1^\circ + x_2 p_2^\circ$
(*d*) Depression in freezing point	(*iv*) $\Delta T_b = K_b m$
(*e*) Osmotic pressure	(*v*) $p = K_H . x$

39. Match the terms given in Column I with expressions given in Column II.

Column I	Column II
(*a*) Mass percentage	(*i*) $\frac{\text{Number of moles of the solute component}}{\text{Volume of solution in litres}}$
(*b*) Volume percentage	(*ii*) $\frac{\text{Number of moles of a component}}{\text{Total number of moles of all the components}}$
(*c*) Mole fraction	(*iii*) $\frac{\text{Volume of the solute component in solution}}{\text{Total volume of solution}} \times 100$
(*d*) Molality	(*iv*) $\frac{\text{Mass of the solute component in solution}}{\text{Total mass of the solution}} \times 100$
(*e*) Molarity	(*v*) $\frac{\text{Normal molar mass}}{\text{Abnormal molar mass}}$

Answers

36. (*a*)→(*iv*); (*b*)→(*iii*); (*c*)→(*i*); (*d*)→(*ii*); (*e*)→(*vi*); (*f*)→(*v*)
37. (*a*)→(*v*); (*b*)→(*iii*); (*c*)→(*iv*); (*d*)→(*ii*); (*e*)→(*i*);
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Assertion and Reason Type Questions

Note : *In the following questions a statement of assertion followed by a statement of reason is given. Choose the correct answer out of the following choices.*

(*a*) Assertion and reason both are correct statements and reason is correct explanation for assertion.

(*b*) Assertion and reason both are correct statements but reason is not correct explanation for assertion.

(*c*) Assertion is correct statement but reason is wrong statement.

(*d*) Assertion and reason both are incorrect statements.

(*e*) Assertion is wrong statement but reason is correct statement.

40. Assertion : Molarity of a solution in liquid state changes with temperature.
Reason : The volume of a solution changes with change in temperature.

41. Assertion : When methyl alcohol is added to water, boiling point of water increases.
Reason : When a volatile solute is added to a volatile solvent elevation in boiling point is observed.

42. Assertion : When NaCl is added to water a depression in freezing point is observed.
Reason : The lowering of vapour pressure of a solution causes depression in the freezing point.

43. Assertion : When a solution is separated from the pure solvent by a semipermeable membrane, the solvent molecules pass through it from pure solvent side to the solution side.
Reason : Diffusion of solvent occurs from a region of high concentration solution to a region of low concentration solution.

Answers

40. (*a*) **41.** (*d*) **42.** (*a*) **43.** (*c*)

Hints & Explanations for *Difficult Objective Type Questions*

A. *mcq with only one correct answer*

A.1. (*b*) :
Mass of solution = 500 × 1.05 = 525 g
Mass of urea = 6 g
Mass of solvent = 525 − 6 = 519 g
$$\text{Molality} = \frac{6/60}{519} \times 1000$$
$$= \mathbf{0.1927\ m}$$

A2. (*c*) : $M_1V_1 + M_2V_2 \equiv M_3V_3$
$1 \times 2.5 + 0.5 \times 3 \equiv M_3 \times 5.5$ (Total solution = 5.5 L)
$2.5 + 1.5 = M_3 \times 5.5$
$$\therefore \quad M_3 = \frac{4}{5.5} = \mathbf{0.73\ M}$$

A3.(*c*): Let volume of 4N HCl used = x mL
Volume of 10 N HCl used = $(1000 - x)$ mL
$N_1V_1 + N_2V_2 = N_3V_3$
$4 \times x + 10 \times (1000 - x) = 6 \times 1000$
$6x = 4000$
$$x = \frac{4000}{6} = 666.7\ \text{mL}$$
Vol. of 4 N HCl used = 0.67 L
Vol. of 10 N HCl used = 1 − 0.67
$= \mathbf{0.33\ L}$

A4. (*d*) : Let a mole of CH_3OH and b mole of water be present in the solution.
Mass of water = $b \times 18$
Molality of solution
$$= \frac{a}{b \times 18} \times 1000 = 4.5$$
or $$\frac{a}{b} = \frac{18 \times 4.5}{1000} = 0.081$$
Mole fraction of CH_3OH
$$= \frac{a}{a+b} \text{ or } \frac{1}{1 + b/a}$$
$$= \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{0.081}} = \frac{1}{1 + 12.34} = \mathbf{0.075}$$

A5. (*a*) : 3 Molar solution of NaCl means that 3 mol of NaCl is dissolved in 1000 mL of solution.
Mass of 3 M NaCl solution = 1.25 × 1000 = 1250 g
Mass of 3 mole NaCl = 3 × 58.5 = 175.5 g
Mass of solvent = 1250 − 175.5 = 1074.5 g
$$\text{Molality} = \frac{3}{1074.5} \times 1000 = 2.79\ \text{m}$$

A6. (*b*) : Moles of solute = 2.5
$$\text{Moles of water} = \frac{1000}{18} = 55.6$$
$$\text{Mole fraction of solute} = \frac{2.5}{2.5 + 55.6} = \mathbf{0.043}$$

A7. (*c*) : 4.27 M H_2SO_4 (*aq*) means that 4.27 moles of H_2SO_4 are present in 1000 mL of solution.
Mass of solution = 1000 × 1.25 = 1250g
Mass of 4.27 moles of H_2SO_4 = 4.27 × 98 = 418.46 g

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Mass of water present = 1250 – 418.46 = 831.54 g

$$\text{Molality} = \frac{4.27 \times 1000}{831.54} = \mathbf{5.135\ m}$$

A8. (*d*) : 7M solution of KOH means 7 moles of KOH in 1000 mL of solution.

Wt. of KOH = 7 × 56 = 392 g in 1000 mL

Since the solution is 40% by weight, it means that 40g of KOH is present in 100 g of solution.

392 g of KOH is present in $\frac{100}{40} \times 392 = 980$ g

$$\text{Density} = \frac{980}{1000} = 0.98\ \text{g mL}^{-1}$$

A9. (*c*) : Suppose x mL of 12M HCl to be mixed with (1000–x) mL of 4 M HCl.

$$M_1V_1 + M_2V_2 = M_3V_3$$
$$12 \times x + 4\,(1000 - x) = 6 \times 1000$$
$$12x + 4000 - 4x = 6000$$
$$8x = 2000$$
$$x = \frac{2000}{8} = 250\ \text{mL}$$

Volume of 12 M HCl required = **250** mL

Volume of 4 M HCl required = 1000 – 250 = **750 mL**

A10. (*d*) : Moles of $H_2SO_4 = \frac{80}{98}$ mol

$$\text{Volume of solution} = \frac{100}{1.8} = 55.5\ \text{mL}$$

$$\text{Molarity of solution} = \frac{80 \times 1000}{98 \times 55.5} = 14.7\text{M}$$

Now
$$M_1V_1 = M_2V_2$$
$$14.7 \times V_1 = 0.2 \times 1000$$
$$V_1 = \frac{0.2 \times 1000}{14.7} = \mathbf{13.60\ mL}$$

A11. (*c*) : Mole fraction of A = 1 – 0.2 = 0.8

$$p^\circ_A \times x_A + p^\circ_B \times x_B = p$$

p°_A = 70 torr; p°_B = ?; p = 84 torr

$$70 \times 0.8 + p^\circ_B \times 0.2 = 84$$
$$p^\circ_B \times 0.2 = 84 - 56 = 28\ \text{torr}$$
$$p^\circ_B = \frac{28}{0.2} = \mathbf{140\ torr}$$

A12. (*a*) : $y_A = \frac{p_A^\circ \times x_A}{p_{total}}$

plot of y_A vs $1/p_{total}$ is linear

A13. (*a*) : According to Raoult's law

$$p_A = x_A\ p_A^0 = \frac{1}{3} \times 45 = 15\ \text{torr}$$
$$p_B = x_B\ p_B^0 = \frac{2}{3} \times 36 = 24\ \text{torr}$$

Total pressure = 15 + 24 = 39 torr

The observed pressure is less than expected value and hence it shows negative deviation.

A15. (*a*) : The mole fraction of the gas in the solution,

$$x = \frac{p}{K_H} = \frac{1}{1000 \times 10^3} = 10^{-5}\ \text{bar}$$

If n is the number of moles of gas in a solution of 1 L of water contains 55.5 mol, then

$$x = \frac{n}{n + 55.5} \approx \frac{n}{55.5} \approx 1.00 \times 10^{-5}$$

$\therefore$ $n = 55.5 \times 10^{-5} = 55.5 \times 10^{-2}$ millimoles.

or **= 0.55 millimoles**

A16. (*a*) :
$$p_{O_2} = K_H . x_{O_2}$$

Here $p_{O_2} = 0.2$ atm, $K_H = 4.34 \times 10^4$ atm

$\therefore$ $0.2 = 4.34 \times 10^4 \times x_{O_2}$

$$x_{O_2} = \frac{0.2}{4.34 \times 10^4} = 4.61 \times 10^{-6}$$

Now
$$x_{O_2} = \frac{n_{O_2}}{n_{O_2} + n_{H_2O}} = \frac{n_{O_2}}{n_{H_2O}}$$

For 1 litre water, $n_{H_2O} = 55.55$.

$$x_{O_2} = \frac{n_{O_2}}{n_{H_2O}} = \frac{n_{O_2}}{55.55} = 4.61 \times 10^{-6}$$

or
$$n_{O_2} = 4.61 \times 10^{-6} \times 55.55$$
$$= \mathbf{2.56 \times 10^{-4}\ M.}$$

A17. (*d*) : For equimolar solution of X and Y

$x_X = 0.5$, $x_Y = 0.5$

$p_X = 0.5 \times 200 = 100$ torr

$p_Y = 0.5 \times 100 = 50$ torr

$p_{total} = 100 + 50 = 150$ torr

Mole fraction of component X in vapour phase,

$$y_X = \frac{100}{150} = \mathbf{0.67}$$

A18. (*b*) : In solution,

if $x_A = x$, $x_B = 2x$

$p_A^\circ = p$, $p_B^\circ = 2p$

$p_A = x \times p$, $p_B = 2x \times 2p = 4xp$

$p_{total} = xp + 4xp = 5xp$

Mole fraction in vapour phase,

$$y_B = \frac{p_B}{p_{total}} = \frac{4xp}{5xp} = \mathbf{0.8}$$

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A19. (*a*) : The vapour pressure of A is more than that of B. Therefore, boiling point of A is less than that of B i.e., $T_A^\circ < T_b^\circ$.
(*a*) represents the azeotrope of minimum boiling point.

A20. (*b*) : Let the mole fraction of P be x
Mole fraction of Q $= 1 - x$

$$450\,x = 200(1-x)$$

$$650\,x = 200$$

$$x = \frac{200}{650} = \mathbf{0.308}$$

A21. (*a*) :
$$\Delta T_b = K_b \times m$$

or
$$m = \frac{\Delta T_b}{K_b} = \frac{0.126}{2.52} = \mathbf{0.05\ m}$$

A22. (*a*) :
$$\pi = cRT$$
$$= 0.2 \times 0.082 \times 300 = 4.92 \text{ atm}$$

A23. (*c*) : The two solutions have same osmotic pressure,

$$\frac{5}{180}RT = \frac{2.5\ RT}{M}$$

or $M = \frac{2.5}{5} \times 180 = 90 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$

A24. (*d*) :
$$\Delta T_b = \frac{K_b \times 1000 \times w_B}{w_A \times M_B}$$

Since K_b and w_A are same for two solutions,

$$\frac{\Delta T_b}{\Delta T_b'} = \frac{w_B \times M_B'}{w_{B'} \times M_B}$$

ΔT_b (urea) $= 0.25°$, $w_B = 1$g, $M_B = 60$

$\Delta T_b'$ (glucose) $= ?$, $w_B = 3$g, $M_B' = 180$

$$\therefore \quad \frac{0.25}{\Delta T_b'} = \frac{1 \times 180}{3 \times 60}$$

or $\Delta T_b' = 0.25°$

$\therefore$ Boiling point of solution $= 100 + 0.25 = \mathbf{100.25°C}$

A25. (*a*) : $\Delta T_b = 0.01°$, $w_A = 100$ g, $K_b = 0.50$, $M_B = 342$

$$\Delta T_b = \frac{K_b \times 1000 \times w_B}{w_A \times M_B}$$

or
$$w_B = \frac{\Delta T_b \times w_A \times M_B}{K_b \times 1000}$$
$$= \frac{0.01 \times 100 \times 342}{0.50 \times 1000} = 0.684 \text{ g}$$

No. of molecules $= \frac{0.684}{342} \times 6.023 \times 10^{23}$
$= \mathbf{1.2 \times 10^{21}}$.

A26. (*a*) : For first solution,

$$\frac{10}{p_A^\circ} = 0.2$$

For second solution

$$\frac{20}{p_A^\circ} = x_2$$

$\therefore$
$$\frac{10}{20} = \frac{0.2}{x_2} \text{ or } x_2 = 0.4$$

Mole fraction of solvent $= 1 - 0.4 = \mathbf{0.6}$

A27. (*d*) : Molar mass of macro-molecules (proteins, colloids, etc.) can be determined with greater accuracy by finding osmotic pressure because the magnitude of this colligative property is comparatively large even in dilute solutions.

A28. (*d*) : $\Delta T_b = 100.512 - 100 = 0.512°$

$$m = \frac{\Delta T_b}{K_b} = \frac{0.512}{0.512} = 1 \text{ m}$$

$\Delta T_f = K_f \times m = 1.86 \times 1 = 1.86°$

Freezing point of solution $= 0 - 1.86 = -1.86°$ C

A29. (*c*) : A is solute and B is solvent.

$$p_B = p_B^\circ - \frac{10}{100}\,p_B^\circ = 0.9 p_B^\circ$$

$$M_B = \frac{30}{100}\,M_A = 0.30\ M_A$$

$$\frac{p_B^\circ - p_B}{p_B^\circ} = x_A = \frac{w_A \times M_B}{M_A \times w_B}$$

$$\frac{p_B^\circ - 0.9 p_B^\circ}{p_B^\circ} = \frac{w_A}{w_B} \times \frac{0.30\ M_A}{M_A}$$

$$0.1 = \frac{w_A}{w_B} \times 0.3$$

or
$$\frac{w_B}{w_A} = \frac{0.3}{0.1} = 3.0$$

A30. (*c*) :
$$\Delta T_b = \frac{K_b \times 1000 \times w_B}{w_A \times M_B}$$
$$= \frac{0.52 \times 1000 \times 0.6}{100 \times 60} = 0.052$$

$\therefore$ Boiling point of solution : $373 + 0.052 = \mathbf{373.052\ K}$

A31. (*a*) : It depends upon the number of particles.
NaCl (2 particles, Na^+, Cl^-), $BaCl_2$ (3 particles, Ba^{2+}, $2Cl^-$) and glucose (non-electrolyte)

A32. (*c*) : The simple inspection of the question shows that (*d*) should be the correct choice because $CaCl_2$ will give 3 mol of ions for 1 mol of $CaCl_2$ dissolved (assuming it to be completely dissociated). However, in the given question, the amounts are given in grams. If we assume that m grams of all the substances are dissolved in 1000 g of solvent then,
Molal conc. of NaCl in solution

$$= \frac{m}{58.5} \times 2 = 0.034 \text{ m}$$

Molal conc. of ions of $CaCl_2$ in solution

$$= \frac{m}{11} \times 3 = 0.027 \text{ m}$$

$\therefore$ Molal conc. of NaCl in solution is more than molal conc. of $CaCl_2$ solution.

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A33. (*d*) : They give same number of ions

A34. (*b*) :

	$Ba(NO_3)_2$	$\rightleftharpoons$	Ba^{2+}	+	$2NO_3^-$
Initial	1 mol		–		–
After dissociation	1–α		α		2α

Total moles = 1– α + α + 2α = 1 + 2α

i = 1 + 2α or α

$$= \frac{i-1}{2} = \frac{2.74-1}{2} = 0.87 \text{ or } 87\%.$$

A35. (*a*) :

	HX	$\rightleftharpoons$	H^+	+	X^-
	$m(1-0.20)$		$m(0.20)$		$m(0.20)$

Molal conc. in solution

$$= m(1-0.20) + 0.20\,m + 0.20\,m$$
$$= 1.20\,m$$

and $m = 0.2$

$\Delta T_f = K_f \times m$

$= 1.86 \times 1.20\ (0.2)$

$= 0.446 = 0.45$

∴ Freezing point of solution = **– 0.45°C**.

A36. (*b*) : For two solutions A and B

$$\frac{\pi(A)}{\pi(B)} = \frac{c(A)}{c(B)}$$

c(B) = 0.1 M, c(A) = 0.05 × 3 = 0.15 M

$$\frac{\pi(A)}{p} = \frac{0.15}{0.1} = 1.5$$

∴ $\pi(A) = \mathbf{1.5\,p}$

A37. (*c*) : It is the ratio of number of particles in solution Urea = 1, common salt = 2, sodium sulphate = 3

A38. (*a*) : Colligative properties are directly proportional to the number of particles. $Al_2(SO_4)_3$ will give 5 particles and therefore, depression in freezing point will be almost 5 times than for non-electrolyte.

A39. (*d*) :

	HX	$\rightleftharpoons$	H^+	+	X^-
	$m(1-\alpha)$		$m\,\alpha$		$m\,\alpha$

Total molality = $m(1-\alpha) + m\alpha + m\alpha = m(1+\alpha)$

$\Delta T_f = K_f m\,(1+\alpha)$

$= 1.86 \times 0.2 \times (1+0.3) = 0.48°$

∴ Freezing point of solution = **– 0.48°C**.

A40. (*c*) : $\pi = i\,cRT$

(1) π(0.15 M urea) = 1 × 0.15 RT = 0.15 RT

(2) π (0.05 M $CaCl_2$) = 3 × 0.05 RT = 0.15 RT

(3) π (0.1 M $MgSO_4$) = 2 × 0.1 RT = 0.2 RT

(4) π (0.15 M glucose) = 1 × 0.15 RT = 0.15 RT

∴ (1), (2) and (4) are isotonic.

A41. (*b*) : Mole fraction of component A in vapour phase

$$y_A = \frac{p_A}{p_{total}} = \frac{p_A^\circ x_A}{p_A^\circ x_A + p_B^\circ x_B} = \frac{p_A^\circ x_A}{p_A^\circ x_A + p_B^\circ (1-x_A)}$$

$$= \frac{p_A^\circ x_A}{x_A(p_A^\circ - p_B^\circ) + p_B^\circ}$$

$$\frac{1}{y_A} = \frac{x_A(p_A^\circ - p_B^\circ) + p_B^\circ}{x_A p_A^\circ}$$

$$= \frac{p_A^\circ - p_B^\circ}{p_A^\circ} + \frac{p_B^\circ}{x_A p_A^\circ}$$

∴ Plot of $\frac{1}{y_A}$ against $\frac{1}{p_A^\circ}$ gives straight line with slope

$$= \frac{p_B^\circ}{p_A^\circ}$$

A42. (*c*) : For binary solution showing positive deviations during mixing, entropy increases to maximum and free energy decreases to minimum. $\Delta H_{mix} > 0$.

A43. (*a*) : Loss in weight of solution $\propto p_A$ = 2.5 g

Loss in weight of solvent (water) $\propto p_A^\circ - p_A = 0.06$

$p_A^\circ = (p_A^\circ - p_A) + p_A = 0.06 + 2.5 = 2.56$ g

$$\frac{p_A^\circ - p_A}{p_A^\circ} = \frac{w_B \times M_A}{M_B \times w_A}$$

$$\frac{0.06}{2.56} = \frac{5 \times 18}{M_B \times 80}$$

$$M_B = \frac{5 \times 18 \times 2.56}{80 \times 0.06} = \mathbf{48\ g\ mol^{-1}}$$

B. *mcq from Competitive Examinations*

B1. (*a*) : 98% H_2SO_4 by mass means 98 g of H_2SO_4 are present in 100 g of solution

Volume of solution = $\frac{100}{1.80}$ = 55.56 mL

Molarity of solution = $\frac{98/98}{55.56} \times 1000 = 18.0$ M

Now, $M_1V_1 = M_2V_2$

$18.0 \times V_1 = 0.1 \times 1000$

$V_1 = \frac{0.1 \times 1000}{18.0} = \mathbf{5.55\ mL}$.

B2. (*d*) : $\Delta T_f = iK_f\,m$ (i = 1.20)

$= 1.2 \times 1.86 \times 0.5 = \mathbf{1.12\ K}$.

B3. (*d*) : The number of moles produced by 1 mole of ionic compound

$\Delta T_f = iK_f m$, $i = \Delta T_f / K_f m$

$\Delta T_f = 0 - (-0.00732)$

$= 0.00732$ °C

$K_f = 1.86°$ C/m

$m = 0.0020$

$$i = \frac{0.00732}{1.86 \times 0.0020}$$

$= \mathbf{1.968 \simeq 2}$

B4. (*d*) : Molarity of solution = $\frac{25.3 \times 1000}{106 \times 250}$

$= 0.955$ M

$Na_2CO_3 \longrightarrow 2Na^+ + CO_3^{2-}$

$[Na^+] = 2 \times 0.955$ M = **1.910 M**

$[CO_3^{2-}] = \mathbf{0.955\ M}$.

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B5. (*b*) : According to Raoult's law

$p_s = p°x_A$ (x_A = mole fraction of solvent)

On addition of water the mole fraction of water in the solution increases, therefore vapour pressure increases.

B6. (*c*) : $\Delta T_f = K_f m$

$$\text{Molality, } m = \frac{6.85/342}{100} \times 1000 = 0.2$$

$$\therefore \quad \Delta T_f = 1.86 \times 0.2 = 0.372$$

$\therefore$ Freezing point of solution = 0 – 0.372

= **– 0.372°C.**

B7. (*c*) : For dissociation, $i > 1$

For association, $i < 1$

B8. (*d*) : According to Raoult's law

$$p = x_A p_A + x_B p_B$$

For binary solution, $x_A + x_B = 1$ or $x_B = 1 - x_A$

$$p = x_A p_A + (1 - x_A) p_B$$

$$= x_A p_A + p_B - x_A p_B$$

or $$= p_B + x_A(p_A - p_B)$$

B9. (*d*) : Moles of urea $= \frac{6.02 \times 10^{20}}{6.02 \times 10^{23}} = 1 \times 10^{-3}$

$$\text{Molarity} = \frac{1 \times 10^{-3}}{100} \times 1000 = 0.01 \text{ M}$$

B10. (*d*) : $\text{Molarity} = \frac{\text{Moles of } HNO_3}{\text{Volume of solution}} \times 1000$

$$2 = \frac{\text{Mass}/63}{250} \times 1000$$

$$\text{Mass of } HNO_3 = \frac{2 \times 250 \times 63}{1000} = 31.5 \text{ g}$$

Mass of HNO_3 required for 70% solution $= \frac{31.5 \times 100}{70}$

= 45.0 g.

B11. (*c*) : Largest freezing point depression is shown by solute having largest (same 0.1 m concentration) value of Van't Hoff factor (*i*).

$\Delta T_f = i K_f m$

i (KCl) = 2; i ($C_6H_{12}O_6$) = 1;

i [$Al_2(SO_4)_3$] = 5; i (K_2SO_4) = 3

B12. (*c*) : $\Delta T_b = iK_b m$

or $\Delta T_b \propto i$ for equimolar solution

$\therefore$ '*i*' of solution X > '*i*' of solution Y

This is possible if X undergoes dissociation.

B13. (*b*) : For $Al_2(SO_4)_3 \rightleftharpoons 2Al^{3+} + 3SO_4^{2-}$, $i = 5$

Now $Al(NO_3)_3 \longrightarrow Al^{3+} + 3NO_3^-$; $i = 4$

$K_4[Fe(CN)_6] \longrightarrow 4K^+ + [Fe(CN)_6]^{4-}$; $i = 5$

$K_2SO_4 \longrightarrow 2K^+ + SO_4^{2-}$; $i = 3$

$K_3[Fe(CN)_6] \longrightarrow 3K^+ + [Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$; $i = 4$

B14. (*b*) : 1.00 m solution means that 1 mol of solute is present in 1000 g of water.

Moles of solute = 1

$$\text{Moles of water} = \frac{1000}{18} = 55.55$$

$$\text{Mole fraction of solute} = \frac{1}{1 + 55.55} = 0.0177$$

B15. (*c*) : Mole fraction of benzene (x_b) $= \frac{1}{2}$

Mole fraction of toluene (x_t) $= \frac{1}{2}$

Vapour pressure of benzene (p_b) $= 12.8 \times \frac{1}{2} = 6.4$ kPa

Vapour pressure of toluene (p_t) $= 3.85 \times \frac{1}{2} = 1.925$ kPa

Total vapour pressure of solution (p) = 6.4 + 1.925

= 8.325 kPa

Mole fraction of benzene in vapour phase $= \frac{6.4}{8.325} = 0.77$

Mole fraction of toluene in vapour phase $= \frac{1.925}{8.325} = 0.23$

The vapour will contain higher percentage of benzene.

B16. (*c*) : $\frac{p° - p_s}{p°} \approx \frac{n_B}{n_A} = \frac{w_B \times M_A}{M_B \times w_A}$

$$\frac{760 - 732}{760} = \frac{6.5 \times 18}{M_B \times 100}$$

$$\frac{28}{760} = \frac{6.5 \times 18}{M_B \times 100}$$

$$M_B = \frac{6.5 \times 18 \times 760}{28 \times 100} = 31.76$$

Now, $\Delta T_b = \frac{K_b \times w_B \times 1000}{w_A \times M_B} = \frac{0.52 \times 6.5 \times 1000}{100 \times 31.76} = 1.06$

$\therefore$ Boiling point of solution = 100 + 1.06 = 101.06°C

$\approx$ 101°C

B18. (*d*) : $Ba(OH)_2 \rightleftharpoons Ba^{2+} + 2OH^-$

$i = 3$

B19. (*c*) : The value of molal depression constant (K_f) is constant for a particular solvent. Therefore, it will be unchanged when molality of the dilute solution is doubled.

B21. (*e*) : $\pi = \frac{nRT}{V}$

$$16.4 = \frac{\frac{10}{180} \times 0.082 \times T}{100/1000}$$

or $$T = \frac{16.4 \times 100 \times 180}{10 \times 1000 \times 0.082}$$

= 360 K

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B22. (*a*) : According to Raoult's law

$$p = p_A^\circ x_A + p_B^\circ x_B$$

p = 500 mm Hg, $x_A = \frac{1}{3}$, $x_B = \frac{2}{3}$

$$500 = \frac{1}{3} p_A^\circ + \frac{2}{3} p_B^\circ$$

or $1500 = p_A^\circ + 2 p_B^\circ$ ...(*i*)

On adding 1 mole of B,

p = 525 mm Hg, $x_A = \frac{1}{4}$, $x_B = \frac{3}{4}$

$$525 = \frac{1}{4} p_A^\circ + \frac{3}{4} p_B^\circ$$

or $2100 = p_A^\circ + 3 p_B^\circ$ ...(*ii*)

Subtracting (*i*) from (*ii*)

$$600 = p_B^\circ$$

$\therefore$ $1500 = p_A^\circ + 2 \times 600$

$\therefore$ p_A° = **300 mm Hg**.

B23. (*d*) : $p = \frac{1}{K} \times$ Solubility

Solubility = K.p

= $0.5 \times 1.4 \times 10^{-3}$ mol/L

= $0.5 \times 1.4 \times 10^{-3} \times 32$ g/L

= 22.4×10^{-3} g/L

Amount dissolved in 100 mL

$$= \frac{22.4 \times 10^{-3}}{10}$$

= 2.24×10^{-3}g = **2.24 mg**.

B26. (*b*) : $\Delta T_f = i\, K_f\, m$

For NaCl, $\Delta T_f = 2$, $i = 2$

$2 = 2 \times K_f \times m$

For $BaCl_2$, ΔT_f = ?, $i = 3$

$\Delta T_f = 3 \times K_f \times m$

Since K_f and m are same (equimolal solution)

$$\frac{\Delta T_f}{2} = \frac{3}{2} \text{ or } \Delta T_f = 3$$

$\therefore$ Freezing point of $BaCl_2$ solution = 0 – 3 = **– 3°C.**

B27. (*a*) : $\Delta T_f = K_f \times m = 1.86 \times 0.100 = 0.186$

ΔT_f(observed) = 0.197

$$i = \frac{0.197}{0.186} = 1.06$$

If α is the degree of ionization,

	HF	⇌	H^+	+	F^-
Initial moles	1		0		0
After ionization	1 – α		α		α

Total number of moles after ionization

= 1 – α + α + α = 1 + α.

$$i = \frac{1+\alpha}{1} = 1.06 \text{ or } \alpha = 0.6 \text{ or } \mathbf{6\%}$$

B28. (*c*) : According to Henry's law,

$p(N_2) = x_H \times x(N_2)$

0.76 atm = 7.6×10^4 atm $\times\, x(N_2)$

$\therefore$ $x(N_2) = 1 \times 10^{-5}$

B29. (*c*) :

	AB	⇌	A^+	+	B^-
Initial	1	⇌	0		0
At equ.	1 – α		α		α

Total moles = 1 – α + α + α = 1 + α

$$i = \frac{1+\alpha}{1}$$

$$i = \frac{\text{Observed colligative property}}{\text{Normal colligative property}}$$

$$= \frac{0.81}{0.54} = 1.5$$

$\therefore$ $1 + \alpha = 1.5$

or α = **0.5** or **50%**

B30. (*d*) : $AB \rightleftharpoons A^+ + B^-$

$i = 2$

$$\pi = i \frac{w_B}{M_B} \times \frac{RT}{V}$$

or $$\pi = 2 \times \frac{10}{200} \times \frac{0.0821 \times 300}{100/1000} = 24.6 \text{ atm}$$

B31. (*a*) : 2 M solution means that 2 moles of solute are present in 1000 mL of solution.

Wt. of solution = 1000 × 1.2 = 1200 g

Wt. of solute = 2 × 100 = 200 g

Wt. of solvent = 1200 – 200 = 1000 g

Molality = $\frac{2 \times 1000}{1000}$ = **2 m**

B33. (*c*) : For complete dissociation of electrolyte AB_2,

$AB_2 \longrightarrow A^{2+} + 2B^-$ $i = 3$

Relative lowering in vapour pressure,

$$\frac{p^\circ - p}{p^\circ} = i \times \frac{n_2}{n_1 + n_2}$$

$$\frac{100 - p}{100} = 3 \times \frac{1}{1+99}$$

$$100 - p = \frac{3 \times 100}{100} = 3$$

$\therefore$ p = 100 – 3 = **97 mm Hg**

B34. (*e*) : $\pi = iCRT$

or $\pi \propto i$

Hence, KCl (Strong electrolyte) > CH_3COOH (Weak acid) > Sucrose (Non electrolyte)

B35. (*d*) : For isotonic solution, $C_1 = C_2$

$$\frac{5.25}{M} = \frac{1.5}{60} \text{ or } M = \mathbf{210\ g\ mol^{-1}}.$$

B36. (*c*) : 29% H_2SO_4 by mass means that 29 g H_2SO_4 are present in 100 g of the solution. If d g mL^{-1} is the density of the solution, then

$$\text{Volume} = \frac{100}{d}$$

$$\text{Moles of } H_2SO_4 = \frac{29}{98}$$

$$\text{Molarity} = \frac{29/98 \times 1000}{100/d} = 3.60$$

or $$d = \frac{3.60 \times 100 \times 98}{1000 \times 29} = \mathbf{1.22\ g\ mL^{-1}}.$$

B37. (*a*) : $p_{total} = p_A^\circ x_A + p_B^\circ x_B$

$760 = 520\, x_A + 1000\, (1 - x_A)$

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$760 = 520\,x_A + 1000 - 1000\,x_A$

$480\,x_A = 240$

$x_A = 0.5$ or Moles of A = **50%.**

B38. (*a*) : Moles of glucose $= \frac{18}{180} = 0.1$

Moles of water $= \frac{178.2}{18} = 9.9$

$\frac{p^\circ - p}{p^\circ} = \frac{0.1}{0.1+9.9}$

$\frac{17.5 - p}{17.5} = \frac{0.1}{10}$

$17.5 - p = \frac{0.1 \times 17.5}{10} = 0.175$

$p = 17.5 - 0.175$

$= \mathbf{17.325\ mm\ Hg}$

B39. (*c*) : According to Raoult's law

$p = p_Y^\circ x_X + p_Y^\circ x_Y$

Initially, $p = 550$ mm Hg, $x_X = \frac{1}{4}$, $x_Y = \frac{3}{4}$

$550 = p_X^\circ \cdot \frac{1}{4} + p_Y^\circ \cdot \frac{3}{4}$ ...(*i*)

On adding 1 mole of Y

$p = 560$ mm Hg, $x_X = \frac{1}{5}$, $x_Y = \frac{4}{5}$

$560 = p_X^\circ \cdot \frac{1}{5} + p_Y^\circ \cdot \frac{4}{5}$ ...(*ii*)

Solving eq. (*i*) and (*ii*), p_X° = **400 mm Hg**

p_Y° = **600 mm Hg.**

B40. (*d*) : For complete dissociation of Na_2SO_4

$Na_2SO_4 \longrightarrow 2Na^+ + SO_4^{2-}$

$i = 3$

$m = \frac{0.01}{1} \times 1 = 0.01$

$\Delta T_f = iK_f m$

$= 3 \times 1.86 \times 0.01$

$\Delta T_f = \mathbf{0.0558K}.$

B41. (*c*) : $n_h = \frac{25}{100} = 0.25$

$n_o = \frac{35}{114} = 0.307$

$x_h = \frac{0.25}{0.25+0.307} = 0.45$

$\therefore \quad x_o = 1 - 0.45 = 0.55$

$p = x_h p_h^\circ + x_o p_o^\circ$

$= 0.45 \times 105 + 0.55 \times 45$

$= 47.25 + 24.75$

$= \mathbf{72\ k\ Pa}.$

B42. (*a*) : 5.2 molal solution means that 5.2 moles of solute (CH_3OH) are present in 1000 g of water

Moles of CH_3OH, $n_{CH_3OH} = 5.2$

Moles of water, $n_{water} = \frac{1000}{18} = 55.56$

$x_{CH_3OH} = \frac{5.2}{5.2 + 55.56} = \mathbf{0.086.}$

B43. (*c*) : $\Delta T_f = \frac{K_f \times 1000 \times w_2}{w_1 \times M_2}$

$6 = \frac{1.86 \times 1000 \times w_2}{4000 \times 62}$

$w_2 = \frac{6 \times 4000 \times 62}{1.86 \times 1000} = \mathbf{800\ g.}$

B44. (*c*) : $A_xB_y \rightleftharpoons xA^{y+} + yB^{x-}$

Moles at equi : $1 - \alpha$ | $x\alpha$ | $y\alpha$

Total no. of moles $= 1 - \alpha + x\alpha + y\alpha$

$i = \frac{1 - \alpha + x\alpha + y\alpha}{1}$

$\therefore \quad (i - 1) = \alpha(x + y - 1)$

$\therefore \quad \alpha = \frac{i-1}{(x+y-1)}.$

B45. (*a*) : Density of water at 25°C = 1 g/mL

Volume of water = 0.3 × 1000 = 300 mL

Mass of water = 300 × 1 = 300 g

Moles of urea $= \frac{0.01}{60}$

Molality $= \frac{0.01 \times 1000}{60 \times 300} = \mathbf{5.55 \times 10^{-4}\ m.}$

B46. (*b*) : $\pi_1 = \pi_2$

or $C_1 = C_2$

$\frac{5}{342} = \frac{1}{M}$

$\therefore \quad M = \frac{342}{5} = \mathbf{68.4}.$

B47. (*c*) : Mass of urea = 120 g

Moles of urea $= \frac{120}{60} = 2$

Mass of solution = 1000 + 120 = 1120 g

Volume of solution $= \frac{1120}{1.15}$

Molarity $= \frac{2}{\frac{1120}{1.15}} \times 1000 = \mathbf{2.05\ M}$

B48. (*a*) : $\Delta T_f = 0 - (-2.8) = 2.8$

Mass of solvent = 1 kg = 1000 g

$\Delta T_f = \frac{K_f \times 1000 \times w_B}{w_A \times M_B}$

$2.8 = \frac{1.86 \times 1000 \times w_B}{1000 \times 62}$

$w_B = \frac{2.8 \times 1000 \times 62}{1.86 \times 1000} = \mathbf{93.3\ g.}$

B49. (*a*) : $M_1V_1 + M_2V_2 = M_3V_3$

$0.5 \times 750 + 2 \times 250 = M_3 \times 1000$

$M_3 = \frac{375 + 500}{1000} = \mathbf{0.875\ M.}$

B50. (*b*) : Osmotic pressure,

$\pi = icRT$

$\pi\ [C_2H_5OH] = 1 \times 0.500\ RT = 0.5\ RT$

$\pi\ [Mg_3(PO_4)_2] = 5 \times 0.100\ RT = 0.5\ RT$

$\pi\ [K\,Br] = 2 \times 0.250\ RT = 0.5\ RT$

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$\pi\,[Na_3PO_4] = 4 \times 0.125\ RT = 0.5\ RT$

Therefore, all have some osmotic pressure.

B51. (*d*) :
$$\frac{p^\circ - p_s}{p^\circ} = x_B = \frac{n_B}{n_A + n_B} \approx \frac{n_B}{n_A}$$
$$\approx \frac{w_B \times M_A}{w_A \times M_B}$$
$$\frac{185-183}{185} = \frac{1.2 \times 58}{100 \times M_2}$$
$$\therefore \quad M_2 = \frac{1.2 \times 58 \times 185}{2 \times 100} = 64.38 \approx \mathbf{64}$$

B52. (*c*) : At 1 atm, the vapour pressure of water, $p^\circ = 760$ torr.
$w_B = 18$ g; $M_B = 180$ g mol^{-1}; $w_A = 178.2$ g; $p_A = ?$

$$\therefore \quad \frac{p_A^\circ - p_A}{p_A^\circ} = \frac{w_B M_A}{w_A M_B}$$
$$\text{or} \quad \frac{760 - p_A}{760} = \frac{18 \times 18}{178.2 \times 180}$$
$$\text{or} \quad \frac{760 - p_A}{760} = 0.0101$$
$$\text{or} \quad p_A = 752.3 \text{ torr}$$

B53. (*d*) :
$$\Delta T_f = \frac{i \times K_f \times 1000 \times w_B}{w_A \times M_B}$$
$$0.45 = \frac{i \times 5.12 \times 1000 \times 0.2}{20 \times 60}$$
$$i = \frac{0.45 \times 20 \times 60}{5.12 \times 1000 \times 0.2} = 0.527$$

$$2\,CH_3COOH \rightleftharpoons (CH_3COOH)_2$$
$$1-\alpha \qquad \alpha/2$$

Total number of moles $= 1 - \alpha + \alpha/2 = 1 - \alpha/2$

$$i = \frac{1 - \alpha/2}{1} = 0.527$$
$$-\alpha/2 = 0.527 - 1 = -0.473$$
$$\alpha = 0.473 \times 2 = 0.946$$

$\therefore$ Percentage association = **94.6%**

B54. (*d*) : $[Co(H_2O)_6]Cl_3 \rightleftharpoons [Co(H_2O)_6]^{3+} + 3Cl^-$
(4 particles per mole)

$[Co(H_2O)_5Cl]Cl_2.H_2O \rightleftharpoons [Co(H_2O)_5Cl]^{2+} + 2Cl^-$
(3 particles per mole)

$[Co(H_2O)_5Cl_2]Cl.2H_2O \rightleftharpoons [Co(H_2O)_4\,Cl_2]^{2+} + Cl^-$
(2 particles per mole)

$[Co(H_2O)_3Cl_3].\,3H_2O \rightleftharpoons [Co(H_2O)_3\,Cl_3]$
(1 particle per mole)

Now $\Delta T_f \propto i$ (no. of particles)

So, $[Co(H_2O)_3\,Cl_3].\,3H_2O$ will have minimum depression in freezing point and hence maximum freezing point.

B55. (*e*) : $n_X = n_Y = 1$ or $\frac{n_X}{n_Y} = 1$

$$x_X = \frac{1}{1+1} = \frac{1}{2},\ X_Y = \frac{1}{1+1} = \frac{1}{2}$$
$$p = p_X^\circ \times x_X' + p_Y^\circ \times x_Y = 400 \text{ mm}$$
$$\text{or} \quad \frac{1}{2}p_X^\circ + \frac{1}{2}p_Y^\circ = 400 \text{ mm} \qquad ...(i)$$

When $\frac{n_X'}{n_Y'} = \frac{1}{2}$ at the same temperature

$$x_{X'} = \frac{1}{3} \text{ and } x_{Y'} = \frac{2}{3}$$
$$\therefore \quad p' = p_X^\circ \times x_{X'} + p_Y^\circ \times x_{Y'} = 350 \text{ mm}$$
$$\text{or} \quad \frac{1}{3}p_X^\circ + \frac{2}{3}p_Y^\circ = 350 \text{ mm} \qquad ...(ii)$$

Solving (*i*) and (*ii*) $p_X^\circ = \mathbf{550\ mm}$, $p_Y^\circ = \mathbf{250\ mm}$.

B56. (*d*) :
$$\left(\frac{6 \times 1000}{60 \times 100}\right)_{urea} = C_{glucose}$$
$$\therefore \quad C_{glucose} = \mathbf{1\ M}$$

B57. (*d*) : Let w be the mass of sucrose dissolved in 100 g of water

$$\text{Molality, } m = \frac{w}{342} \times \frac{1000}{100}$$
$$= 0.0292\,w$$
$$\Delta T_f = K_f \times m$$
$$= 1.86 \times 0.0292\,w$$
$$\Delta T_b = K_b \times m$$
$$= 0.51 \times 0.0292\,w$$
$$T_f = 0 - 1.86 \times 0.0292\,w$$
$$T_b = 100 + 0.51 \times 0.0292\,w$$
$$T_b - T_f = 100 + 0.51 \times 0.0292\,w - 0 + 1.86 \times 0.0292\,w$$
$$= 100 + 0.0692\,w$$
$$\text{or} \quad 105 = 100 + 0.0692\,w$$
$$0.0692\,w = 5$$
$$w = \frac{5}{0.0692}$$
$$= 72.2 \approx \mathbf{72g}.$$

B58. (*b*) :
$$\frac{p_A^\circ - p_A}{p_A^\circ} = \frac{w_B M_A}{w_A M_B}$$
$$\therefore \quad \frac{10}{100} = \frac{w_B \times 18}{180 \times 60}$$
$$\therefore \quad w_B = \frac{10}{100} \times \frac{180 \times 60}{18} = \mathbf{60\ g}$$

B59. (*e*) :
$$M_2 = \frac{1000 \times K_f \times w_2}{w_1 \times \Delta T_f}$$
$$\Delta T_f = 0 - (-0.465) = 0.465$$
$$= \frac{1000 \times 1.86 \times 1.8}{40 \times 0.465} = \mathbf{180}$$

Empirical formula mass $= 12 + 2 \times 1 + 16 = 30$

$$n = \frac{\text{Molecular mass}}{\text{Empirical formula mass}}$$
$$= \frac{180}{30} = 6$$

$\therefore$ Molecular formula $(CH_2O)_6 = \mathbf{C_6H_{12}O_6}$.

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B60. (*a*) : Molality of NaCl $= \frac{58.5/58.5}{1000} \times 1000 = 1$ m

(for water = 1000 mL = 1000 g ∵ density of water = 1)

Molality of glucose

$= \frac{180/180}{1000} \times 1000 = 1$ m

i for NaCl = 2, i for glucose = 1

$\Delta T_b = i \times K_b \times m$

$\therefore$ ΔT_b for NaCl > ΔT_b for glucose.

B61. (*e*) : $\frac{\Delta T_f}{\Delta T_b} = \frac{K_f}{K_b}$

$\Delta T_f = 0 - (-0.186) = 0.186°C$

$\frac{0.186}{\Delta T_b} = \frac{1.86}{0.52}$

or $\Delta T_b = \frac{0.186 \times 0.52}{1.86} = \mathbf{0.052}$

B62. (*a*) : $\frac{p_A^\circ - p_A}{p_A^\circ} = \frac{20}{100} = x_B$

Let mass of non volatile solute be added = x g

$\frac{\frac{x}{40}}{\frac{x}{40}+\frac{114}{114}} = \frac{20}{100} \simeq \frac{\frac{x}{40}}{\frac{114}{114}}$

or $\frac{x}{40} \times 1 = \frac{20}{100}$ $\therefore$ $x = \frac{40 \times 20}{100} = \mathbf{8\ g}$

B63. (*b*) : Let vapour pressure of A be p so that vapour pressure of B is $2p$.

Total vapour pressure of solution.

$= p \times \frac{1}{3} + 2p \times \frac{2}{3} = \frac{5p}{3}$

In vapour phase, mole fraction of A is

$y_A = \frac{\frac{p}{3}}{\frac{5p}{3}} = 0.20$

B64. (*b*) : $\Delta T_f = 0.19$, $m = 0.1$, $K_f = 1.86$ Km^{-1}

$\Delta T_f = i\, K_f \times m$ or $i = \frac{\Delta T_f}{K_f \times m}$

$= \frac{0.19}{1.86 \times 0.1} = 1.02$

If α is the degree of dissociation,

$CH_3COOH \rightleftharpoons CH_3COO^- + H^+$

Initial moles	1	0	0
After dissociation	$1-\alpha$	α	α

Total number of moles after dissociation

$= 1 - \alpha + \alpha + \alpha = 1 + \alpha.$

$i = \frac{1+\alpha}{1} = 1.02$ or $\alpha = \mathbf{0.02}$

$K_a = c\alpha^2 = 0.1 \times (0.02)^2 = \mathbf{4 \times 10^{-5}}$

B65. (*a*) : For equimolar solution, $x_b = x_t = 0.5$

$p_b = x_b \times p_b^0 = 0.5 \times 100 = 50$ mm

$p_t = x_t \times p_t^0 = 0.5 \times 50 = 25$ mm

Total vapour pressure, $p_{total} = 50 + 25 = 75$ mm

Mole fraction of benzene in vapour phase,

$y_b = \frac{p_b}{p_{total}} = \frac{50}{75} = \mathbf{0.67}$

B66. (*d*) : $\Delta T_f = 0 - (-0.125) = 0.125°C$

$\Delta T_f = \frac{K_f \times w_B \times 1000}{M_B \times w_A}$

$0.125 = \frac{1.86 \times 3 \times 1000}{111.6 \times w_A}$

$w_A = \mathbf{400\ g}$

B67. (*a*) : As P undergoes association:

$2P \rightleftharpoons P_2$

If α is the degree of association

Initial	1	0
After association	$1-\alpha$	$\alpha/2$

Total number of moles = $1 - \alpha + \alpha/2 = 1 - \frac{\alpha}{2}$

$i = \frac{1-\alpha/2}{1}$

Now, observed molar mass,

$M_B = \frac{1000 \times K_f \times w_B}{w_A \times \Delta T_f}$

$= \frac{1000 \times 1.86 \times 1.25}{50 \times 0.3} = 155$

$i = \frac{\text{Normal molar mass}}{\text{Observed molar mass}}$

$= \frac{94}{155} = 0.606$

$1 - \frac{\alpha}{2} = 0.606$

$-\frac{\alpha}{2} = 0.606 - 1$

$= -0.394$

$\alpha = 0.788$ or 78.8%

or $\simeq \mathbf{80\%}$

B68. (*b*) : $K_3[Fe(CN)_6] \rightleftharpoons 3K^+ + [Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$

If α is the degree of dissociation, then

$1-\alpha$ 3α α

Total moles after dissociation = $1 - \alpha + 3\alpha + \alpha$

$= 1 + 3\alpha$

$i = \frac{1+3\alpha}{1} = 3.333$

$3\alpha = 3.333 - 1 = 2.333$

$\alpha = \frac{2.333}{3} = \mathbf{0.78}$ or $\mathbf{78\%}$

B69. (*d*) : Molarity of 0.06% (*w*/*v*) aqueous solution of urea is molarity $= \frac{0.06}{60} \times \frac{1000}{100} = 0.01$ M

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As osmotic pressure, $\pi = cRT$,

0.01 M solution of urea will be isotonic with 0.01 M glucose solution.

B71. (*a*) : For 0.01 M NaCl

$\Delta T_f = 2 \times 0.01\ K_f = 0.02\ K_f$ ($\because i = 2$)

For 0.01 m Na_2SO_4

$\Delta T_f = 3 \times 0.01\ K_f = 0.03\ K_f$ ($\because i = 3$)

For 0.1 M sucrose

$\Delta T_f = 0.1\ K_f$ ($\because i = 1$)

For 0.1 M NaCl

$\Delta T_f = 2 \times 0.1\ K_f = 0.2\ K_f$ ($\because i = 2$)

Therefore, the depression in freezing point will be minimum in 0.01 M NaCl solution and hence its freezing point will be highest.

B72. (*a*) : ΔT_b =373.413 − 373 = 0.413 K

$K_b = 0.52$

$$\Delta T_b = \frac{K_b \times 1000 \times w_B}{M_B \times w_A}$$

$$0.413 = \frac{0.52 \times 1000 \times 2.44}{M_B \times 75}$$

$$\therefore\ M_B = \frac{0.52 \times 1000 \times 2.44}{0.413 \times 75} = 40.96\ g\ mol^{-1}$$

B73. (*c*) : According to Raoult's law

$$p = p^\circ x_{solute} \text{ or } p = p^\circ\left[\frac{n_2}{n_1 + n_2}\right]$$

B74. (*b*) : Mass of CCl_4 = 500 × 1.6 = 800 g

Molecular mass of naphthalene ($C_{10}H_8$) = 10 × 12 + 8 × 1 = 128

$$\therefore\ \text{Molality} = \frac{51.2 \times 1000}{128 \times 800} = 0.500\ m$$

B75. (*b*) : $$\Delta T_f = \frac{K_f \times w_B \times 1000}{w_A \times M_B} = \frac{2 \times 31 \times 1000}{500 \times 62} = 2\ K$$

Freezing point of solution = 273 − 2 = 271 K

B77. (*a*) : 3 M solution of methanol means that 3 moles of methanol are present in 1 L or 1000 cm^3 of solution.

Mass of solution = 1000 × 0.9 = 900 g

Molar mass of methanol CH_3OH = 12 + 4 × 1 + 16 = 32 g mol^{-1}

Mass of methanol = 3 × 32 = 96 g

Mass of water = 900 − 96 = 804 g

$$\text{Molality} = \frac{3 \times 1000}{804} = \mathbf{3.73\ m}$$

B78. (*e*) : D-Fructose does not ionise and therefore, $i = 1$. It will have minimum depression in freezing point and hence highest freezing point.

B79. (*c*) : For isotonic solutions, $\pi_1 = \pi_2$

Where $\pi = icRT$

For the given solutions at the same temperature, T and R are constant

(*a*) For urea, $i = 1$, $\pi = 1 \times 0.01$ RT

For NaCl, $i = 2$, $\pi = 2 \times 0.01$ RT

(*b*) For NaCl, $i = 2$, $\pi = 2 \times 0.02$ RT

For Na_2SO_4, $i = 3$, $\pi = 3 \times 0.02$ RT

(*c*) For NaCl, $i = 2$, $\pi = 2 \times 0.03$ RT

For $MgCl_2$, $i = 3$, $\pi = 3 \times 0.02$ RT

$\therefore$ π (NaCl) = π ($MgCl_2$) : isotonic

(*d*) For sucrose, $i = 1$, $\pi = 1 \times 0.01$ RT

For glucose, $i = 1$, $\pi = 1 \times 0.02$ RT

B80. (*b*) : Van't Hoff factor (i) expresses the extent of dissociation of solute in the solution.

B81. (*b*) : $$\Delta T_f = i\ K_f\ m = \frac{i \times K_f \times w_B \times 1000}{M_B \times w_A}$$

w_B = 61g, w_A = 100g, M_B = 122

$$2 = \frac{i \times 6 \times 61 \times 1000}{122 \times 1000}$$

$$i = \frac{2 \times 122 \times 1000}{6 \times 61 \times 1000} = 0.67$$

Benzoic acid dimerises as

$$2\ C_6H_5COOH \rightleftharpoons (C_6H_5COOH)_2$$

Initial	1	0
after association	1–α	α/2

Total moles after association = 1– α + α/2 = 1–α/2

$$i = \frac{1 - \alpha/2}{1} = 0.67$$

$$1 - \alpha/2 = 0.67$$

$$-\alpha/2 = 0.67 - 1 = -0.33$$

$$\alpha = 0.66 \text{ or } 66\%$$

B82. (*a*) : Molar mass = 59 + 14 × 2 + 12 × 16 + 12×1 = 291

Moles of $Co(NO_3)_2.6H_2O = \frac{30}{291}$

$$\text{Molarity} = \frac{30}{291 \times 4.3} = 0.023\ M$$

B83. (*b*) : $\Delta T_b = i\ K_b\ m$

Since concentration (m) is same,

$$\Delta T_b \propto i$$

i(for NaOH) = 2, i(for Na_2SO_4) = 3

i(for NH_4NO_3) = 2, i(for KNO_3) = 2

So, elevation in boiling point will be maximum for Na_2SO_4 solution and hence 1.0M Na_2SO_4 will have highest boiling point.

B85. (*c*) : Molality of NaCl solution = 1 m

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i = 2 for NaCl

$\Delta T_b = i\ K_b\ m = 2 \times 0.52 \times 1 = 1.04$

Boiling point of solution = 373.15 + 1.04 = 374.19K

B86. (*a*) : $\Delta T_b = i\ K_b.\ m$

$CuCl_2 \longrightarrow Cu^{2+} + 2Cl^-$

$m = \dfrac{13.44}{134.4} = 0.1$ m

Assuming 100% ionization, i = 3

$\Delta T_b = 3 \times 0.52 \times 0.1$

$= 0.156$ or $\approx$ **0.16**

B87. (*a*) : $\Delta T_f = iK_f \times m$

$m = \dfrac{\frac{20}{172}\times 1000}{50} = 2.326$

$2 = i \times 1.72 \times 2.326$

$i = \dfrac{2}{1.72\times 2.326} =$ **0.50.**

B88. (*a*) : $p_{N_2\ (air)} = K_H \times x_{N_2\ (dissolved)}$

$p^\circ_{N_2} = x_{N_2\ (air)}$

Hence $x_{N_2\ (dissolved)} = \dfrac{x_{N_2}(air).p}{K_H} = \dfrac{0.8\times 5}{10^5} = 4\times 10^{-5}$

Moles of N_2 in 1 mole of water = 4×10^{-5}

Moles of N_2 in 10 moles of water = $\mathbf{4 \times 10^{-4}}$

B89. (*c*) : Total mass of solution = 1000 + 120 = 1120 g

Volume of solution = $\dfrac{1120}{1.15} = 973.9$

Molarity = $\dfrac{120/60}{973.9} \times 1000 =$ **2.05 M.**

B90. (*a*) : $K_3[Fe(CN)_6] \rightleftharpoons 3K^+ + [Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$

Here $i = 4$

$\Delta T_f = \dfrac{i \times K_f \times 1000 \times w_2}{w_1 \times M_2}$

$= \dfrac{4\times 1.86\times 1000\times 0.1}{100\times 329} = 2.3\times 10^{-2}$

Freezing point = $0 - 2.3 \times 10^{-2}$

= $\mathbf{-2.3 \times 10^{-2}\ °C.}$

B91. (*a*) : $M_B = \dfrac{K_b \times 1000 \times w_B}{\Delta T_b \times w_A}$

$= \dfrac{0.76\times 1000\times 2.5}{2\times 100} = 9.5$

$\dfrac{p^0_A - p_A}{p^0_A} = x_2 = \dfrac{n_2}{n_1}$ (as $n_2 << n_1$)

$\dfrac{p^0_A - p_A}{p^0_A} = \dfrac{w_2/M_2}{w_1/M_1}$

$\dfrac{760 - p_A}{760} = \dfrac{2.5/9.5}{100/18} = 0.0474$

$760 - p_A = 0.0474 \times 760 = 36$

or $p_A = 760 - 36 =$ **724 mm.**

B92. (*b*) : As T increases, the vapour pressure increases. Therefore, options (*a*) and (*d*) are not correct.

$\Delta T_f = \dfrac{K_f \times w_B \times 1000}{M_B \times w_A}$

$= \dfrac{2\times 34.5\times 1000}{46\times 500} = 3K$

$\Delta T_f = 273(K) - T_f = 3K$

or $T_f = 273 - 3 = 270K$

Therefore, option (*b*) is correct.

C. *mcq with more than one correct answer*

C4. (*a, d*) : When a solute is added to a solvent, its vapour pressure becomes less and during freezing, only solvent molecules solidify. Therefore, statements (*a*) and (*d*) are correct.

C7. (*b, c, d*) : For an ideal solution

(*i*) $\Delta G < 0$ for mixing

(*ii*) $\Delta S_{system} > 0$ because disorder increases

(*iii*) $\Delta S_{surr} = 0$; no heat is exchanged in case of ideal solution

(*iv*) $\Delta H_{mixing} = 0$

Therefore, statements *b*, *c* and *d* are correct.

C8. (*a, c*) : Osmotic pressure of urea solution,

C = 6 g/100 cm^3 = 60 g/L

π (urea) = $\dfrac{60}{60}$RT = 1RT

(*a*) C (glucose) = 18g/100 cm^3 = 180 g/l

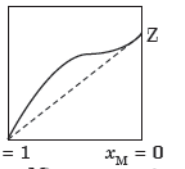
π (glucose) = $\dfrac{180}{180}$RT = 1RT

(*b*) π ($BaCl_2$) = 3 × 0.5 RT = 1.5 RT (i = 3)

(*c*) π (Sucrose) = 1RT = RT

(*d*) π (acetic acid) = 2 × 1 × RT = 2RT (i = 2)

C10. (*a, d*) :



There is positive deviation from ideal solution as indicated by graph above dotted line. Therefore, L–M interactions are less than L–L and M–M interactions. Point-Z represents vapour pressure of pure liquid L. At $x_L \longrightarrow 1$, the solution is very dilute of M in L and is nearly ideal. Therefore, it obeys Raoult's law ($p_L = x_L p^\circ_L$).

D. *mcq based on passage/comprehension*

Passage I

D1. (*d*) : $p_A = x_A \times p_A^\circ$ or $32 = x_A \times 40$

or $x_A = \dfrac{32}{40} =$ **0.8**

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D3. (*b*) : For pure octane, $x = 0$

$\therefore$ p (sol) = p (octane) = 35 + 65 × 0 = **35 mm of Hg**

D4. (*b*) : For ideal solutions, $\Delta H_{mixing} = 0$

Passage II.

D5. (*a*) : Molarity of solution = $\frac{7.2/180}{100} \times 1000 = 0.4$

$$\Delta T_f = K_f \times m = 1.86 \times 0.4 = 0.744$$

Freezing point of solution = 0 – 0.744 = – 0.744 °C

D6. (*c*) : $\frac{p_A^\circ - p_A}{p_A^\circ} = \frac{w_B/M_B}{w_A/M_A}$

$$\frac{0.024 - p_A}{0.024} = \frac{7.2/180}{100/18}$$

$$0.024 - p_A = 0.024\,(0.0072) = 0.0001728$$

$$\therefore \quad p_A = 0.024 - 0.0001728 = 0.0238 \text{ atm}$$

D7. (*b*) : $\Delta T_f = i\,K_f\,m$

$$0.744 = 2 \times 1.86 \times m$$

or $m = 0.2$

Amount of NaCl to be dissolved = 0.2 × 58.5 = 11.7 g in 1000 g or 1.179 g in 100 g.

D8. (*d*) : Molality of solution = 0.2 m

ΔT_f (calculated) = 1.86 × 0.2 = 0.372

ΔT_f (observed) = 0.698

$$\therefore \quad i = \frac{0.698}{0.372} = 1.88$$

$$Na \longrightarrow Na^+ + Cl^-$$

It α is the degree of dissociation,

$$1-\alpha \qquad \alpha \qquad \alpha$$

Total moles = 1 – α + α + α = 1 + α

$$i = \frac{1+\alpha}{1} = 1.88$$

$$\therefore \quad \alpha = 0.88 \text{ or } 88\%$$

Passage III.

D9. (*b*) : For two solutions

$$\frac{\pi(A)}{\pi(B)} = \frac{c(A)}{c(B)}$$

c (B) = 0.1 M, c (A) = 0.02 × 4 = 0.08 M

$$\frac{\pi(A)}{p} = \frac{0.08}{0.1} = 0.8$$

$\therefore$ π(A) = **0.8*p***

D10. (*c*) :

$$HX\,(aq) \longrightarrow H^+ + X^-$$

$$m(1-0.20) \qquad m(0.20) \qquad m(0.20)$$

Molal conc. of soln. = $m\,(1 - 0.20) + 0.20\,m + 0.20\,m$

$$= 1.20\,m$$

$$\Delta T_b = K_b \times m$$

$$= 0.52 \times 1.20\,(0.2) = 0.1248$$

Boiling point = **100.1248°C**

D11. (*b*) : $Na_3PO_4 \rightleftharpoons 3Na^+ + PO_4^{3-}$ (produces 4 ions)

D13. (*d*) : NaCl sol. used should be isotonic with blood stream.

For NaCl, $i = 2$, $\pi = icRT$

$$\text{or } c = \frac{\pi}{i\,RT} = \frac{7.8 \text{ bar}}{2 \times 0.083 \text{ bar LK}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1} \times 310 \text{ K}}$$

$$= 0.15 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$$

Assertion Reason Type Questions

3. (*e*) : **Correct assertion :** 0.1 M glucose and 0.1 M urea solution have same freezing point.
Correct reason : Both have the same molar concentration of the solute and are non-associated non-electrolytes.

4. (*a*) : Reason is correct explanation of assertion.

5. (*b*) : Both assertion and reason are correct but reason is not correct explanation of assertion.

7. (*c*) : **Correct reason :** NaCl is an electrolyte and dissociates to give two ions. Therefore, osmotic pressure of 0.1 M NaCl is almost double than that of 0.1 M urea solution.

8. (*e*) : **Correct assertion :** Elevation in boiling point of two isotonic solutions is the same.
Correct reason : Elevation in boiling point depends upon the concentration of the solute.

10. (*c*) : **Correct reason :** Camphor has large K_f value and therefore, causes greater depression in freezing point.

Integer type or Numerical Value Type Questions

1. (4) : Chloroform + diethylether, acetone + aniline, water + nitric acid, chloroform + nitric acid.

2. (8) : 2 : 1 : 4 : 6 $\therefore$ $x + z = 2 + 6 = 8$.

3. (5) : $p°(C_2H_5OH) = 142$, $p°(CH_3OH) = 126 + 142 = 268$

$p_{solution} = 142 \times 0.5 + 268 \times 0.5 = 71 + 134 = 205$

$\therefore$ $y + 200 = 205$ and $y = 5$.

4. (4) :

	$A_2B_3 \rightleftharpoons$	$2A^{3+}$ +	$3B^{2-}$
Initial	1	0	0
After ionization	1 – 0.75 = 0.25	1.5	2.25

Total moles after ionization = 0.25 + 1.5 + 2.25 = 4

$$\therefore \quad i = \frac{4}{1} = 4.$$

5. (5) : $\Delta T_f = iK_f \times m$

For 0.6 m $Al_2(SO_4)_3$,

$$\Delta T_f = 5 \times K_f \times 0.6 = 3.0\,K_f (i = 5)$$

For 0.2 m Na_2SO_4,

$$\Delta T_f = 3 \times K_f \times 0.2 = 0.6\,K_f (i = 3)$$

Thus, ΔT_f for $Al_2(SO_4)_3$ solution is 5 times that for Na_2SO_4 solution.

6. (8) : Mass of HCl = 29.2 g

$$\text{Volume of solution} = \frac{100 \text{ g}}{1.25} = 80 \text{ mL}$$

$$\text{Molarity of solution} = \frac{\text{g mol}}{\text{Volume of solution}} \times 1000$$

$$= \frac{29.2/36.5}{80} \times 1000 = 10 \text{ M}$$

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Using $M_1V_1 = M_2V_2$

$10 \times V_1 = 200 \times 0.4$

$\therefore \quad V_1 = \frac{200 \times 0.4}{10} = 8$

7. (2) : $MX_2 \rightleftharpoons M^{2+} + 2X^-$

If α is the degree of dissociation

$1-\alpha \quad \alpha \quad 2\alpha$

Total moles after dissociation

$= 1-\alpha+\alpha+2\alpha = 1+2\alpha$

$i = \frac{1+2\alpha}{1} = 1+2\alpha$

$= 1 + 2 \times 0.5 = 2$

8. (1) : $\Delta T_f = i\,K_f\,m$

Given: $m = 0.01$ molal, $\Delta T_f = 0 - (0.0558°) = 0.0558°C$

$K_f = 1.86$ K kg mol^{-1}

$i = \frac{\Delta T_f}{K_f \times m} = \frac{0.0558}{1.86 \times 0.01} = 3$

Since three ions are produced by the complex, the molecular formula of the complex is $[Co(NH_3)_5Cl]Cl_2$. Thus, the number of Cl^- ions in the coordination sphere is only one.

9. (9) : Mole fraction of solute 0.1 means that 1 mol of solution has 0.1 mol of solute and 0.9 mol of solvent.

If M_1 is molar mass of solute and M_2 is molar mass of solvent, then

Mass of solvent = $0.9 \times M_2$

Molality = $\frac{0.1}{0.9\,M_2} \times 1000$

Volume of solution = $\frac{\text{Mass of solute + Mass of solvent}}{\text{Density}}$

$= \frac{0.1\,M_1 + 0.9\,M_2}{2}$

Molarity = $\frac{0.1}{(0.1\,M_1 + 0.9\,M_2)} \times 2 \times 1000$

Since molality = molarity

$\frac{0.1}{0.9\,M_2} \times 1000 = \frac{0.1 \times 2 \times 1000}{0.1\,M_1 + 0.9\,M_2}$

$\frac{100}{0.9\,M_2} = \frac{200}{0.1\,M_1 + 0.9\,M_2}$

$10\,M_1 + 90\,M_2 = 180\,M_2$

$10\,M_1 = 90\,M_2 \quad \therefore \quad \frac{M_1}{M_2} = 9$

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1. (*a*) : $\frac{p_A^\circ - p_A}{p_A^\circ} = x_B$ (mole fraction of solute)

2. (*d*) : Since the solution is cool to touch, the dissolution is endothermic. Therefore, high temperature will favour dissolution. Further, powdered sugar has large surface area and is favourable for dissolution.

3. (*c*) : At equilibrium, rate of dissolution = rate of crystallisation.

4. (*b*) : In super saturated solution, substance starts precipitating.

6. (*b*) : According to Henry's law, solubility of oxygen in blood and tissues of people is low because of low atmospheric pressure. However, temperature of human body remains constant.

7. (*a*) : Solution of methanol and acetone will show positive deviation because intermolecular H–bonds of methanol will break when acetone is dissolved in it. As a result, rate of evaporation increases.

9. (*b*) : 1.0 M Na_2SO_4 because $i = 3$.

11. (*c*) : 0.01 M glucose ($i = 1$) and 0.01 M $MgCl_2$ ($i = 3$)

Since $\Delta T_f = iK_f m$, $MgCl_2$ will show about three times depression in freezing point.

14. (*a*) : Depression in freezing point depends upon the nature of the solvent.

15. (*b*) : $KCl \longrightarrow K^+ + Cl^-$ ($i = 2$), $NaCl \longrightarrow Na^+ + Cl^-$ ($i = 2$),

: $K_2SO_4 \longrightarrow 2K^+ + SO_4^{2-}$ ($i = 3$).

18. (*b*) : $p_A = K_H\,x_A$ or $K_H = \frac{p_A}{x_A}$

Hence, lower the value of x_A (solubility), greater will be the value of K_H at the same partial pressure and at the same temperature.

19. (*b*) : It represents reverse osmosis.

22. (*a*) : Vapour pressure decreases when a non-volatile solute is dissolved in it.

24. (*d*) : $M_1V_1 = M_2V_2$; $0.02 \times 4 = M_2 \times 5 \quad \therefore M_2 = 0.016$

26. (*c*) : Lower the value of K_H, higher is the solubility.

NCERT Exemplar Problems : MCQs Type-II

28. (*c, d*) : They will form ideal solution and therefore $\Delta_{mix} H = 0$. The statement (*c*) and (*d*) are not true.

31. (*c, d*) : Isotonic solutions have same molar concentration and hence have same elevation in boiling point and same depression in freezing point.

32. (*b, c*) : These are non-ideal solutions, which form azeotropic mixtures and have same composition in liquid phase and vapour phase.

34. (*a, d*) : $p = p_A^\circ x_A + p_B^\circ x_B$

This shows that solutions (*a*) and (*d*) are possible depending upon which component is more volatile.

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Unit Practice Test

for Board Examination

Time Allowed : 2 Hrs. Maximum Marks : 35

1. State the condition resulting in reverse osmosis. (1)

2. 2.5 g each of two solutes X and Y (molar mass of X > Y) are dissolved separately in 50 g each of the same solvent. Which will show greater elevation in boiling point? (1)

3. Write the mathematical form of Raoult's law of relative lowering of vapour pressure. (1)

4. What is the value of van't Hoff factor for a compound which undergoes tetramerisation in an organic solvent ? (1)

5. How is the molarity of a solution different from its molality ? (1)

6. Why does solution of ethanol and cyclohexane show positive deviation from Raoult's law. (2)

7. Why do gases always tend to be less soluble in liquids as the temperature is raised? (2)

8. How many grams of potassium chloride should be added to 1.5 kg of water to lower its freezing point to –7.5°C? K_f for water = 1.86°C kg mol^{-1}. (2)

9. Sodium chloride solution boils at higher temperature than water, while it freezes at lower temperature than water. Explain. (2)

10. Why is the freezing point depression of 0.1 M KCl solution nearly twice that of 0.1 M sucrose solution? (2)

11. A solution contains 0.8960 *g* of K_2SO_4 in 500 mL solution. Its osmotic pressure is found to be 0.690 atm at 27°C. Calculate the value of Van't Hoff factor. (R = 0.082 L atm K^{-1} mol^{-1}) (3)

12. State Raoult's law. How would you distinguish between ideal and non-ideal solutions with the help of the law. (3)

13. Why do we get sometimes abnormal molar masses of the substances by using colligative properties of the solutions? State the factors with suitable examples which bring abnormality in results. (3)

14. Two aqueous solutions containing respectively 7.5 g of urea (molar mass = 60) and 42.57 g of substance X in 100 g of water freeze at the same temperature. Calculate the molecular mass of X. (3)

15. Benzene and toluene form ideal solution over the entire range of composition. The vapour pressure of pure benzene and toluene at 300 K are 50.71 mm Hg and 32.06 mm Hg. respectively. Calculate the mole fraction of benzene in vapour phase if 80 g of benzene is mixed with 100 g of toluene. (3)

16. (*a*) What is relative lowering in vapour pressure? Show that relative lowering in vapour pressure is a colligative property.

(*b*) Calculate the normal freezing point of a sample of sea water containing 3.8 % NaCl and 0.12% $MgCl_2$ by mass. Given K_f = 1.86 K kg mol^{-1}, molar mass of NaCl = 58.5 and $MgCl_2$ = 95 g mol^{-1}.

(*c*) Calculate the volume of 80% H_2SO_4 by weight (density = 1.8 g/mol) required to prepare 1L of 0.2 M solution. (5)

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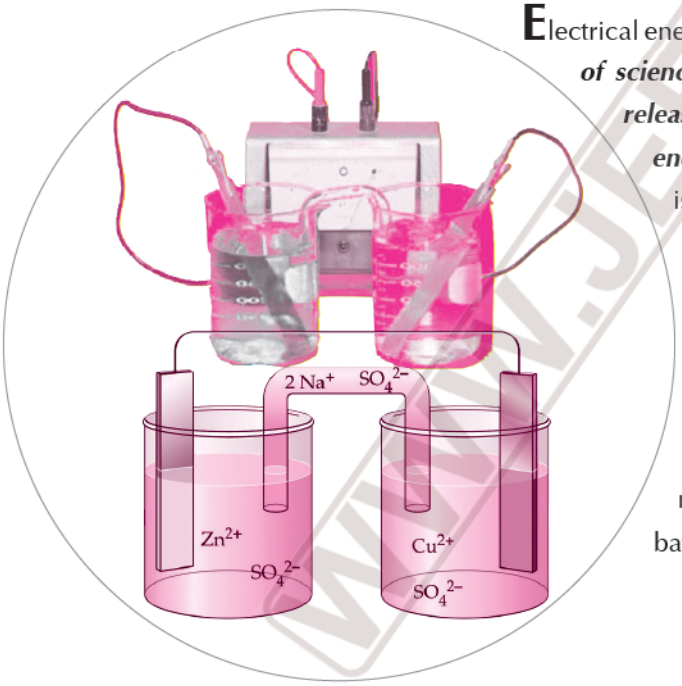
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Electrical energy plays an important role in many chemical reactions. ***The branch of science which deals with the production of electricity from energy released during spontaneous chemical reactions and the use of electrical energy to bring about non-spontaneous chemical transformations*** is called **electrochemistry**. The basis of these types of processes are redox reactions, which we have learnt in the previous class. Large number of chemical and biological reactions are **redox reactions.** These are used in burning of fuels for obtaining energy for domestic, transport or industrial purposes, digestion of food in animals; photosynthesis to capture energy from the sun, many industrial processes for extracting metals from their ores and manufacture of important chemicals, operation of dry and wet batteries, fuel cells etc.

REDOX REACTIONS

As we have learnt in previous class, *oxidation is a process which involves loss of electrons and reduction is a process which involves gain of electrons.* The reactions which involve both oxidation and reduction are called **redox reactions.** In these reactions, electrons are transferred from one reactant to another. *The substance which can lose one or more electrons (i.e., get oxidised)* is called **reducing agent or reductant** while *the substance which can gain one or more electrons (i.e., get reduced)* is called **oxidising agent or oxidant.** Thus, in a redox reaction, one substance acts as a reducing agent and itself gets oxidised while another substance acts as an oxidising agent and itself gets reduceed.

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A simple example of a redox reaction is the reaction between zinc and copper (II) salt occurring in a battery. In this reaction, zinc loses electrons and gets oxidised whereas Cu^{2+} ions gain electrons and get reduced.

loses $2e^-$: oxidation

$$Zn(s) + Cu^{2+}(aq) \longrightarrow Zn^{2+}(aq) + Cu(s)$$

gains $2e^-$: reduction

In this case, zinc acts as a reducing agent or reductant while Cu^{2+} ions act as oxidising agent or oxidant. Some other examples of redox reactions are :

$$Zn + 2HCl \longrightarrow ZnCl_2 + H_2$$

$$5Fe^{2+} + 8H^+ + MnO_4^- \longrightarrow 5Fe^{3+} + Mn^{2+} + 4H_2O$$

These redox reactions are very important reactions and play significant role in chemistry.

METALLIC AND ELECTROLYTIC CONDUCTANCE

All substances do not conduct electrical current. *The substances which allow the passage of electric current* are called **conductors.** The best conductors are metals such as copper, silver, tin, etc. On the other hand, *the substances which do not allow the passage of electric current through them* are called **non- conductors** or **insulators.** Some common examples of insulators are rubber, glass, ceramics, wood, wax, etc.

Types of conductors.

The conductors are broadly classified into two types :

1. Metallic conductors or Electronic conductors

These are *metallic substances which allow the electricity to pass through them without undergoing any chemical change.* Metals and their alloys have very large conductivity and are called **conductors.** For example, copper, silver, etc. The flow of electric current through metallic conductors is due to the **flow of electrons** in the metal atoms. Electrical conductance through metals is called **metallic conductance or electronic conductance.** The electronic conductance depends on

(*i*) the nature and structure of the metal
(*ii*) the number of valence electrons per atom
(*iii*) the density of metal and
(*iv*) temperature (it decreases with increase of temperature, discussed later).

As the electrons enter at one end and go out at the other end, the composition of the metallic conductor remains unchanged.

Certain non-metals like carbon black, graphite and some organic polymers are also electronically conducting. Hence, they are collectively called as **electronic conductors.**

2. Electrolytes or Electrolytic conductors

These are *substances which allow the electricity to pass through them in their molten states or in the form of their aqueous solutions and undergo chemical decomposition.* For example, acids, bases and salts are electrolytes. The flow of electric current through an electrolytic solution is called **electrolytic conduction.** In this type of conduction, charge is **carried by ions.** Therefore, it is also called **ionic conductance.** Thus, the conduction will not occur unless the ions of the electrolyte are free to move. Therefore, these substances do not conduct electricity in the solid state but conduct electricity in the molten state or in their aqueous solutions due to the movement of ions.

Non-electrolytes. *The substances, which do not conduct electricity either in their molten state or through their aqueous solutions* are called **non-electrolytes.** For example, sugar, glucose, ethyl alcohol, urea, etc.

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Electronically conducting polymers

Mac Diarmid, Hegger and Shirakawa in 1977 discovered that when polyacetylene (a polymer of acetylene) was exposed to traces of iodine or bromine vapours, the thin polymer film behaved like a metal exhibiting metallic lustre and conductivity. It was discovered that by purposely adding selected impurities to polyacetylene, its electrical conductivity could be made to range widely behaving as an insulator like glass or to a conductor like a metal. After this discovery, several organic polymers have been made such as polyaniline, polypyrrole and polythiophene. These organic polymers mainly composed of elements like carbon, hydrogen and occasionally nitrogen, oxygen or sulphur. These are much lighter than normal metals and can be used for making light weight batteries. In addition, they have the mechanical properties of polymers such as flexibility so that these can be used to make electronic devices such as transistors which can bend like a sheet of plastic. For the discovery of conducting polymers, **Mac Diarmid, Hegger and Shirakawa were awarded Nobel Prize in Chemistry for the year 2000.**

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Differences between Metallic and Electrolytic Conduction

Metallic conduction	Electrolytic conduction
1. Metallic conduction is carried by the movement of electrons.	Electrolytic conduction is carried by the movement of ions.
2. It involves no change in the chemical properties of the conductor.	It involves the decomposition of the electrolyte as a result of the chemical reaction.
3. It does not involve the transfer of any matter.	It involves the transfer of matter as ions.
4. Metallic conduction **decreases** with increase in temperature.	Electrolytic conduction **increases** with increase in temperature.

Classification of Electrolytes

All electrolytes do not ionise to the same extent in solution. On this basis, electrolytes are broadly divided into two types : strong electrolytes and weak electrolytes.

(*i*) **Strong electrolytes.** *The electrolytes which are almost completely dissociated into ions in solution* are called **strong electrolytes.** For example, NaCl, KCl, HCl, NaOH, NH_4NO_3, etc.

(*ii*) **Weak electrolytes.** *The electrolytes which do not ionise completely in solution* are called **weak electrolytes.** For example, CH_3COOH, H_2CO_3, H_3BO_3, HCN, $HgCl_2$, $ZnCl_2$, NH_4OH, etc. Thus, in case of weak electrolytes, an equilibrium is established between the unionised electrolyte and the ions formed in solution. The extent of ionisation of a weak electrolyte is expressed in terms of **degree of ionisation** or **degree of dissociation.** It is defined as

the fraction of total number of molecules of the electrolyte which ionise in the solution.

It is generally denoted by alpha (α).

For strong electrolytes, α is almost equal to 1 and for weak electrolytes, it is always less than 1.

Factors Affecting Electrical Conductivity of Electrolytic Solutions

The conductivity of electrolytic (or ionic) solution depends upon the following factors :

(*i*) Nature of electrolyte. The conductance of an electrolyte depends upon the number of ions present in the solution. Therefore, the greater the number of ions in the solution, the greater is the conductance. The strong electrolytes dissociate almost completely into ions in solutions and therefore, their solutions have high conductance. On the other hand, weak electrolytes, dissociate to only small extents and give lesser number of ions. Therefore, the solutions of weak electrolytes have low conductance.

(*ii*) Nature of the solvent and its viscosity. Electrolytes ionize more in polar solvents. Therefore, greater the polarity of the solvent, larger is the ionization and hence greater is the conductance. Similarly, greater is the viscosity of a solvent, lesser is its conductance.

(*iii*) Size of the ions produced and their solvation. If the ions are strongly solvated, their effective size will increase and hence their conductance will decrease.

(*iv*) Concentration of the electrolytic solution. Higher the concentration of the solution, less is the conductance. This is because, in a weak electrolyte, the ionization is less whereas in a strong electrolyte, the interionic attractions are large at higher concentrations. In general, t*he conductance of an electrolyte increases with decrease in concentration or increase in dilution.* With dilution, in case of weak electrolytes, ionization increases and hence conductance increases. In case of strong electrolytes, the interionic attractions decrease with dilution and therefore, conductance increases.

(*v*) Temperature. The conductivity of an electrolyte depends upon the temperature. **With increase in temperature, the conductivity of an electrolyte increases due to decrease in interactions between ions.**

ELECTROLYTIC CONDUCTION

When a voltage is applied to the electrodes dipped into an electrolytic solution, ions of the electrolyte move and, therefore, electric current flows through the electrolytic solution. *The power of the electrolytes to conduct electric current is termed* **conductance** or **conductivity.** Like metallic conductors, electrolytic solutions also obey Ohm's law.

Some substances like silicon, silicon doped silicon, gallium arsenide have conductivity between conductors and insulators. These are called **semiconductors** and are important electronic materials. There are certain materials which have zero resistivity or infinite conductivity known as **super conductors.** Earlier only metals and their alloys at very low temperature of the range 0 to 15 K were known to behave super conductors. But nowadays a number of ceramic materials and mixed oxides are also known to exhibit superconductivity at temperatures as high as 150 K.

REMEMBER

- **Metallic conductance decreases with increase in temperature.**
- **Electrolytic conductance increases with increase in temperature.**
- For strong electrolytes, degree of dissociation, α is almost equal to 1 and
- For weak electrolytes, degree of dissociation, α is always less than 1.

The **SI base unit of resistance** can be obtained as:

$$\Omega = \frac{V}{A}$$

$$= \frac{\text{Work per unit charge}}{A}$$

$$= \frac{\text{Work}}{\text{Charge}} \times \frac{1}{A}$$

$$= \frac{\text{Force} \times \text{Length}}{A \times s} \cdot \frac{1}{A}$$

$$= \frac{m \times a \times l}{A^2 s}$$

$$= \frac{kg \times ms^{-2} \times m}{A^2 s}$$

$$= \frac{\boldsymbol{kg\ m^2}}{\boldsymbol{s^3 A^2}}$$

IUPAC recommends the use of term **resistivity** over specific resistance. **In the present book, we shall use the term resistivity.**

It may be noted that the symbol G or C may be used for conductance. However, symbol G is preferred because symbol C is used for concentration or Coulomb.

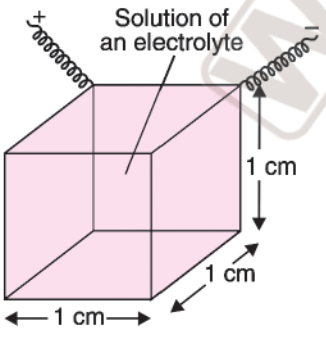


Fig. 1. Illustration of conductivity.

1. Ohm's law

This law states that *the current flowing through a conductor is directly proportional to the potential difference across it, i.e.,*

$$I \propto V$$

where I is the current strength (in amperes) and V is the potential difference applied across the conductor (in volts)

$$\text{or} \qquad I = \frac{V}{R} \qquad \text{or} \qquad V = IR \qquad ...(1)$$

where R is the constant of proportionality and is known as resistance of the conductor. It is expressed in *ohms* and is represented as Ω. The above equation is known as Ohm's law. Ohm's law may also be stated as *the strength of current flowing through a conductor is directly proportional to the potential difference applied across the conductor and inversely proportional to the resistance of the conductor.*

Let us explain some **basic terms** commonly used.

1. Resistance. *It measures the obstruction to the flow of current.* The resistance of any conductor is directly proportional to the length (l) and inversely proportional to the area of cross-section (a) so that

$$R \propto \frac{l}{a} \qquad \text{or} \qquad R = \rho \frac{l}{a}$$

where ρ (Greek, rho) is the constant of proportionality and is called **specific resistance** or **resistivity.** The resistance depends upon the nature of the material.

Units. The unit of resistance is **ohm** (Ω). In terms of SI, base unit is equal to $(kgm^2)/(s^3A^2)$.

2. Resistivity or specific resistance. We know that resistance R is

$$R = \rho \frac{l}{a}$$

Now, if l = 1 cm, a = 1 cm^2, then R = ρ

Thus, **resistivity** is defined as ***the resistance of a conductor of 1 cm length and having area of cross-section equal to 1 cm^2.***

In other words, **resistivity** or *specific resistance is the resistance between opposite faces of one centimetre cube of the conductor.* In terms of SI units, resistivity of a substance may be defined as its resistance when it is 1m long and its area of cross section is 1 m^2 *i.e., resistance of one metre cube of the conductor.*

It can be seen that

$$1\ \Omega\,m = 100\ \Omega\,cm \qquad \text{or} \qquad 1\ \Omega\,cm = 0.01\ \Omega\,m$$

Units. The units of resistivity are

$$\rho = R \cdot \frac{a}{l} = \text{ohm}\ \frac{cm^2}{cm} = \textbf{ohm cm}$$

Its SI units are ohm metre (Ω m). But quite often ohm centimeter (Ω cm) is also used.

$$1 \text{ ohm m} = 100 \text{ ohm cm}$$

3. Conductance. *It is a measure of the ease with which the current flows through a conductor. It is expressed as 'G'. It is reciprocal of the resistance, i.e.,*

$$G = \frac{1}{R}$$

Units. The units of conductance are **reciprocal ohm (ohm^{-1})** or **mho.** Ohm is also abbreviated as Ω so that ohm^{-1} may be written as Ω^{-1}.

According to **S.I. system,** the units of electrical conductance are **siemens,** S (*i.e.*, 1 S = 1 Ω^{-1}).

4. Conductivity. The inverse of resistivity is called **conductivity** (or specific conductance). It is represented by the symbol, κ (Greek kappa). It may be defined as ***the conductance of a solution of 1 cm length and having 1 sq. cm as the area of cross-section.*** In other words, **conductivity is the conductance of one centimetre cube of a solution of an electrolyte** (Fig. 1). Thus,

$$\kappa = \frac{1}{\rho}$$

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Units. The units of conductivity are

$$\kappa = \frac{1}{\text{ohm.cm}} = \textbf{ohm}^{-1}\,\textbf{cm}^{-1} \quad \text{or} \quad \Omega^{-1}\,\textbf{cm}^{-1}$$

In SI units, l is expressed in m, area of cross-section in m^2 so that the units of conductivity are S m^{-1}.

$$1\ S\ m^{-1} = 10^{-2}\ S\ cm^{-1}$$

The conductivity of some substances are given in Table 1.

Table 1. Conductivities of some substances at 298 K

Material (Sm^{-1})	Conductivity	Material (Sm^{-1})	Conductivity
Conductors		**Aqueous**	**Solutions**
Sodium	2.1×10^3	Pure water	3.5×10^{-5}
Copper	5.9×10^3	0.1 M HCl	3.91
Silver	6.2×10^3	0.1 M NaCl	0.20
Iron	1.0×10^3	0.01 M NaCl	0.12
Gold	4.5×10^3	0.01 M KCl	0.14
Graphite	12.0	0.1 M CH_3COOH	0.047
		0.01 M CH_3COOH	0.016
Insulators		**Semiconductors**	
Glass	1.0×10^{-16}	Si	1.5×10^{-2}
Teflon	1.0×10^{-18}	Ge	2.0
		CuO	1×10^{-7}

It can be seen from Table 1 that the magnitude of conductivity varies a great deal and depends upon the nature of the material.

5. Molar Conductivity or Molar Conductance

Molar conductivity is defined as ***the conducting power of all the ions produced by dissolving one mole of an electrolyte in solution.***

It is denoted by Λ_m (lambda). Molar conductance is related to specific conductance (κ) as :

$$\Lambda_m = \frac{\kappa}{C}$$

where C is the molar concentration. If C is in the units of molarity *i.e.* moles per litre (mol L^{-1}), then Λ_m may be expressed as :

$$\Lambda_m = \frac{\kappa \times 1000}{C} \qquad ...(2)$$

where C is molarity (M).

Relation between Conductivity and Molar Conductivity

The above relation can be easily obtained from the definitions of the terms. Suppose 1 cm^3 of a solution of an electrolyte is placed between two large electrodes of 1 sq. cm area of cross-section lying 1 cm apart. The measured conductance of the solution will be its conductivity (by definition because it gives conductance of 1 cm cube of solution). Further, suppose that this solution contains one gram mole of the electrolyte, then the measured conductance of the solution will be equal to the molar conductance (Λ). Thus, for this solution containing 1 gm mole of electrolyte placed between two parallel electrodes of 1 sq. cm area of cross-section and one cm apart,

$$\text{Conductance} = \text{Conductivity } (\kappa)$$
$$= \text{Molar conductivity } (\Lambda)$$

Now suppose that solution is diluted to 100 cc. There are now 100 cm cubes of the solution. The conductance of each one cm cube will be conductivity

The IUPAC has recommended the use of term **conductivity** over specific conductance.

REMEMBER

The **symbols** used in the present unit

- Resistance = R
- Resistivity or specific resistance = ρ
- Conductance = G
- Cell constant = $G^*\left(or\ \frac{l}{a}\right)$
- Conductivity or specific conductance = κ
- Molar conductance = Λ_m, $\Lambda_m = \frac{\kappa \times 1000}{M}$
- Equivalent conductance = Λ_e, $\Lambda_e = \frac{\kappa \times 1000}{C_{eq}}$

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so that the conductance of the solution will be 100 times of its conductivity. But even now the solution contains 1 gram mole of the electrolyte therefore, the measured conductance will be the molar conductivity. Thus,

Molar conductivity, $\Lambda_m = 100 \times$ Conductivity

In other words,

$$\Lambda_m = \kappa \times V$$

where V is the volume of the solution in cm^3 containing one gram mole of the electrolyte.

If C is the concentration of the solution in mole per litre *i.e.*, molarity, then M mole of electrolyte is present in 1000 cm^3.

1 mole of electrolyte is present in

$$= \frac{1000}{M} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ of solution}$$

Thus, $\Lambda_m = \kappa \times$ Volume in cm^3 containing 1 mole of electrolyte.

or $$\Lambda_m = \frac{\kappa \times 1000}{M}$$

Units of Molar Conductance

The units of molar conductance can be derived from the formula,

$$\Lambda_m = \frac{\kappa \times 1000}{C}$$

The units of κ are S cm^{-1} and units of Λ are

$$\Lambda_m = \text{S cm}^{-1} \times \frac{\text{cm}^3\ \text{L}^{-1}}{\text{mol L}^{-1}}$$

or $$= \mathbf{S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}}$$

NOTE

It may be noted that in non SI units, when κ is in S cm^{-1} and molarity is in mol L^{-1}, then

$$\Lambda_m = \frac{\kappa \times 1000}{C}$$

and Λ_m has the units S cm^2 mol^{-1}. But in SI units, when κ is in S m^{-1} and molarity is in mol m^{-3}, then

$$\Lambda_m = \frac{\kappa}{C}$$

and Λ_m has the units S m^2 mol^{-1}.

REMEMBER

► There is no multiplication with 1000 in SI units.

According to **SI system,** if κ is express in Sm^{-1} and the concentration, C in mol m^{-3} then units of Λ_m are in S m^2 mol^{-1}. This is because :

$$1 \text{ mol m}^{-3} = 1000\left(\frac{\text{L}}{\text{m}^3}\right) \times \text{molarity}\left(\frac{\text{mol}}{\text{L}}\right)$$

Now, $$\Lambda = \frac{\kappa}{c} = \frac{\kappa\ (\text{S m}^{-1})}{(1000\ \text{L m}^{-3}) \times \text{Molarity (mol L}^{-1})}$$

$$= \mathbf{S\ m^2\ mol^{-1}}$$

Thus, the units of molar conductivity are S m^2 mol^{-1} (SI) and S cm^2 mol^{-1}. Both types of units are used in literature and are related to each other as:

$$\mathbf{1\ S\ m^2\ mol^{-1} = 10^4\ S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}}$$

or $$\mathbf{1\ S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1} = 10^{-4}\ S\ m^2\ mol^{-1}}$$

Electrolytic conductance is also expressed frequently as **equivalent conductance.** However, the recent trend is to express electrolytic conductance in terms of molar conductance.

6. Equivalent Conductivity

It is defined *as the conducting power of all the ions produced by dissolving one gram equivalent of an electrolyte in solution.*

It is expressed as Λ_e and is related to specific conductance as

$$\Lambda_e = \frac{\kappa \times 1000}{C_{eq}}$$

where C is the concentration in gram equivalent per litre (or normality). This term has earlier been quite frequently used. Now it is replaced by molar conductivity. The units of equivalent conductivity are **$ohm^{-1}cm^2$ (g $equiv^{-1}$)** as obtained from the formula :

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$$\Lambda = \frac{\kappa \times 1000}{C_{eq}}$$

$$= \frac{(S\ cm^{-1}) \times cm^3 L^{-1}}{g\ equiv\ L^{-1}} = S\ cm^2\ (g\ equiv^{-1})$$

In terms of SI units, the units of equivalent conductivity are S m^2 $equiv^{-1}$ and Λ is expressed as :

$$\Lambda = \frac{\kappa}{C_{eq}}$$

where κ is in S m^{-1} and C_{eq} is in g equiv m^{-3}. It may be noted that like molar conductivity there is no multiplication with 1000 in SI units.

Experimental Measurement of Conductance and Conductivity of Ionic Sol ns

1. Measurement of conductance

The conductance of a solution is reciprocal of the resistance, therefore, the experimental determination of the conductance of a solution involves the measurement of its resistance. The resistance can be measured by the principle of wheatstone bridge method as shown in Fig. 2.

It consists of four arms containing the resistance R_1, R_2, R_3 and R_4. R_1 is the variable resistance and R_2 is the unknown resistance. When the current flows through the circuit, the variable resistance is so adjusted to get no current position. This is indicated by no deflection in the galvanometer and is called null point. At null point,

$$\frac{R_1}{R_2} = \frac{R_3}{R_4}$$

Knowing the values of R_1, R_3 and R_4, unknown resistance R_2 can be calculated as :

$$R_2 = \frac{R_1 \times R_4}{R_3}$$

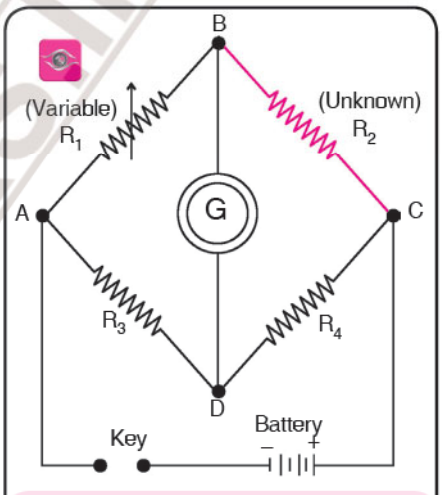


Fig. 2. Principle of wheatstone bridge.

However, for measuring the resistance of an ionic solution, we face two main difficulties.

(*i*) For electrolytic solution, **direct current (dc) cannot be used because it causes electrolysis of the solution.** As a result the concentration of the electrolyte near the electrodes changes and this results in the change in the resistance of the solution. These effects are called **polarisation effects.** To overcome this problem, alternating current (ac) in the audio frequency range 550 to 5000 cycles per second is provided by using a suitable electronic circuit commercially available. However, when alternating current is used, ordinary galvanometer fails to detect null point. Since the frequency of alternating current is within the range of human ear, the galvanometer may be replaced by a set of head phones. Now, several other visual sensing devices are being used in the place of head phones.

(*ii*) A solution of unknown resistance cannot be connected to the bridge like a metallic wire or other solid conductor. This problem is solved by using a specially designed vessel called **conductivity cell** for taking the ionic solution. A variety of designs of conductivity cells are available. Two simple conductivity cells are shown in Fig. 3. The electrodes of the cell are made up of platinum, coated with a thin layer of finely divided platinum called platinum black. This is done by the electrolysis of a solution of chloroplatinic acid. The coating of electrodes with platinum black reduces polarization effects.

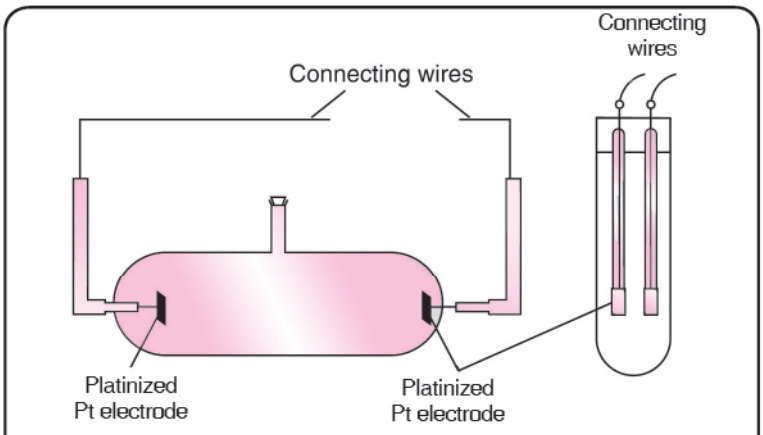


Fig. 3. Two common conductivity cells.

The complete assembly for the measurement of resistance of the electrolytic solution is shown in Fig. 4. The bridge is connected to a suitable source of alternating current. An alternating current at a frequency 550 – 5000 cycles per second is passed. The solution whose resistance is to be measured (say X) is placed in the conductivity cell and is attached to the wheatstone bridge between points B and C. The cell is placed in a thermostat to keep the temperature constant. A variable standard resistance box is attached between points A and B. A suitable value of resistance R is taken out from the standard resistance box. The null point is detected by moving the sliding contact (i.e., Jockey J) on the wire AC so that *minimum sound* is obtained in the earphone. This corresponds to null point and let this point be D. At this balance point

$$\frac{\text{Resistance R}}{\text{Resistance X}} = \frac{\text{Resistance of wire AD}}{\text{Resistance of wire CD}}$$

Now, resistance of a conductor is proportional to its length, so that,

$$\frac{\text{Resistance R}}{\text{Resistance X}} = \frac{\text{Length AD}}{\text{Length CD}}$$

$$\therefore \quad \text{Resistance X} = \text{Resistance R (plugged out)} \times \frac{\text{Length CD}}{\text{Length AD}}$$

REMEMBER

- For electrolytic solutions, direct current (DC) cannot be used because it causes electrolysis of the solution.
- Alternating current in the audio frequency range of 550-5500 cycles per second is used.

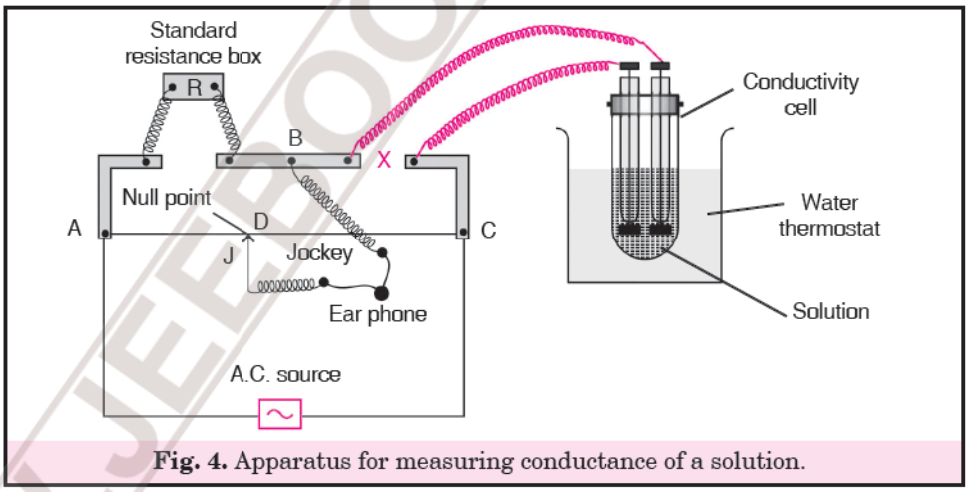


Fig. 4. Apparatus for measuring conductance of a solution.

Thus, by measuring the lengths AD and CD and knowing the resistance R at the balance point D, the resistance X of electrolytic solution can be calculated.

The reciprocal of the resistance gives the value of conductance of the solution. These days, inexpensive conductivity meters are available which can directly read resistance or conductance of the solution in the conductivity cell.

2. Calculation of conductivity

We have seen that conductivity (κ) is reciprocal of resistivity (ρ), *i.e.*

$$\kappa = \frac{1}{\rho} \qquad \text{and} \qquad \rho = R\frac{a}{l}$$

$$\therefore \quad \kappa = \frac{1}{R}\left(\frac{l}{a}\right) \qquad \text{or} \qquad \kappa = G\left(\frac{l}{a}\right)$$

where G is the conductance of the cell, l is the distance of separation of two electrodes having cross-section area a cm^2. The quantity $\left(\frac{l}{a}\right)$ is called **cell constant** (**G***) and is expressed in **cm^{-1}**. Knowing the value of cell constant and conductance of the solution, the specific conductance can be calculated as :

$$\kappa = G \times \text{Cell constant.}$$

i.e., **Conductivity = Conductance × Cell constant**

- **Conductivity water**. For accurate results of conductivity measurements, the solutions are prepared in a very purified water whose conductance is very very small. Such water is called **conductivity water**.
- Alternatively, to calculate conductance of the electrolyte, the conductance of water used for preparing the solution may be determined and then subtracted from the conductance of the solution.

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3. Determination of cell constant

The cell constant is generally not calculated from the values of l and a because these are difficult to measure for a given cell. However, it is usually determined accurately by measuring the conductance of a standard solution whose conductivity is known. For this purpose, a standard solution of KCl is used whose conductivity is known at different concentrations and temperatures. The conductivities of different KCl solutions at 298 K are given in Table 2.

Table 2. Conductivity and molar conductivity of KCl solutions at 298.15 K

Molarity (mol L^{-1})	Concentration (mol m^{-3})	Conductivity S cm^{-1}	Conductivity S m^{-1}	Molar conductivity S cm^2 mol^{-1}	Molar conductivity S m^2 mol^{-1}
1.000	1000	0.1113	11.13	111.3	111.3×10^{-4}
0.100	100.0	0.0129	1.29	129.0	129.0×10^{-4}
0.010	10.00	0.00141	0.141	141.0	141.0×10^{-4}

For example, for 0.1 M KCl solution at 298 K, conductivity is 0.0129 S cm^{-1}. Suppose the conductance of this solution in the given cell is measured, to be 'X'. Then,

$$\text{Cell constant} = \frac{\text{Conductivity}}{\text{Conductance}} = \frac{0.0129}{X}$$

Once the cell constant is known, the conductivity of any solution can be easily calculated from the measured resistance or conductance of the electrolytic solution.

$$\kappa = G^*/R \text{ or } = G^* \times G.$$

From this, molar conductivity or equivalent conductivity may be calculated.

Units of common terms used in conductance are summed up below :

Property	Units	SI units
Resistance	ohm	ohm
Conductance	ohm^{-1}	S
Cell constant	cm^{-1}	m^{-1}
Conductivity	ohm^{-1} cm^{-1}	S m^{-1}
Molar conductivity	ohm^{-1} cm^2 mol^{-1}	S m^2 mol^{-1}
Equivalent conductivity	ohm^{-1} cm^2 (g $equiv^{-1}$)	S m^{-1} (equiv $L^{-1})^{-1}$

Solving Numerical Problems

FORMULAE AND UNITS

$$R = \rho\frac{l}{a}$$

R is resistance in **ohms**

a = Area of cross section in **cm^2**

l = Length between two electrodes in **cm**

ρ = Resistivity in **ohm cm**

$$\kappa = \frac{1}{\rho} = G \times \frac{l}{a}$$

κ = Conductivity in **ohm^{-1} cm^{-1}** (SI units : S m^{-1})

G = Conductance in **ohm^{-1}** (SI unit = S)

$\frac{l}{a}$ is called cell constant in **cm^{-1}** (SI units : m^{-1})

$$\Lambda_m = \frac{1000 \times \kappa}{M}$$

Λ_m = Molar conductivity in ohm^{-1} cm^2 mol^{-1} [SI units : S m^{-1} (mol $L^{-1})^{-1}$]

$$\Lambda_{equiv.} = \frac{1000 \times \kappa}{C}$$

$\Lambda_{equiv.}$ = Equivalent conductivity in ohm^{-1} cm^2 $equiv^{-1}$

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SOLVED EXAMPLES

Example 1.

The resistance of a conductivity cell containing 0.001 M KCl solution at 298 K is 1500 Ω. What is the cell constant if the conductivity of 0.001 M KCl solution at 298 K is 0.146×10^{-3} S cm^{-1}?

(A.I.S.B. 2008; D.S.B. 2007, 2008, 2012)

Solution :

Conductivity, $\kappa = 0.146 \times 10^{-3}$ S cm^{-1}

Resistance, R = 1500 ohm

$$\text{Cell constant} = \frac{\text{Conductivity, } (\kappa)}{\text{Conductance (G)}}$$

$$= \text{Conductivity } (\kappa) \times \text{Resistance (R)}$$

$\therefore$ Cell constant $= 0.146 \times 10^{-3}$ ohm^{-1} $cm^{-1} \times 1500$ ohm

$= \mathbf{0.219\ cm^{-1}}$.

Example 2.

The conductivity of 0.20 M KCl solution at 298 K is 0.025 S cm^{-1}. Calculate its molar conductivity.

N.C.E.R.T. *(D.S.B. 2008, 2013, H.P.S.B. 2015, Hr.S.B. 2018)*

Solution : Molar conductivity

$$\Lambda_m = \frac{\kappa \times 1000}{C}$$

$\kappa = 0.025$ S cm^{-1}, C = 0.20 M

$$\therefore \quad \Lambda_m = \frac{}{}$$

$= \mathbf{125.0\ S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}}$.

Example 3.

0.05 M NaOH solution offered a resistance of 31.6 ohm in a conductivity cell at 298 K. If the area of the plates of the conductivity cell is 3.8 cm^2 and distance between them is 1.4 cm, calculate the molar conductivity of the sodium hydroxide solution.

Solution : Cell constant, $G^* = \frac{l}{a}$

$l = 1.4$ cm and $a = 3.8$ cm^2

$$\therefore \quad G^* = \frac{l}{a} = \frac{1.4\,\text{cm}}{3.8\,\text{cm}^2} = 0.368\,\text{cm}^{-1}$$

Resistance of solution = 31.6 ohm

Concentration, C = 0.05 M

$\therefore$ Conductivity,

$\kappa = G^*/R$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{31.6}\right) \text{ohm}^{-1} \times (0.368\,\text{cm}^{-1})$$

$= 0.0116$ S cm^{-1}

Molar conductivity, $\Lambda_m = \frac{\kappa \times 1000}{C} = \frac{0.0116 \times 1000}{0.05}$

$= \mathbf{232\ S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}}$.

Example 4.

Calculate the equivalent conductivity of 1 M H_2SO_4 solution whose conductivity is 26×10^{-2} ohm^{-1} cm^{-1}.

Solution : Conductivity $= 26 \times 10^{-2}$ ohm^{-1} cm^{-1}

Concentration = 1 M H_2SO_4 = 98 g/litre

Equivalent weight of H_2SO_4 = 49

$$\text{Gram equivalents per litre} = \frac{98}{49} = 2$$

$$\text{Equivalent conductivity} = \frac{\kappa \times 1000}{C} = \frac{26 \times 10^{-2} \times 1000}{2}$$

$= \mathbf{130\ ohm^{-1}\ cm^2\ equiv^{-1}}$.

Example 5.

Resistance of a conductivity cell filled with 0.1 M KCl solution is 100 Ω. If the resistance of the same cell when filled with 0.02 M KCl solution is 520 Ω, calculate the conductivity and molar conductivity of 0.02 M KCl solution. (The conductivity of 0.1 M KCl solution is 1.29 S m^{-1}) ***N.C.E.R.T.*** *(A.I.S.B. 2006, D.S.B. 2014)*

Solution :

Step I. *Let us first calculate the cell constant.*

Cell constant, G^* = Conductivity (κ) × Resistance (R)

Resistance of 0.1 M KCl solution = 100 Ω

Conductivity of 0.1 M KCl solution = 1.29 S m^{-1}

$\therefore$ Cell constant $= 1.29$ (S m^{-1}) × 100 Ω

$= 129\ m^{-1}$

or $= 1.29\ cm^{-1}$

Step II. *Calculation of conductivity of 0.02 M KCl solution.*

Resistance of solution = 520 Ω

Cell constant (G^*) = 1.29 cm^{-1}

$$\text{Conductivity, } \kappa = \frac{\text{Cell constant}}{\text{Resistance}}$$

$$= \frac{1.29\ \text{cm}^{-1}}{520\ \Omega}$$

$= \mathbf{0.248 \times 10^{-2}\ S\ cm^{-1}}$.

Step III. *Calculation of molar conductivity.*

$$\Lambda_m = \frac{1000 \times \kappa}{C}$$

C = 0.02 M, $\kappa = 0.248 \times 10^{-2}$ S cm^{-1}

$$\therefore \quad \Lambda_m = \frac{1000 \times 0.248 \times 10^{-2}}{0.02}$$

$= \mathbf{124\ S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}}$.

Example 6.

A conductivity cell when filled with 0.01 M KCl has a resistance of 745 Ω at 25°C. When the same cell was filled with an aqueous solution of 0.005 M $CaCl_2$ solution the resistance was 874 Ω. Calculate

(i) Conductivity of solution

(ii) Molar conductivity of solution.

[Conductivity of 0.01 M KCl = 0.141 S m^{-1}]

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Solution : *Calculation of cell constant.*

Resistance of KCl solution (R) = 745 S^{-1}

Conductivity of KCl solution (κ) = 0.141 S m^{-1}

$$\text{Conductivity } (\kappa) = \frac{1}{R} \times \text{Cell constant}$$

$$\text{or Cell constant} = R \times \kappa = (745\ S^{-1}) \times 0.141\ S\ m^{-1} = 105\ m^{-1} \text{ or } 1.05\ cm^{-1}$$

Calculation of conductivity and molar conductivity for $CaCl_2$ solution

(i) Conductivity

$$\text{Conductivity, } \kappa = \frac{\text{Cell constant}}{R} = \frac{1.05\ cm^{-1}}{874\ S^{-1}}$$

$$= \mathbf{1.201 \times 10^{-3}\ S\ cm^{-1}.}$$

(ii) Molar conductivity

Conc. of solution, C = 0.005 M = 0.005 mol L^{-1}

$$\Lambda_m = \frac{\kappa \times 1000}{C}$$

$$\therefore \quad \Lambda_m = \frac{1.201 \times 10^{-3} \times 1000}{0.005} = \mathbf{240.2\ S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}}$$

❑ Example 7.

A potential difference of 20 V applied to the ends of a column of 0.1 M $AgNO_3$ solution, 4 cm in diameter and 12 cm in length gave a current of 0.20 amperes. Calculate

(i) conductivity and

(ii) molar conductance of the solution.

Solution : According to Ohm's law,

Resistance of solution,

$$R = \frac{V}{I} = \frac{20}{0.20} = 100\ \Omega$$

$$\text{Radius of column} = \frac{4}{2}\ cm = 2\ cm$$

Area of cross-section of the column,

$$a = \pi r^2 = \frac{22}{7} \times (2)^2\ cm^2 = 12.57\ cm^2$$

Length of column (distance between electrodes), l = 12 cm

(ii) Conductivity, $\kappa = G \times \frac{l}{a} = \frac{1}{100} \times \frac{12}{12.57}$

$$= \mathbf{9.55 \times 10^{-3}\ S\ cm^{-1}.}$$

(iii) Molar conductivity,

$$\Lambda_m = \frac{\kappa \times 1000}{C} = \frac{9.55 \times 10^{-3} \times 1000}{0.1}$$

$$= \mathbf{95.5\ S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}.}$$

❑ Example 8.

The electrical resistance of a column of 0.05 M NaOH solution of diameter 1 cm and length 50 cm is 5.55 × 10^3 ohm. Calculate its

(i) resistivity

(ii) conductivity, and

(iii) molar conductivity.

N.C.E.R.T. *(A.I.S.B. 2012, Pb. S.B.2013)*

Solution : Cell constant, $G^* = \frac{l}{a}$

l = 50 cm, diameter = 1 cm $\quad \therefore$ radius = 0.5 cm

Area of cross-section, $a = \pi r^2$

$$= 3.14 \times (0.5)^2 = 0.785\ cm^2$$

$$\therefore \quad G^* = \frac{50}{0.785} = 63.694\ cm^{-1}$$

(i) Resistivity, $\rho = \frac{R}{G^*}$

$$R = 5.55 \times 10^3\ \Omega$$

$$\therefore \quad \rho = \frac{5.55 \times 10^3\ \Omega}{63.694\ cm^{-1}} = \mathbf{87.135\ \Omega\ cm.}$$

(ii) Conductivity, $\kappa = \frac{1}{\rho} = \frac{1}{87.135} = \mathbf{1.148 \times 10^{-2}\ S\ cm^{-1}.}$

(iii) Molar conductivity, $\Lambda_m = \frac{\kappa \times 1000}{C}$

$$C = 0.05\ M$$

$$\therefore \quad \Lambda_m = \frac{1.148 \times 10^{-2} \times 1000}{0.05} = \mathbf{229.6\ S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}.}$$

Practice Problems

1. The resistance of 0.05 M NaOH solution is 31.6 Ω and its cell constant is 0.357 cm^{-1}. Calculate its conductivity and molar conductivity. *(Hr.S.B. 2018)*
2. The resistance of 0.01 M $AgNO_3$ solution dipped in a conductivity cell at 25°C was 1412 ohms. If the molar conductivity of this solution is 132.6 $ohm^{-1}\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}$, what is the cell constant of the conductivity cell?

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3. Calculate the resistance of 0.01 N solution of an electrolyte whose equivalent conductivity is 420 $ohm^{-1}\ cm^2\ equiv^{-1}$ (The cell constant of the cell is 0.88 cm^{-1}).
4. The resistance of 0.5 N solution of an electrolyte in a conductivity cell was found to be 25 ohm. Calculate the equivalent conductivity of the solution if the electrodes in the cell are 1.6 cm apart and have an area of 3.2 cm^2. *(Pb. S.B. 2009, 2013, 2016)*
5. When a certain conductance cell was filled with 0.20 mol dm^{-3} aqueous KCl solution, its conductivity was 2.78×10^{-3} S cm^{-1} and had a resistance 82.5 ohm at 300 K. Calculate the cell constant of the cell.
6. The conductivity of a solution containing 1.0 g of anhydrous $BaCl_2$ in 200 cm^3 of the solution has been found to 0.0058 S cm^{-1}. Calculate the molar conductivity and equivalent conductivity of the solution.
7. The resistance of a 0.5 M solution of an electrolyte was found to be 30 Ω enclosed between two platinum electrodes. Calculate the molar conductivity of the solution if the electrodes in the cell are 1.5 cm apart and having an area of cross section 2.0 cm^2. *(Pb.S.B. 2009, 2013, 2016)*
8. A conductivity cell when filled with 0.02 M KCl (conductivity = 0.002768 Ω^{-1} cm^{-1}) has a resistance of 457.3 Ω. What will be the equivalent conductivity of 0.05 N $CaCl_2$ solution if the same cell filled with this solution has a resistance of 202 Ω?
9. When a certain conductance cell was filled with 0.1 mol L^{-1} KCl, it has a resistance of 85 Ω at 25°C. When the same cell was filled with an aqueous solution of 0.052 mol L^{-1} of an electrolyte solution, the resistance was 96 Ω. Calculate the molar conductivity of the electrolyte at this concentration. (Conductivity of 0.1 mol L^{-1} KCl solution is 1.29×10^{-2} S cm^{-1}) *(D.B.S. 2004 C)*
10. The resistance of a conductivity cell with 0.1 M KCl solution is found to be 200 Ω at 298 K. When the same cell was filled with 0.02 M NaCl solution, the resistance at the same temperature is found to be 1100 Ω. Calculate :
    (*i*) the cell constant of the cell in m^{-1}.
    (*ii*) the molar conductivity of 0.02 M NaCl solution in S m^2 mol^{-1}.
    Given : Conductivity of 0.1 M KCl solution at 298 K = 1.29 S m^{-1}.
11. The molar conductance of 0.05 M solution of $MgCl_2$ is 194.5 Ω^{-1} cm^2 mol^{-1} at 25°C. A cell with electrodes having 1.50 cm^2 surface area and 0.50 cm apart is filled with 0.05 M solution of $MgCl_2$. How much current will flow when the potential difference between the electrodes is 5.0V?
12. Specific conductivity of N/35 KCl at 298 K is 0.002768 ohm^{-1} cm^{-1} and it has resistance of 520 ohm. A N/25 solution of a salt kept in the same cell was found to have a resistance of 300 ohm at 298 K. Calculate equivalent conductance of the solution.

Answers to Practice Problems

1. 226 $ohm^{-1}\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}$
2. 1.87 cm^{-1}.
3. 209.5 ohm.
4. 40 $ohm^{-1}\ cm^2\ equiv^{-1}$
5. 0.229 cm^{-1}.
6. $\Lambda_m = 241.67$ S $cm^2\ mol^{-1}$, $\Lambda = 120.83$ S $cm^2\ equiv^{-1}$.
7. 50 $ohm^{-1}\ mol^{-1}$.
8. 125.4 $ohm^{-1}\ cm^2\ equiv^{-1}$.
9. 219.65 S $cm^2\ mol^{-1}$.
10. (*i*) 258 m^{-1}, (*ii*) 1.175×10^{-2} S $m^2\ mol^{-1}$.
11. 0.146 A
12. 119.5 S $cm^2\ equiv^{-1}$.

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VARIATION OF CONDUCTIVITY AND MOLAR CONDUCTIVITY WITH CONCENTRATION

We have learnt that *electrolytic conductance decreases* with *increase in concentration* or *increases with increase in dilution*. This is because conductance of ions is due to the presence of ions in the solution. The greater the number of ions, the greater is the conductance. As with dilution, more ions are produced in solution so conductance also increases on dilution. Both specific conductance or conductivity and molar conductivity change with concentration of the electrolyte. However, conductivity of an electrolyte decreases with the decrease in concentration both for weak and strong electrolytes, whereas molar conductivity increases with decrease in concentration. Alternatively **upon dilution, specific conductance or conductivity decreases while molar conductivity increases.** This can be easily explained, as :

Conductivity is the conductance of one centimeter cube of the solution. Upon diluting the solution, the concentration of ions per centimeter cube decreases and therefore, the conductivity decreases.

On the other hand, the increase in molar conductivity on dilution is due to the fact that it is the product of conductivity (κ) and the volume (V) of the solution containing one mole of the electrolyte.

$$\Lambda = \kappa \times V$$

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On dilution, conductivity decreases but volume containing one mole of an electrolyte increases. It has been found that the increase in volume on dilution is much more than the decrease in conductivity. As a result **molar conductivity increases with dilution**.

The molar conductivity of a few electrolytes in water at different concentrations are given in Table 3.

Table 3. Molar conductivity (S cm^2 mol^{-1}) of a few electrolytes in water at 298 K

C	HCl	KCl	KNO_3	CH_3COOH	NH_4OH
0.1	391.3	129.0	120.4	5.2	3.6
0.05	399.1	133.4	126.3	–	–
0.01	412.0	141.3	132.8	16.3	11.3
0.005	415.8	143.5	131.5	–	–
0.001	421.4	146.9	141.8	49.2	34.0
0.0005	422.7	147.8	142.8	67.7	46.9
0 (infinite dilution)	426.2	149.9	146.0	390.7	271.0

REMEMBER

With **dilution or decrease in concentration**
- conductivity (or specific conductance) decreases
- molar conductivity increases.

Inspection of Table 3 reveals that the molar conductance of strong (HCl, KCl, KNO_3) as well as weak electrolytes (CH_3COOH, NH_4OH) increase with decrease in concentration or increase in dilution. The variation is however different for strong and weak electrolytes.

Like molar conductivity, equivalent conductivity also increases with dilution because of increase in volume containing one gram equivalent of the electrolyte.

Variation of Molar Conductivity with Concentration for Strong and Weak Electrolytes

(*i*) Variation of Molar Conductivity with Concentration for Strong Electrolytes

In case of strong electrolytes, molar conductivity increases slowly with dilution and there is a tendency for molar conductivity to approach a certain limiting value when the concentration approaches zero *i.e.*, when the dilution is infinite. *The molar conductivity when the concentration approaches zero (infinite dilution)* is called **molar conductivity at infinite dilution.** It is denoted by Λ_m° or Λ_m^∞. Thus,

$$\Lambda_m = \Lambda_m^\circ \quad \text{when } C \longrightarrow 0 \text{ (at infinite dilution)}$$

It has been observed that the variation of molar conductivity with concentration may be given by the expression

$$\Lambda_m = \Lambda_m^\circ - AC^{1/2}$$

where A is a constant and Λ° is called molar conductivity at infinite dilution. This equation is called **Debye Huckel Onsager equation** and is found to hold good at low concentrations.

The variation of molar conductivity with concentration can be studied by plotting the values of Λ_m against square root of concentration ($C^{1/2}$). The plots of variation of molar conductivity with $C^{1/2}$ for KCl and HCl are given in Fig. 5.(*a*). It has been noticed that the variation of Λ_m with concentration, $C^{1/2}$ is small (between 4 to 10% only) so that the plots can be extrapolated to zero concentration. The intercept gives the limiting value of molar conductivity when the concentration approaches zero, called **molar conductivity at infinite dilution,** Λ_m°. The slope of the line is equal to – 'A'. The value of constant A for a given solvent and temperature depends on the type of electrolyte *i.e.*, the charges on the cation and anion produced on the dissociation of the electrolyte in the solution. Thus, NaCl is known as 1–1 electrolyte, $CaCl_2$ as

NaCl is known as 1:1 electrolyte, $CaCl_2$ as 1:2 electrolyte, $MgSO_4$ as 2:2 electrolyte and $AlCl_3$ as 1:3 electrolyte, etc. depending upon the charges on the cation and anion.

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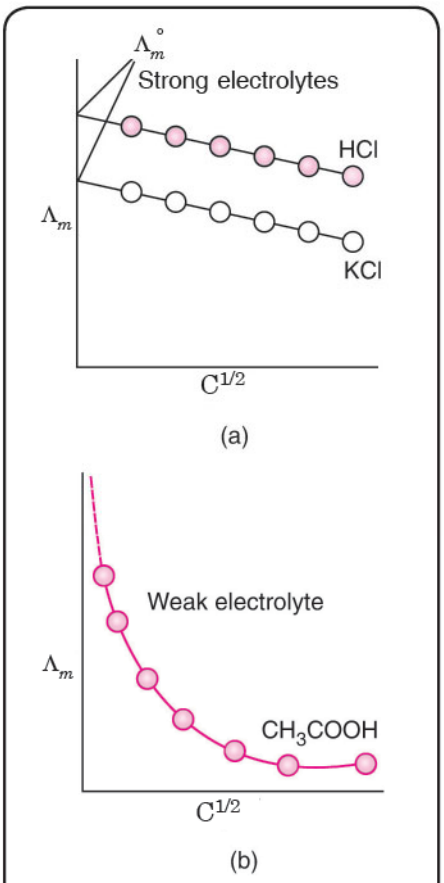


Fig. 5. Variation of molar conductance (Λ_m) with square root of concentration $C^{½}$ for (*a*) strong electrolytes and (*b*) weak electrolytes.

2–1 and $MgSO_4$ as 2–2 electrolytes. All electrolytes of a particular type have the same value for A.

(*ii*) **Variation of Molar Conductivity with Concentration for Weak Electrolytes**

The weak electrolytes dissociate to a much lesser extent as compared to strong electrolytes. Therefore, the molar conductivity is low as compared to that of strong electrolytes.

However, the variation of Λ_m with $C^{½}$ is very large and so much so that we cannot obtain molar conductance at infinite dilution (Λ_m°) by extrapolation of the Λ_m versus $C^{½}$ plots. The behaviour of weak electrolytes such as CH_3COOH is shown in Fig. 5 (*b*).

It may be noted that the Λ_m° value for weak electrolytes can be obtained by an indirect method based upon Kohlrausch law (discussed later).

Explanation for the Variation of Molar Conductivity with Concentration

The variation of molar conductance with concentration can be explained on the basis of conducting ability of ions for weak and strong electrolytes.

***(i)* Conductance behaviour of weak electrolytes.** The variation of Λ_m with dilution can be explained on the basis of number of ions in solution. The number of ions furnished by an electrolyte in solution depends upon the degree of dissociation with dilution. With the increase in dilution, the degree of dissociation increases and as a result molar conductance increases. The limiting value of molar conductance (Λ_m°) corresponds to degree of dissociation equal to 1, *i.e.* the whole of the electrolyte dissociates.

Thus, the **degree of dissociation** can be calculated at any concentration as:

$$\alpha = \frac{\Lambda_m^c}{\Lambda_m^\circ} \qquad ...(3)$$

where α is the degree of dissociation, Λ^c_m is the molar conductance at concentration C and Λ°_m is the molar conductance at infinite dilution.

***(ii)* Conductance behaviour of strong electrolytes.** For strong electrolytes, there is no increase in the number of ions with dilution because strong electrolytes are completely ionised in solution at all concentrations (by definition). However, in concentrated solutions of strong electrolytes there are **strong forces of attraction between the ions of opposite charges** called **interionic forces**. Due to these interionic forces, the conducting ability of the ions is less in concentrated solutions. With dilution, the ions become far apart from one another and interionic forces decrease. As a result, molar conductivity increases with dilution. When the concentration of the solution becomes very very low, the interionic attractions become negligible and the molar conductance approaches the limiting value called molar conductance at infinite dilution.This value is characteristic of each electrolyte.

SOLVED EXAMPLES

❑ **Example 9.**

The conductivity of sodium chloride at 298 K has been determined at different concentrations and the results are given below :

Concentration (M)	$10^2 \times \kappa$ *(S m^{-1})*
0.001	*1.237*
0.010	*11.85*
0.020	*23.15*
0.050	*55.53*
0.100	*106.74*

Calculate Λ for all concentrations and draw a plot between Λ and $C^{½}$. Find the value of Λ_m°.

N.C.E.R.T. *(Pb.S.B. 2010)*

Solution : Λ_m at different concentrations may be calculated as :

$$\Lambda_m = \frac{\kappa \times 1000}{M}$$

At 0.001 M, $\kappa = 1.237 \times 10^{-2}$ S m^{-1} $= 1.237 \times 10^{-4}$ S cm^{-1}

$$\therefore \quad \Lambda_m = \frac{1.237 \times 10^{-4} \times 1000}{0.001} = 123.7 \text{ S cm}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1}$$

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At 0.010 M, $\kappa = 11.85 \times 10^{-2}\ S\ m^{-1} = 11.85 \times 10^{-4}\ S\ cm^{-1}$

$$\therefore \quad \Lambda_m = \frac{11.85 \times 10^{-4} \times 1000}{0.010} = 118.5\ S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}$$

At 0.020 M, $\kappa = 23.15 \times 10^{-2}\ S\ m^{-1} = 23.15 \times 10^{-4}\ S\ cm^{-1}$

$$\therefore \quad \Lambda_m = \frac{23.15 \times 10^{-4} \times 1000}{0.020} = 115.75\ S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}$$

At 0.050 M, $\kappa = 55.53 \times 10^{-2}\ S\ m^{-1} = 55.53 \times 10^{-4}\ S\ cm^{-1}$

$$\therefore \quad \Lambda_m = \frac{55.53 \times 10^{-2} \times 1000}{0.050} = 111.06\ S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}$$

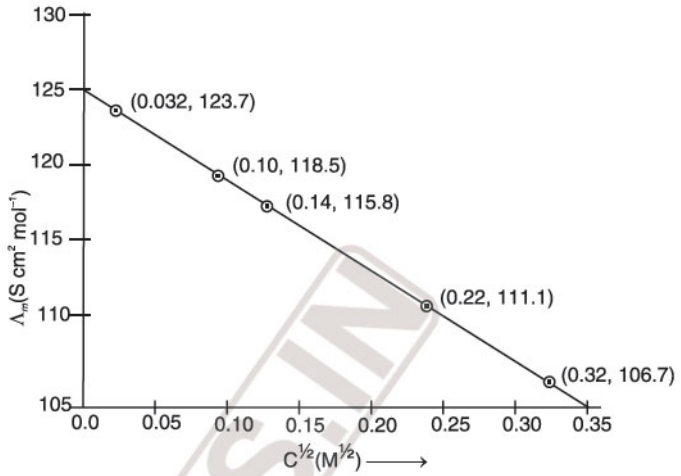
At 0.100 M, $\kappa = 106.74 \times 10^{-2}\ S\ m^{-1} = 106.74 \times 10^{-4}\ S\ cm^{-1}$

$$\therefore \quad \Lambda_m = \frac{106.74 \times 10^{-4} \times 1000}{0.1} = 106.74\ S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}$$

The values of Λ_m and $C^{1/2}$ at different concentrations are:

Λ(S cm^2 mol^{-1})	123.7	118.5	115.75	111.06	106.74
$C^{1/2}$(M$^{1/2}$)	0.0316	0.10	0.141	0.224	0.316

Plot of Λ_m and $C^{1/2}$ is given below :



The extrapolation of the straight line to zero concentration (intercept) gives the value of $\Lambda_m = 124.5\ S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}$.

Practice Problems

13. The molar conductance of KCl solutions at different concentrations at 298 K are given below :

C(mol L^{-1})	0.000198	0.000309	0.000521	0.000989
Λ(S cm^2 mol^{-1})	148.61	148.29	147.81	147.09

Show that a plot of Λ_m and $C^{1/2}$ is a straight line. Determine the values of Λ_m and A for KCl. ***N.C.E.R.T.*** *(Pb. S.B. 2010)*

Answers to Practice Problems

13. $\Lambda_m = 150.0\ S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}$ and A (slope) $= 87.46\ S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}/(mol\ L^{-1})^{1/2}$.

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KOHLRAUSCH'S LAW

Kohlrausch obtained very interesting pattern between the values of $\Lambda°$ for different strong electrolytes. It was observed that the difference of $\Lambda°$ of different pairs of electrolytes having a common cation or a common anion was almost same. For example, the difference between the molar conductance of K^+ and Na^+ is 23.4 ohm^{-1} cm^2 mol^{-1} irrespective of the anion.

$\Lambda°(KCl)$	= 149.9	$\Lambda°(KNO_3)$	= 145.0
$\Lambda°(NaCl)$	= 126.5	$\Lambda°(NaNO_3)$	= 121.6
Difference	= 23.4		23.4
$\Lambda°(KBr)$	= 151.9		
$\Lambda°(NaBr)$	= 128.5	$\therefore$	$\lambda°(K^+) - \lambda°(Na^+) = 23.4\ S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}$
	23.4		

Similarly, the difference between the molar conductivities of chloride and nitrate ions is 4.9 ohm^{-1} cm^2 mol^{-1} irrespective of the cation :

$\Lambda°$ (KCl)	= 149.9	$\Lambda°$ (NaCl)	= 126.5
$\Lambda°$ (KNO_3)	= 145.0	$\Lambda°$ ($NaNO_3$)	= 121.6
Difference	= 4.9		4.9
$\Lambda°$ (LiCl)	= 115.0		
$\Lambda°$ ($LiNO_3$)	= 110.1	$\therefore$	$\lambda°(Cl^-) - \lambda°(NO_3^-) = 4.9\ S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}$.
	4.9		

Thus, it may be concluded that each ion makes definite contribution to the molar conductivity at infinite dilution irrespective of the other ions. The

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individual contribution of an ion towards the total molar conductivity of the electrolyte is called **molar ionic conductivity.** This led him to postulate a law known as **Kohlrausch's law of independent migration of ions.** This law states that,

the limiting molar conductivity of an electrolyte can be expressed as the sum of the limiting ionic molar conductivities of the cation and the anion.

For example, if $\lambda^\circ(K^+)$ and $\lambda^\circ(Cl^-)$ are limiting ionic molar conductivities of potassium and chloride ions respectively, then the limiting molar conductivity for potassium chloride is given by the equation:

$$\Lambda^\circ (KCl) = \lambda^\circ (K^+) + \lambda^\circ (Cl^-)$$

In general, if an electrolyte on dissociation gives v_+ cations and v_- anions, then its limiting molar conductivity is given as :

$$\Lambda^\circ = v_+ \lambda^\circ_+ + v_- \lambda^\circ_-$$

where λ°_+ and λ°_- are the limiting ionic molar conductivities of the cation and the anion respectively. For example,

For NaCl $\quad \Lambda^\circ(NaCl) = \lambda^\circ (Na^+) + \lambda^\circ (Cl^-)$

For KNO_3 $\quad \Lambda^\circ(KNO_3) = \lambda^\circ (K^+) + \lambda^\circ (NO_3^-)$

For $MgCl_2$ $\quad \Lambda^\circ(MgCl_2) = \lambda^\circ (Mg^{2+}) + 2\lambda^\circ (Cl^-)$

For $Al_2(SO_4)_3$ $\quad \Lambda^\circ[Al_2(SO_4)_3] = 2\lambda^\circ(Al^{3+}) + 3\lambda^\circ (SO_4^{2-})$

The values of molar conductivities of some cations and anions are given in Table 4.

v_+ and v_- are the number of cations and anions into which an electrolyte dissociates e.g.,

HCl	: $v_+ = 1, v_- = 1$
$MgCl_2$	: $v_+ = 1, v_- = 2$
Na_2CO_3	: $v_+ = 2, v_- = 1$
$AlCl_3$	: $v_+ = 1, v_- = 3$

Table 4. Limiting molar conductivity for some ions in water at 298 K.

Ion	λ° (S cm² mol⁻¹)	Ion	λ° (S cm² mol⁻¹)
H^+	349.6	Cl^-	76.3
Na^+	50.1	Br^-	78.1
K^+	73.5	I^-	76.8
Mg^{2+}	106.0	OH^-	199.1
Ca^{2+}	119.0	NO_3^-	71.5
Ba^{2+}	127.2	SO_4^{2-}	160.0
Sr^{2+}	118.9	CH_3COO^-	40.9

Applications of Kohlrausch's Law

Some of the important applications of Kohlrausch's law are :

1. Calculation of Molar Conductance at Infinite Dilution for Weak Electrolytes

We have learnt that it is not possible to determine the value of limiting molar conductivity at infinite dilution for weak electrolytes by extrapolation of Λ versus $\sqrt{C}$ graph. However, this can be calculated easily by using Kohlrausch's law.

Let us calculate the limiting molar conductivity for CH_3COOH. According to Kohlrausch's law,

$$\Lambda^\circ (CH_3COOH) = \lambda^\circ (CH_3COO^-) + \lambda^\circ (H^+) \quad ...(i)$$

This equation can be obtained by the knowledge of molar conductivity at infinite dilution for some strong electrolytes. For example, consider the strong electrolytes HCl, NaCl and CH_3COONa. From Kohlrausch's law,

$$\Lambda^\circ (CH_3COONa) = \lambda^\circ (CH_3COO^-) + \lambda^\circ (Na^+) \quad ...(ii)$$

$$\Lambda^\circ (HCl) = \lambda^\circ (H^+) + \lambda^\circ (Cl^-) \quad ...(iii)$$

$$\Lambda^\circ (NaCl) = \lambda^\circ (Na^+) + \lambda^\circ (Cl^-) \quad ...(iv)$$

It is clear that

$$\lambda^\circ(CH_3COO^-) + \lambda^\circ(H^+) = [\lambda^\circ(CH_3COO^-) + \lambda^\circ(Na^+)] + [\lambda^\circ(H^+) + \lambda^\circ(Cl^-)] - [\lambda^\circ(Na^+) + \lambda^\circ(Cl^-)]$$

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or $\Lambda^\circ(CH_3COOH) = \Lambda^\circ(CH_3COONa) + \Lambda^\circ(HCl) - \Lambda^\circ(NaCl)$

Similarly, we have

$$\Lambda^\circ(NH_4OH) = \Lambda^\circ(NH_4Cl) + \Lambda^\circ(NaOH) - \Lambda^\circ(NaCl)$$

2. Calculation of Degree of Dissociation of Weak Electrolytes

Molar conductance of a weak electrolyte depends upon its degree of dissociation. Higher the degree of dissociation, larger is the molar conductance. With increase in dilution, the conductance increases and at infinite dilution, the electrolyte is completely dissociated so that degree of dissociation becomes one *i.e.*, $\Lambda = \Lambda^\circ$ (at $C \longrightarrow 0$). Thus, if

Λ^c = molar conductance of solution at any concentration

Λ° = molar conductance at infinite dilution.

Then, degree of dissociation at any concentration is:

$$\alpha = \frac{\Lambda^c}{\Lambda^\circ}$$

Thus, measuring the molar conductance at any concentration (Λ^c) helps to calculate degree of dissociation (α) if Λ° is known.

3. Calculation of Dissociation Constant of Weak Electrolytes

In previous class, we have learnt that the dissociation constant (K) of weak electrolytes can be given as

$$K = \frac{C\alpha^2}{1-\alpha}$$

where C is the concentration and α is the degree of dissociation. Substituting value of α (calculated from molar conductance) in the above relation the dissociation constant (K) for weak electrolytes can be calculated.

$$K = \frac{C\left(\frac{\Lambda}{\Lambda^\circ}\right)^2}{\left(1-\Lambda/\Lambda^\circ\right)} = \frac{C\Lambda^2}{\Lambda^\circ\left(\Lambda^\circ-\Lambda\right)}$$

4. Calculation of solubility of sparingly soluble salts

The sparingly soluble salts such as AgCl, $PbSO_4$, $BaSO_4$ etc. dissolve to a very little extent in water. Since these dissolve only to a small extent, their solutions are considered as infinite dilute. Moreover, as their solutions are saturated, their concentration may be taken equal to their solubility. Therefore, by measuring the specific conductivity (κ) and knowing molar conductivity (Λ°_m) of such a solution, the solubility can be calculated as :

$$\Lambda^\circ_m = \frac{\kappa \times 1000}{\text{Molarity}} = \frac{\kappa \times 1000}{\text{Solubility}}$$

$$\therefore \quad \text{Solubility} = \frac{\kappa \times 1000}{\Lambda^\circ_m}$$

Λ°_m can be calculated by applying Kohlrausch law. For example, for AgCl

$$\Lambda^\circ_m(AgCl) = \lambda^\circ(Ag^+) + \lambda^\circ(Cl^-)$$

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Ionic mobility or absolute velocity

The actual velocity of an ion depends upon the potential gradient. If the potential gradient is 1 V cm^{-1}, the velocity of the ion is called its **absolute velocity or ionic mobility.** It is defined as *the speed of the ion in cm / sec under a potential gradient of 1 volt per cm.* (Potential gradient is applied EMF/distance between the electrodes).

It can be shown that

Ionic mobility ($\mu_\pm$) $= \frac{\text{Ionic conductance}}{96500}$

e.g., ionic conductance of Li^+ is 38.6 Ω^{-1} cm^2 eq^{-1}. Its ionic mobility is :

$$\mu(Li^+) = \frac{38.6\ \Omega^{-1}\ cm^2\ eq^{-1}}{96500\ C\ eq^{-1}}$$

$= 4.0 \times 10^{-4}\ \Omega^{-1}\ cm^2\ C^{-1}$

or $= 4.0 \times 10^{-4}\ cm^2\ s^{-1}\ V^{-1}$

(C = A*s*; CΩ = A*s* Ω but AΩ = V

$\therefore \quad C^{-1}\ \Omega^{-1} = V^{-1}s^{-1}$)

Learning Plus

Transport Number

The fraction of the total current carried by an ion is called its transport number.

Transport number of a cation,

$$t_+ = \frac{\text{Current carried by cation}}{\text{Total Current}}$$

Transport number of anion

$$t_- = \frac{\text{Current carried by anion}}{\text{Total Current}}$$

If, there is only one cation and one anion, then

$$t_+ + t_- = 1$$

SOLVED EXAMPLES

❑ **Example 10.**

The molar conductivities at infinite dilution for sodium acetate, hydrochloric acid and sodium chloride are 91.0, 425.9 and 126.4 S cm^2 mol^{-1} respectively at 298 K. Calculate the molar conductivity of acetic acid at infinite dilution.

N.C.E.R.T. *(D.S.B. 2010, Uttarakhand S.B. 2014, H.P.S.B. 2015, Meghalaya S.B. 2016, Assam S.B. 2015, 2017, Mizoram S.B. 2017, Nagaland S.B. 2017, Kerala S.B. 2017)*

Solution : Molar conductivity at infinite dilution for acetic acid can be calculated as :

$$\Lambda^\circ(CH_3COOH) = \lambda^\circ_{H^+} + \lambda^\circ_{CH_3COO^-}$$

$$= \lambda^\circ_{CH_3COO^-} + \lambda^\circ_{Na^+} + \lambda^\circ_{H^+} + \lambda^\circ_{Cl^-} - \lambda^\circ_{Na^+} - \lambda^\circ_{Cl^-}$$

$$\Lambda^\circ(CH_3COOH) = \Lambda^\circ(CH_3COONa) + \Lambda^\circ(HCl) - \Lambda^\circ(NaCl)$$

$\Lambda^\circ(CH_3COONa) = 91.0\ S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}$

$\Lambda^\circ(HCl) = 425.9\ S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}$

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$\Lambda°(NaCl) = 126.4\ S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}$

$\therefore\ \Lambda°(CH_3COOH) = 91.0 + 425.9 - 126.4$

$= \mathbf{390.5\ S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}}$.

❑ Example 11.

The molar conductivities at infinite dilution for NaI, CH_3COONa and $(CH_3COO)_2Mg$ are 12.69, 9.10 and 18.78 $mSm^2\ mol^{-1}$ respectively at 25°C. What is the molar conductivity of MgI_2 at infinite dilution?

Solution : Molar conductivity at infinite dilution for MgI_2 may be calculated as :

$\Lambda°(MgI_2) = \Lambda°[(CH_3COO)_2Mg] + 2\Lambda°(NaI) - 2\Lambda°(CH_3COONa)$

$\Lambda°[(CH_3COO)_2Mg] = 18.78\ m\ S\ m^2\ mol^{-1}$

$\Lambda°(NaI) = 12.69\ m\ S\ m^2\ mol^{-1}$

$\Lambda°(CH_3COONa) = 9.10\ m\ S\ m^2\ mol^{-1}$

$\therefore\ \Lambda°(MgI_2) = 18.78 + 2(12.69) - 2(9.10)$

$= \mathbf{25.96\ m\ S\ m^2\ mol^{-1}}$.

❑ Example 12.

The molar conductances of ammonium hydroxide at concentrations 0.1 M and 0.001 M are 3.6 and 34.0 $S cm^2\ mol^{-1}$ respectively. Calculate the degree of dissociation of NH_4OH at these concentrations. Molar conductance at infinite dilution for NH_4OH is 271.1 $ohm^{-1}\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}$.

Solution : Degree of dissociation is given as $\alpha = \frac{\Lambda^c}{\Lambda°}$ where Λ^c is the molar conductance at concentration C and $\Lambda°$ is the molar conductance at infinite dilution.

(*i*) At $C = 0.1\ M$, $\Lambda^c = 3.6$,

$\Lambda° = 271.1$

$\therefore\ \alpha = \frac{3.6}{271.1} = 0.013$

i.e. **1.3% dissociated.**

(*ii*) At $C = 0.001\ M$, $\Lambda^c = 34.0$, $\Lambda° = 271.1$

$\therefore\ \alpha = \frac{34.0}{271.1} = 0.125$

i.e., **12.5% dissociated.**

❑ Example 13.

Calculate the molar conductivity of a solution of $MgCl_2$ at infinite dilution given that the molar ionic conductivities of $\lambda°(Mg^{2+}) = 106.1\ S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}$ and $\lambda°(Cl^-) = 76.3\ S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}$.

Solution : $\Lambda°(MgCl_2) = \lambda°(Mg^{2+}) + 2\lambda°(Cl^-)$

$\lambda°(Mg^{2+}) = 106.1\ S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}$,

$\lambda°(Cl^-) = 76.3\ S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}$.

$\therefore\ \Lambda°(MgCl_2) = 106.1 + 2(76.3)$

$= \mathbf{258.7\ S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}}$.

❑ Example 14.

The molar conductivity at infinite dilution of $Al_2(SO_4)_3$ is 858 $S cm^2\ mol^{-1}$. Calculate the molar ionic conductivity of Al^{3+} ion given that $\lambda°(SO_4^{2-}) = 160\ S cm^2\ mol^{-1}$.

(Mizoram S.B. 2014, 2018)

Solution : According to Kohlrausch's law,

$\Lambda°[Al_2(SO_4)_3] = 2\lambda°(Al^{3+}) + 3\lambda°(SO_4^{2-})$

$\Lambda°[Al_2(SO_4)_3] = 858\ S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}$,

$\lambda°(SO_4^{2-}) = 160\ S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}$

$\therefore\ 858 = 2\lambda°(Al^{3+}) + 3 \times 160$

or $2\lambda°(Al^{3+}) = 858 - 480$

$= 378$

$\therefore\ \lambda°(Al^{3+}) = \frac{378}{2} = \mathbf{189\ S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}}$.

❑ Example 15.

The molar conductivity at infinite dilution for HCl, KCl and $CH_2ClCOOK$ are 4.26×10^{-2}, 1.50×10^{-2} and $1.13 \times 10^{-2}\ S\ m^2\ mol^{-1}$ respectively. Calculate the molar conductivity at infinite dilution for monochloro acetic acid ($CH_2Cl(COOH)$).

Solution : Molar conductivity at infinite dilution for monochloro acetic acid ($CH_2ClCOOH$) may be calculated as:

$\Lambda°(CH_2ClCOOH) = \Lambda°(CH_2Cl\ COOK) + \Lambda°(HCl) - \Lambda°(KCl)$

$\Lambda°(CH_2ClCOOK) = 1.13 \times 10^{-2}\ S\ m^2\ mol^{-1}$

$\Lambda°(HCl) = 4.26 \times 10^{-2}\ S\ m^2\ mol^{-1}$

$\Lambda°(KCl) = 1.50 \times 10^{-2}\ S\ m^2\ mol^{-1}$

$\therefore\ \Lambda°(CH_2ClCOOH) = 1.13 \times 10^{-2} + 4.26 \times 10^{-2} - 1.50 \times 10^{-2}$

$= \mathbf{3.89 \times 10^{-2}\ S\ m^2\ mol^{-1}}$.

❑ Example 16.

The conductivity of a 0.01 M solution of acetic acid at 298 K is $1.65 \times 10^{-4}\ S\ cm^{-1}$. Calculate

(i) molar conductivity of the solution

(ii) degree of dissociation of CH_3COOH

(iii) dissociation constant for acetic acid.

Given that

$\lambda°(H^+) = 349.1$ and

$\lambda°(CH_3COO^-) = 40.9\ S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}$.

Solution : (*i*) Calculation of molar conductivity of solution.

$\Lambda = \frac{\kappa \times 1000}{C}$

$\kappa = 1.65 \times 10^{-4}\ S\ cm^{-1}$, $C = 0.01\ M$

$\therefore\ \Lambda = \frac{1.65 \times 10^{-4} \times 1000}{0.01} = \mathbf{16.5\ S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}}$.

(*ii*) Calculation of degree of dissociation of acetic acid.

$\alpha = \frac{\Lambda^c}{\Lambda°}$

$\Lambda°(CH_3COOH) = \lambda°(H^+) + \lambda°(CH_3COO^-)$

$= 349.1 + 40.9 = 390\ S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}$

$\therefore\ \alpha = \frac{16.5}{390} = \mathbf{0.0423}$.

(*iii*) Calculation of dissociation constant, K

Acetic acid dissociates as :

$CH_3COOH \rightleftharpoons CH_3COO^- + H^+$

Initial conc.	c	0	0
Equilibrium conc.	$c(1-\alpha)$	$c\alpha$	$c\alpha$

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Dissociation constant, $K = \frac{[CH_3COO^-][H^+]}{CH_3COOH}$

$= \frac{c\alpha \times c\alpha}{c(1-\alpha)}$

or $K = \frac{c\alpha^2}{1-\alpha}$

Substituting the values,

$K = \frac{0.01\times(0.0423)^2}{1-0.0423}$

$= \mathbf{1.87 \times 10^{-5}}$.

❑ Example 17.

Conductivity of 0.00241 M acetic acid is 7.896×10^{-5} S cm^{-1}. Calculate its molar conductivity and if Λ° for acetic acid is 390.5 S cm^2 mol^{-1}. What is its dissociation constant? *(A.I.S.B. 2004; D.S.B. 2004; 2008)*

Solution : Molar conductivity,

$\Lambda = \frac{\kappa \times 1000}{M}$

$\kappa = 7.896 \times 10^{-5}$ S cm^{-1}, M = 0.00241 M

$\therefore \quad \Lambda = \frac{7.896\times10^{-5}\times1000}{0.00241}$

$= 32.76$ S cm^2 mol^{-1}

Now, $\alpha = \frac{\Lambda^c}{\Lambda^\circ} = \frac{32.76}{390.5} = 0.0839$

$K = \frac{C\alpha^2}{(1-\alpha)} = \frac{0.00241\times(0.0839)^2}{(1-0.0839)}$

$= \mathbf{1.85 \times 10^{-5}}$.

❑ Example 18.

The specific conductance of a saturated solution of AgCl at 298 K is found to be 1.386×10^{-6} S cm^{-1}. Calculate its solubility ($\lambda^\circ_{Ag^+} = 62.0$ S cm^2 mol^{-1} and $\lambda^\circ_{Cl^-} = 76.3$ S cm^2 mol^{-1}).

Solution : $\Lambda_m^\circ(AgCl) = \lambda^\circ(Ag^+) + \lambda^\circ(Cl^-)$

$= 62.0 + 76.3$

$= 138.3$ S cm^2 mol^{-1}

$\kappa = 1.386 \times 10^{-6}$ S cm^{-1}

$\Lambda_m^\circ = \frac{\kappa\times1000}{M} = \frac{\kappa\times1000}{\text{Solubility}}$

$\therefore \quad \text{Solubility} = \frac{\kappa\times1000}{\Lambda_m^\circ}$

$= \frac{1.386\times10^{-6}\times1000}{138.3}$

$= 1.0 \times 10^{-5}$ mol L^{-1}

or $1.0 \times 10^{-5} \times 143.5$ g L^{-1}

$= \mathbf{1.435 \times 10^{-3}}$ **g L^{-1}**

❑ Example 19.

The molar conductance of acetic acid at infinite dilution is 390.7 S cm^2 mol^{-1}. Calculate the molar conductance of 0.01 M acetic acid solution, given that the dissociation constant of acetic acid is 1.8×10^{-5}.

Solution : Acetic acid dissociates as :

	CH_3COOH	$\rightleftharpoons$	CH_3COO^-	+	H^+
Initial conc.	c		0		0
Equilibrium conc.	$c(1-\alpha)$		$c\alpha$		$c\alpha$

Dissociation constant, $K_a = \frac{[CH_3COO^-][H^+]}{[CH_3COOH]}$

$= \frac{(c\alpha)(c\alpha)}{c(1-\alpha)} = \frac{c\alpha^2}{1-\alpha}$

Assuming $1 - \alpha \approx 1$, we get $K_a = c\alpha^2$

or $\alpha = \left(\frac{K_a}{c}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

Now $\alpha = \frac{\Lambda_m}{\Lambda_m^\circ} = \frac{\Lambda_m}{390.7}$

Substituting the values, we get

$\frac{\Lambda_m}{390.7} = \left(\frac{1.8\times10^{-5}}{0.01}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 4.243 \times 10^{-2}$

$\therefore \quad \Lambda_m = 4.243 \times 10^{-2} \times 390.7$

$= \mathbf{16.58}$ **S cm^2 mol^{-1}**

Practice Problems

14. Calculate the degree of dissociation (α) of acetic acid if its molar conductivity (Λ_m) is 39.05 S cm^2 mol^{-1}.
Given $\lambda^\circ(H^+) = 349.6$ S cm^2 mol^{-1} and $\lambda^\circ(CH_3COO^-) = 40.9$ S cm^2 mol^{-1}.
(D.S.B. 2017)

15. Calculate the molar conductivity at infinite dilution of AgCl from the following data :
$\Lambda^\circ(AgNO_3) = 13.34$ m S m^2 mol^{-1}, $\Lambda^\circ(KCl) = 14.99$ m S m^2 mol^{-1} and $\Lambda^\circ(KNO_3) = 14.49$ m S m^2 mol^{-1}

16. The Λ° values of KNO_3 and $LiNO_3$ are 145.0 and 110.1 S cm^2 mol^{-1} respectively. The λ° value for K^+ ion is 73.5 S cm^2 mol^{-1}. Calculate λ° (Li^+). *(Pb.S.B. 2011)*

17. The conductivity of 0.001 mol L^{-1} solution of CH_3COOH is 3.905×10^{-5} S cm^{-1}. Calculate its molar conductivity and degree of dissociation (α).

Answers to Practice Problems

14. 10%.
15. 13.84 m S m^2 mol^{-1}.
16. 38.6 S cm^2 mol^{-1}.

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Given $\lambda°(H^+) = 349.65$ S cm^2 mol^{-1} and $\lambda°(CH_3COO^-) = 40.9$ S cm^2 mol^{-1}.
(A.I.S.B. 2016)

18. The molar conductivity at infinite dilution for NH_4Cl, NaOH and NaCl are 129.8, 217.4 and 108 S cm^2 mol^{-1} respectively. If the molar conductivity of 0.01 M solution of NH_4OH is 9.33 S cm^2 mol^{-1}. Calculate
(*i*) what is the percentage dissociation of NH_4OH at this dilution ?
(*ii*) dissociation constant of NH_4OH. *(A.I.S.B. 2005 C)*

19. The conductivity of 0.1 M solution of $AgNO_3$ is 9.47×10^{-3} S cm^{-1} at 291 K. The ionic conductivities of Ag^+ and NO_3^- at the same temperature are 55.7 and 50.8 S cm^2 equiv^{-1} respectively. Calculate the degree of dissociation of $AgNO_3$ in 0.1 M solution.

20. The molar conductivity of 0.025 M HCOOH (*aq*) solution was measured as 4.61 m S m^2 mol^{-1}. Calculate pK_a value for formic acid ($\lambda°(H^+) = 34.96$, $\lambda°(HCOO^-) = 5.46$ m S m^2 mol^{-1}.

21. Calculate $\Lambda°$ for $CaCl_2$ and $MgSO_4$ from the following data :
$\lambda°$ values are $Ca^{2+} = 119.0$, $Cl^- = 76.3$, $Mg^{2+} = 106.0$, $SO_4^{2-} = 160.0$ all in S cm^2 mol^{-1}. ***N.C.E.R.T.***

22. The conductivity of 0.001028 mol L^{-1} acetic acid is 4.95×10^{-5} S cm^{-1}. Calculate its dissociation constant if $\Lambda°$ (CH_3COOH) is 390.5 S cm^2 mol^{-1}. ***N.C.E.R.T.***

23. The molar conductances of NaOH, NaCl and $BaCl_2$ at infinite dilution are 2.481×10^{-2}, 1.265×10^{-2} and 2.800×10^{-2} S m^2 mol^{-1} respectively. Calculate $\Lambda°_m$ for $Ba(OH)_2$.

24. The conductivity of a saturated solution of $BaSO_4$ at 295 K, is found to be 3.758×10^{-6} ohm^{-1} cm^{-1} and that of water used is 1.36×10^{-6} ohm^{-1} cm^{-1}. Molar ionic conductances at infinite dilution of Ba^{2+} and SO_4^{2-} ions are 110 and 136.6 ohm^{-1} cm^2 mol^{-1} respectively. Calculate the solubility of $BaSO_4$ at 295 K (Atomic masses: Ba = 137, S = 32, O = 16).

Answers to Practice Problems

17. $\Lambda_m = 39.05$ S cm^2 mol^{-1}
$\alpha = 0.1$
18. (*i*) 3.90%,
(*ii*) 1.58×10^{-5}.
19. 89%.
20. 3.4815.
21. 271.6, 266 S cm^2 mol^{-1}.
22. 1.78×10^{-5}.
23. 5.232×10^{-2} S m^2 mol^{-1}.
24. 2.266×10^{-3} g L^{-1}.

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Competition Plus

Conductometric titrations can also be used for titrations of acids and bases and precipitation reactions. For detail, refer **Competition File** (Page 98).

Learning Plus

Ionic product of water can also be calculated by knowing the specific conductivity of water as illustrated below.

▶ At 298 K, specific conductivity of water, κ is 5.54×10^{-8} S cm^{-1} and limiting molar ionic conductances of H^+ and OH^- are 349.6 and 199.1 S cm^2 mol^{-1} respectively. Calculate ionic product of water at 298K.

❑
$$\lambda°(H^+) = 349.6 \text{ S cm}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1}$$
$$\lambda°(OH^-) = 199.1 \text{ S cm}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1}$$
$$\Lambda°(H_2O) = \lambda°(H^+) + \lambda°(OH^-)$$
$$= 349.6 + 199.1$$
$$= 548.7 \text{ S cm}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1}$$

Now, $\Lambda°_m = \dfrac{\kappa \times 1000}{\text{Molarity}}$

or $\text{Molarity} = \dfrac{\kappa \times 1000}{\Lambda°_m}$

$$= \frac{5.54 \times 10^{-8} \times 1000}{548.7}$$
$$= 1.01 \times 10^{-7} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$$

Now, $\text{Molarity} = [H^+] \text{ or } [OH^-] = 1.01 \times 10^{-7}$

$\therefore$ Ionic product of water, $K_w = [H^+]\,[OH^-]$
$$= (1.01 \times 10^{-7})\,(1.01 \times 10^{-7})$$
$$= \mathbf{1.02 \times 10^{-14}}$$

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Advanced Level PROBLEMS *Accelerate Your Potential (for JEE Advance)*

Problem 1. **The conductivity of a saturated solution of AgBr at 25°C is 8.5×10^{-7} S cm^{-1}. If the limiting molar ionic conductances of Ag^+ and Br^- ions are 62 and 78 S cm^2 mol^{-1}, then calculate the solubility product of AgBr.**

Solution

$$\Lambda^\circ_m(AgBr) = \lambda^\circ_m(Ag^+) + \lambda^\circ_m(Br^-)$$
$$= 62 + 78 = 140.0 \text{ S cm}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1}$$

Now for saturated solution,

$$\Lambda^\circ_m(AgBr) = \frac{\kappa \times 1000}{s}$$

where s is the solubility

$$140.0 = \frac{8.5 \times 10^{-7} \times 1000}{s}$$

or $$s = \frac{8.5 \times 10^{-7} \times 1000}{140.0} = 6.07 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$$

Now $AgBr \rightleftharpoons Ag^+ + Br^-$

$$K_{sp} = [Ag^+][Br^-]$$
$$= (6.07 \times 10^{-6}) \times (6.07 \times 10^{-6})$$
$$= \mathbf{36.8 \times 10^{-12} \text{ mol}^2 \text{ L}^{-2}}$$

Problem 2. **The conductance of a 0.0015 M aqueous solution of a weak monobasic acid was determined by using a conductivity cell consisting of platinized platinum electrodes. The distance between the electrodes is 120 cm with an area of cross section of 1 cm^2. The conductance of the solution was found to be 5×10^{-7} S. The pH of the solution is 4. Calculate the limiting molar conductivity (Λ_m°) of this solution.** ***(JEE Advance 2017)***

Solution

$$\text{Cell constant}\left(\frac{l}{a}\right) = \frac{120 \text{ cm}}{1 \text{ cm}^2} = 120 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$
$$\kappa = \text{C} \times \text{Cell constant}$$
$$= (5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ S}) \times (120 \text{ cm}^{-1})$$
$$= 6 \times 10^{-5} \text{ S cm}^{-1}$$
$$\Lambda_m = \frac{\kappa \times 1000}{\text{M}}$$
$$= \frac{6 \times 10^{-5} \times 1000}{0.0015}$$
$$= 40 \text{ S cm}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1}$$
$$\text{Now, pH} = -\log [H^+] = 4$$
$$\therefore [H^+] = 10^{-4}$$

For dissociation of a weak monobasic acid,

$$[H^+] = c \times \alpha$$
where α = degree of dissociation
$$10^{-4} = 0.0015 \times \alpha$$
$$\text{or } \alpha = \frac{10^{-4}}{0.0015} = \frac{1}{15}$$
$$\text{Also } \alpha = \frac{\Lambda^c_m}{\Lambda^o_m}$$
$$\frac{1}{15} = \frac{40}{\Lambda^o_m}$$
$$\therefore \Lambda^o_m = 40 \times 15$$
$$= \mathbf{6 \times 10^2 \text{ S cm}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1}}$$

Problem 3. **The limiting molar conductances of sodium chloride, potassium chloride and potassium bromide are 126.45, 149.86 and 151.92 ohm^{-1} cm^2 mol^{-1} respectively. Calculate limiting molar ionic conductance of Na^+ given that limiting molar ionic conductance of Br^- ion is 76.34 ohm^{-1} cm^2 mol^{-1}.**

Solution This can be calculated with the help of Kohlrausch's law because limiting molar ionic conductances are additive:

$$\Lambda^\circ_m(KBr) = \lambda^\circ_m(K^+) + \lambda^\circ_m(Br^-)$$
$$\Lambda^\circ_m(KBr) = 151.92 \text{ ohm}^{-1} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1},$$
$$\lambda^\circ_m(Br^-) = 76.34 \text{ ohm}^{-1} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1}$$
$$\therefore \lambda^\circ_m(K^+) = \Lambda^\circ_m(KBr) - \lambda^\circ_m(Br^-)$$
$$= 151.92 - 76.34$$
$$= 75.58 \text{ ohm}^{-1} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1}$$

Now $$\Lambda^\circ_m(KCl) = \lambda^\circ_m(K^+) + \lambda^\circ_m(Cl^-)$$
$$\Lambda^\circ_m(KCl) = 149.86 \text{ ohm}^{-1} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1},$$
$$\lambda^\circ_m(K^+) = 75.58 \text{ ohm}^{-1} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1}$$
$$\therefore \lambda^\circ_m(Cl^-) = \Lambda^\circ_m(KCl) - \lambda^\circ_m(K^+)$$
$$= 149.86 - 75.58$$
$$= 74.28 \text{ ohm}^{-1} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1}$$

Now $$\Lambda^\circ_m(NaCl) = \lambda^\circ_m(Na^+) + \lambda^\circ_m(Cl^-)$$
$$\Lambda^\circ_m(NaCl) = 126.45 \text{ ohm}^{-1} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1},$$
$$\lambda^\circ_m(Cl^-) = 74.28 \text{ ohm}^{-1} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1}$$
$$\therefore \lambda^\circ_m(Na^+) = \Lambda^\circ_m(NaCl) - \lambda^\circ_m(Cl^-)$$
$$= 126.45 - 74.28$$
$$= \mathbf{52.17 \text{ ohm}^{-1} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1}}$$

add on Conceptual Questions 1

CONCEPTUAL QA

Q. 1. What is the relationship between equivalent conductance and molar conductance ? Illustrate by taking the example of $Al_2(SO_4)_3$.

Ans. Molar conductivity Λ_m and equivalent conductivity Λ_e are :

$$\Lambda_m = \frac{1000\kappa}{\text{M}} \qquad \Lambda_e = \frac{1000\kappa}{\text{C}}$$
$$\frac{\Lambda_m}{\Lambda_e} = \frac{\text{C}}{\text{M}}$$

Now, $$\text{Normality} = \text{Z} \times \text{Molarity}$$

where Z is the number of unit positive charge or negative charge per molecule of the electrolyte.

$$\therefore \frac{\Lambda_m}{\Lambda_e} = \text{Z}$$

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For $Al_2(SO_4)_3$, which ionises as :

$$Al_2(SO_4)_3 \rightleftharpoons 2Al^{3+} + 3SO_4^{2-}$$

$Z = 6.$ $\quad \therefore \ \Lambda_m = 6\,\Lambda_e.$

Q. 2. Which will have greater molar conductivity?

(*i*) Solution containing 1 mol of KCl in 200 cc or 1 mol of KCl in 500 cc.

(*ii*) Solution containing 1 mol of LiCl in 500 cc or 1 mol of KCl in 500 cc.

Ans. (*i*) 1 mol of KCl in 500 cc (*ii*) 1 mol of KCl in 500 cc.

Q. 3. Why is it not possible to determine Λ_m° for weak electrolytes by extrapolation ?

Ans. Because Λ_m° for weak electrolytes does not increase linearly with dilution as for strong electrolytes.

Q. 4. What are the units of cell constant ?

Ans. cm^{-1} or m^{-1}.

Q.5. Why is alternating current used in place of direct current in measuring the electrolytic conduction ?

Ans. Direct current results in the electrolysis of the electrolytic solution. As a result, concentration of the electrolyte near the electrodes changes and these results change in the resistance of the solution.

Q.6. Which of 0.1 M HCl and 0.1 M NaCl do you expect to have greater Λ°_m and why ?

Ans. 0.1 M HCl will have greater Λ_m value because H^+ ions are smaller than Na^+ ions and hence have greater ionic mobility.

Q.7. Which of the following pairs, will have greater conduction ?

(*i*) 0.1 M acetic acid solution or 1 M acetic acid solution.

(*ii*) 0.1 M NaCl solution at 25°C and 0.1 M NaCl solution at 50°C.

(*iii*) Copper wire at 25°C and copper wire at 50°C.

Ans. (*i*) 0.1 M acetic acid because with dilution dissociation increases and therefore, conductivity increases.

(*ii*) 0.1 M NaCl solution at 50°C because with increase in temperature, ionic mobilities of strong electrolytes increase.

(*iii*) Copper wire at 25°C because with increase in temperature metallic conduction decreases due to vibration of kernels.

Q.8. A solution is placed in two different cells having cell constant 0.1 and 0.5 cm^{-1} respectively. Which of the two will have greater value of specific conductance ?

Ans. Both will have same value of specific conductance.

Q.9. Define conductivity and give its units. ***(H.P.S.B. 2005)***

Ans. Conductivity is the conductance of a solution of 1 cm length and having 1 sq. cm as the area of cross-section.

Units : $\Omega^{-1}\,cm^{-1}$.

Q.10. Write an expression for molar conductivity of $Al_2(SO_4)_3$ at infinite dilution in terms of their ionic molar conductivities.

Ans. $\Lambda^\circ_m = 2\lambda^\circ_{Al^{3+}} + 3\lambda^\circ_{SO_4^{2-}}$

Q.11. What is the effect of temperature on the electrical conductance of

(*i*) metallic conductor (*ii*) electrolytic conductor ?

Ans. With increase in temperature, the electrical conductance of metallic conductor decreases whereas that of electrolytic conductor increases.

Q. 12. Express the relation between conductivity and molar conductivity of a solution.

(A.I.S.B. 2008, D.S.B. 2008, 2011)

Ans. Molar conductivity (Λ_m) is related to conductivity (κ) as :

$$\Lambda_m = \frac{\kappa \times 1000}{M}$$ where M is the molarity of the solution.

Q. 13. Calculate the limiting molar conductivity of $CaSO_4$ if limiting molar conductivities of calcium and sulphate ions are 119.0 and 106.0 S cm^2 mol^{-1} respectively. ***(CBSE Sample Paper 2012)***

Ans.

$$\Lambda^\circ_m\ (CaSO_4) = \lambda^\circ_m(Ca^{2+}) + \lambda^\circ_m(SO_4^{2-})$$
$$= 119.0 + 106.0$$
$$= 225.0\ S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}.$$

Q.14. A 0.01 M solution of $MgCl_2$ is diluted by adding water. What will happen to its conductivity and molar conductivity?

Ans. With dilution, conductivity will decrease while molar conductivity will increase.

Q.15. Arrange the following solutions in the decreasing order of specific conductance.

(*i*) 0.01M NaCl (*ii*) 0.05M NaCl (*iii*) 0.1M NaCl (*iv*) 0.5M NaCl ***(Kolkata S.B 2016)***

Ans. (*iv*) 0.5M NaCl > (*iii*) 0.1M NaCl > (*ii*) 0.05M NaCl > (*i*) 0.01M NaCl

CONCEPTUAL QA

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ELECTROCHEMICAL CHANGES : ELECTROCHEMICAL CELLS AND ELECTROLYTIC CELLS

The chemical changes which involve the flow of electric current are called *electrochemical changes*. These are broadly of two types :

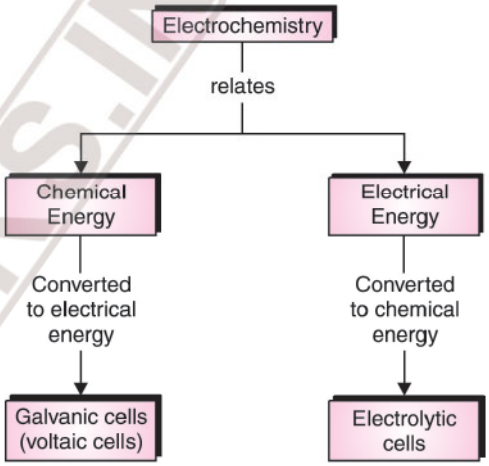
1. Electrochemical cells or Galvanic cells

These constitute the electrochemical reactions in which chemical energy is converted to electrical energy. In these cells, spontaneous redox reaction is used to generate an electric current.

***The devices in which chemical energy of a spontaneous redox reaction is converted into electrical energy* are called electrochemical cells or galvanic cells.**

These cells are very important because of their many practical applications. An early example of a galvanic cell is a Daniell cell which was invented by the British chemist John Daniell in 1836. Daniell cell was constructed on the basis of the following spontaneous redox reaction :

$$Zn(s) + Cu^{2+}(aq) \rightleftharpoons Zn^{2+}(aq) + Cu(s)$$



2. Electrolytic cells or Electrolysis

These constitute the electrochemical reactions in which electrical energy is converted into chemical energy.

The phenomenon of chemical changes taking place by the passage of electrical energy from an external source is called ***electrolysis*. The devices or cells used to carry out electrolysis** are called ***electrolytic cells*.** For example, when electric current is passed through molten sodium chloride, sodium is produced at cathode and chlorine is liberated at anode.

$$2NaCl \xrightarrow[\text{current}]{\text{Electric}} \underset{\text{Cathode}}{2Na} + \underset{\text{Anode}}{Cl_2}$$

The electrolysis is used to extract many metals such as Na, K, Ca, Sr, Mg, Al, etc. and manufacture of chemicals such as NaOH, Cl_2, F_2, etc. H. Davy isolated the element potassium by passing electric current through molten KOH.

ELECTROCHEMICAL CELL OR GALVANIC CELL

The devices in which electrical energy is produced from chemical reactions are called **electrochemical cells** or **galvanic cells** or **voltaic cells**. In these cells, oxidation and reduction reactions occur in separate containers called *half cell*s and the redox reaction is spontaneous. Electrical energy is produced during such reactions. Let us explain the working of an electrochemical cell, known as **Daniell cell** with the help of a redox reaction:

$$Zn(s) + Cu^{2+}(aq) \longrightarrow Zn^{2+}(aq) + Cu(s)$$

The arrangement consists of two beakers, one of which contains 1.0 M solution of zinc sulphate and the other 1.0 M solution of copper sulphate. A zinc rod is dipped into $ZnSO_4$ solution while a copper rod is dipped into $CuSO_4$ solution. *These metallic rods are known as* **electrodes**. The metallic rods in the beaker are connected to the ammeter by means of an insulated wire through a key. Ammeter is used to know the passage of current which moves in opposite direction to the flow of electrons. The solutions in the two beakers are connected by an inverted U-tube containing saturated solution of some electrolyte such as KCl, KNO_3 or NH_4NO_3 *which does not undergo a chemical change during the process*. The saturated solution is generally taken in agar-agar jelly or gelatin.

The two openings of the U-tube are plugged with some porous material such as glass wool or cotton. The U-tube which connects the two glass beakers is called a **salt-bridge.** Its function will be discussed later. The arrangement is shown in Fig. 6.

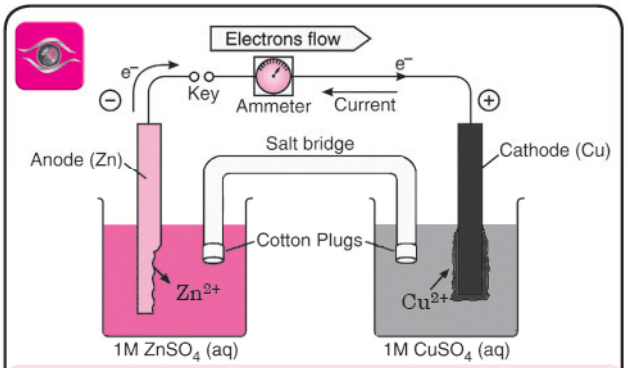


Fig. 6. A simple galvanic cell.

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When the circuit is completed by inserting the key in the circuit, it is observed that electric current flows through external circuit as indicated by the ammeter. The following observations are made :

(*i*) Zinc rod gradually loses its weight.

(*ii*) The concentration of $Zn^{2+}(aq)$ in the $ZnSO_4(aq)$ solution increases.

(*iii*) Copper gets deposited on the electrode.

(*iv*) The concentration of $Cu^{2+}(aq)$ in the $CuSO_4(aq)$ solution decreases.

(*v*) There is a flow of electrons in the external circuit from zinc rod to copper rod. Therefore, the current flows from copper to zinc. *It may be noted that as a convention, the flow of electric current is taken opposite to the flow of electrons.*

• Electrodes are the surfaces on which oxidation or reduction half reactions occur. These may or may not take part in the reactions. Those electrodes which donot take part in the reactions are called **inert electrodes.**

These observations can be explained as follows :

During the reaction, zinc is oxidised to Zn^{2+} ions which go into the solution. Therefore,

$$Zn(s) \longrightarrow Zn^{2+}(aq) + 2e^- \quad \text{(Oxidation)}$$

the zinc rod gradually loses its weight. The electrons released at the zinc electrode move towards the other electrode through outer circuit. Here, these are accepted by Cu^{2+} ions of $CuSO_4$ solution which are reduced to copper. The metal gets deposited on the copper electrode.

$$Cu^{2+}(aq) + 2e^- \longrightarrow Cu(s) \quad \text{(Reduction)}$$

The zinc electrode where electrons are released or oxidation occurs is called **anode** while the copper electrode where electrons are accepted or reduction occurs is called **cathode**. As the electrons move from zinc rod to the copper rod, the zinc rod is regarded as *negative terminal* while copper rod is regarded as *positive terminal.* There is flow of electrons from negative terminal (anode) to positive terminal (cathode).

The two containers involving oxidation and reduction half reactions are called **half cells**. The zinc rod dipping into a $ZnSO_4$ solution is **oxidation half cell** and the copper electrode dipping into a $CuSO_4$ solution is **reduction half cell.**

Salt Bridge and its functions. A salt bridge has a vital role to play in an electrochemical cell. It is usually an inverted U-tube filled with concentrated solution of *inert electrolyte.* The essential requirements of electrolyte are :

(*i*) The mobility of the anion and cation of the electrolyte should be almost same.

(*ii*) The ions of the electrolyte are not involved in electrochemical change.

(*iii*) The ions do not react chemically with the species of the cell. Generally, salts like KCl, KNO_3, NH_4NO_3, etc. are used. The saturated solutions of these electrolytes are prepared in agar agar jelly or gelatin. The jelly keeps the electrolyte in semi-solid phase and thus prevents mixing.

REMEMBER

In an electrochemical cell

- **Oxidation occurs at anode (–ve terminal)**
- **Reduction occurs at cathode (+ve terminal)**
- **Electrons flow from anode to cathode.**

In salt bridge, the electrolytes such as KCl, KNO_3 or NH_4NO_3 are generally preferred because their ions have almost equal mobility.

The **important functions** of the salt bridge are :

(*i*) **Salt bridge completes the electrical circuit.** The salt bridge connects the two solutions of the half cells and their electrodes are connected by means of a wire. Therefore, the salt bridge completes the circuit.

(*ii*) **Salt bridge maintains electrical neutrality of two half cell solutions.** To understand the function of the salt bridge, let us consider the cell without a salt bridge. The electrons released by the oxidation of Zn to Zn^{2+} ions will be accepted by the Cu^{2+} ions of $CuSO_4$ in the other half cell and the latter will be reduced to copper. The positively charged Zn^{2+} ions pass into the solution. After sometimes, this results into accumulation of extra positive charge in the solution around the anode. Similarly, due to reduction of some Cu^{2+} ions to Cu, the solution around cathode will acquire extra negative charge due to excess of SO_4^{2-} ions. The accumulation of positive charge around zinc rod will prevent the further flow of electrons from the zinc rod. Similarly, the accumulation of negative charge around copper electrode will prevent the flow of electrons to the copper

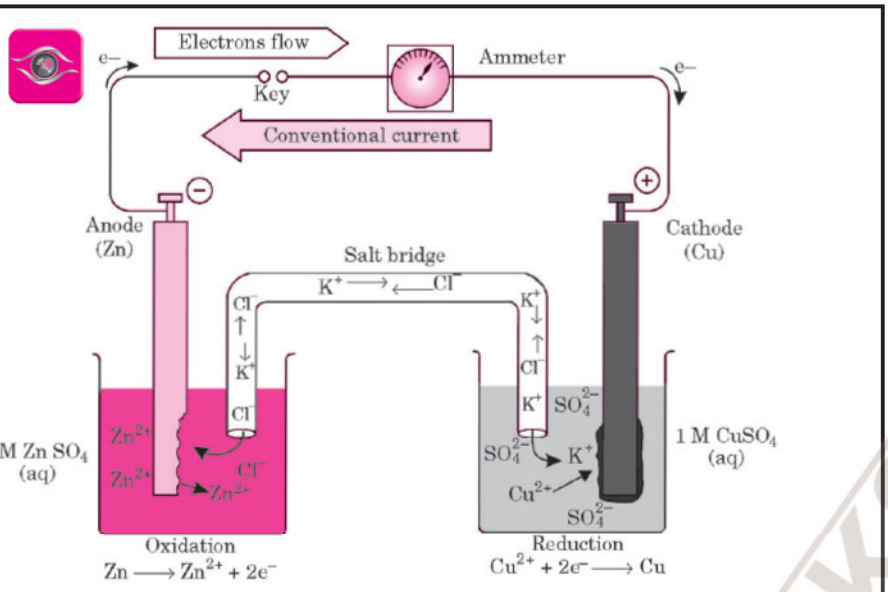


Fig. 7. Working of an electrochemical cell.

ions. Thus, the flow of electrons will occur only momentarily and the cell will stop working.

However, the accumulation of charges in the two half cells is prevented by using salt bridge, which provides a passage for the flow of the charge in the internal circuit. When the concentration of Zn^{2+} ions around anode increases, sufficient number of Cl^- ions migrate from the salt bridge to the anode half cell. Similarly, to neutralise the excess negative charge due to the additional SO_4^{2-} ions in cathode half cell, sufficient number of K^+ ions migrate from the salt bridge to this half cell. Thus, *the salt bridge provides cations and anions to replace the ions lost or produced in the two half cells.*

The working of the electrochemical cell and the functions of salt bridge are represented in Fig. 7.

Functioning of the cell when external opposing potential is applied

Consider a Daniell cell in which the zinc electrode is dipped in $ZnSO_4(aq)$ and copper electrode is dipped in $CuSO_4(aq)$. The cell reaction occurring is

$$Zn(s) + Cu^{2+}(aq) \rightleftharpoons Zn^{2+}(aq) + Cu(s)$$

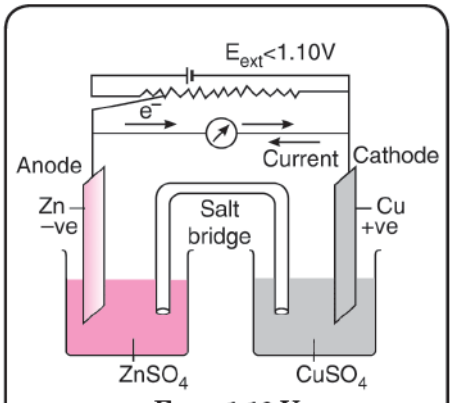
The electrical potential (called emf) of the cell is 1.10 V when concentration of Zn^{2+} and Cu^{2+} ions is 1 M (1 mol dm^{-3})*.

Let us consider an arrangement in which an external opposite potential is applied as shown in Fig. 8(*a*). When the external opposite potential is increased slowly, we observe that the reaction continues to take place till the opposing voltage reaches the value of 1.1 V.

As long as the external opposite is less than 1.10V, the electron continue to flow from Zn rod to Cu rod and hence current flows from Cu to Zn. Zinc dissolves in anode and copper deposits at cathode.

When the opposing voltage reaches the value 1.10 V, the cell reaction stops altogether and no current flows through the cell as shown in [Fig. 8(*b*)] ahead. There is no chemical reaction.

Further increase in the external potential now again starts the reaction but in the opposite direction shown in [Fig. 8(*c*)] ahead. The cell now starts functioning as an electrolytic cell. In this case electrical energy is used to carry out non-spontaneous chemical reaction. The electrons flow from Cu to Zn rod and current flows from Zn to Cu. As a result of electrolysis, zinc is deposited at the zinc electrode and copper dissolves at copper electrode.



E_{ext} < 1.10 V
Electrochemical cell continues working.

Fig. 8(a)

* Strictly speaking, 'activity' should be used instead of concentration. It is directly proportional to concentration. However, in dilute solutions, it is equal to concentration. You will learn about it in higher classes.

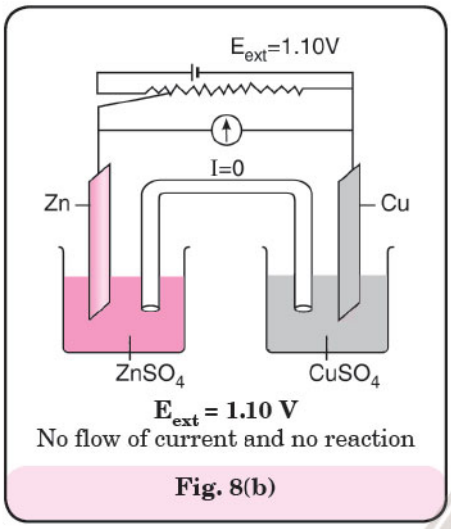
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Thus, it may be **concluded** that for a Daniell cell having emf 1.10 V,

(*a*) **When E_{ext} < 1.1 V (Fig. 8 *a*)**
- (*i*) Electrons flow from Zn rod to Cu rod
- (*ii*) Current flows from Cu to Zn
- (*iii*) Zn dissolves at anode and Cu deposits at cathode

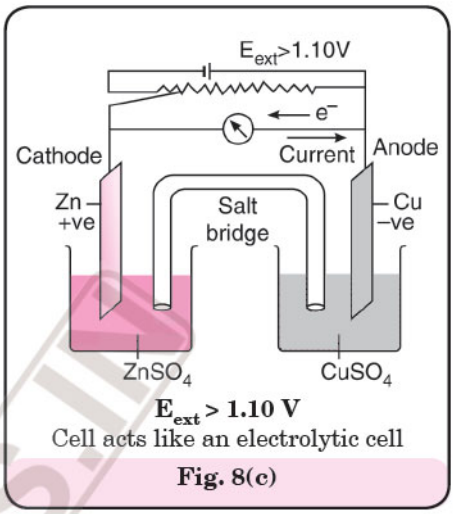
(*b*) **When E_{ext} = 1.1 V (Fig. 8 *b*)**
- (*i*) No flow of electrons.
- (*ii*) No flow of current.
- (*iii*) No chemical reaction.

(*c*) **When E_{ext} > 1.10 V (Fig. 8 *c*)**
- (*i*) Electrons flow from Cu to Zn.
- (*ii*) Current flows from Zn to Cu
- (*iii*) Zn is deposited at Zn electrode and Cu dissolves at Cu electrode.



E_{ext} = 1.10 V
No flow of current and no reaction

Fig. 8(b)



E_{ext} > 1.10 V
Cell acts like an electrolytic cell

Fig. 8(c)

REPRESENTATION OF AN ELECTROCHEMICAL CELL

An electrochemical cell or galvanic cell consists of two electrodes : anode and cathode. The electrolyte solution containing these electrodes are called *half cells*. When these two half cells are combined, a cell is formed. The following **conventions** are used in representing an electrochemical cell :

1. A galvanic cell is represented by writing the anode (where oxidation occurs) on the left hand side and cathode (where reduction occurs) on the right hand side.

2. The anode of the cell is represented by writing metal or solid phase first and then the electrolyte (or cation of the electrolyte) while the cathode is represented by writing the electrolyte first (or cation) and then metal and solid phase.

The metal and the cation are separated either by a semicolon (;) or by a vertical line. For further information, the concentration of the electrolyte is also mentioned within bracket after the cation, *i.e.,*

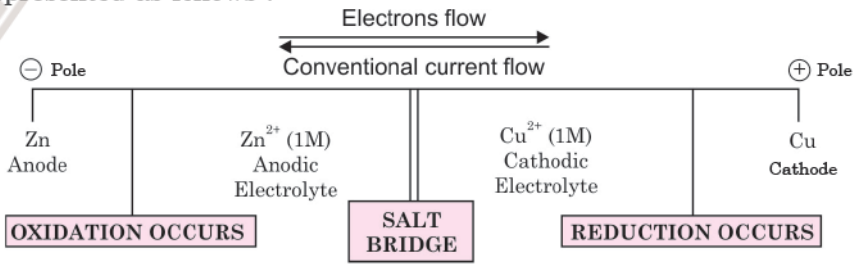
Zn ; Zn^{2+} or Zn | Zn^{2+} or Zn | Zn^{2+} (1M) (Anode)

Cu^{2+} ; Cu or Cu^{2+} | Cu or Cu^{2+} (1M) | Cu (Cathode)

3. The salt bridge which separates the two half cells is indicated by two vertical lines. For example,

Zn | Zn^{2+} (1M) || Cu^{2+} (1M) | Cu

The complete formulation of a cell which is also known as **cell notation** is represented as follows :



Sometimes negative and positive signs are also put on the electrodes to show the release and loss of electrons taking place on them. Anode is a negative pole while cathode acts as positive pole. The electrons flow from the negative pole (anode) to the positive pole (cathode) in the external circuit. On the other hand, conventionally, the current is said to flow in the opposite direction.

Memory Aid

Sometimes we get confused in the nomenclature of electrodes. As a **memory aid** keep in mind the **alphabetical order** of the first letter *e.g.,* A(anode) comes before C(cathode). The cell may be written by arranging each of the pair left-right,

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anode-cathode, oxidation-reduction, negative and positive in the alphabetical order as :

Left		Right
Anode	**Bridge**	Cathode
Oxidation		Reduction
Negative		Positive

Representation of Some Common Cells by Cell Notation

Some common cells may be represented as given below :

(*i*) **Cu–$AgNO_3$ cell.** The reactions occurring in the cell are :

Oxidation half reaction :

$$Cu \longrightarrow Cu^{2+} + 2e^-$$

Reduction half reaction :

$$2Ag^+ + 2e^- \longrightarrow 2Ag$$

Overall cell reaction :

$$Cu + 2Ag^+ \longrightarrow Cu^{2+} + 2Ag$$

The cell may be represented as :

$$Cu(s) \mid Cu^{2+}(aq) \parallel Ag^+(aq) \mid Ag(s)$$

(*ii*) **Ni–$AgNO_3$ cell**

Oxidation half reaction :

$$Ni(s) \longrightarrow Ni^{2+}(aq) + 2e^-$$

Reduction half reaction :

$$2Ag^+(aq) + 2e^- \longrightarrow 2Ag(s)$$

Overall cell reaction :

$$Ni(s) + 2Ag^+(aq) \longrightarrow Ni^{2+}(aq) + 2Ag(s)$$

The cell may be represented as :

$$Ni \mid Ni^{2+}(aq) \parallel Ag^+(aq) \mid Ag(s)$$

(*iii*) **Zn–HCl reaction**

Oxidation half reaction :

$$Zn(s) \longrightarrow Zn^{2+}(aq) + 2e^-$$

Reduction half reaction :

$$2H^+(aq) + 2e^- \longrightarrow H_2(g)$$

Overall cell reaction :

$$Zn(s) + 2H^+(aq) \longrightarrow Zn^{2+}(aq) + H_2(g)$$

Cell may be represented as :

$$Zn(s) \mid Zn^{2+}(aq) \parallel H^+(aq) \mid H_2, Pt$$

ELECTRODE POTENTIAL AND E.M.F. OF A GALVANIC CELL

Electrode Potential

The flow of electric current in an electrochemical cell indicates that a potential difference exists between two electrodes. To understand the potential difference between two electrodes or electrode potentials let us consider the redox reactions occurring at these electrodes.

When an electrode say copper, is immersed in a solution of its ions, then either of the following three possibilities can take place :

(*a*) The metal ions (Cu^{2+}) may collide with the electrode and do not undergo any change.

(*b*) Cu^{2+} ions may collide with the electrode, gain electrons and get converted into metal atoms (*i.e., the ions are reduced*).

$$Cu^{2+} + 2e^- \longrightarrow Cu \quad \text{(Reduction)}$$

(*c*) Cu atoms on the electrode may lose electrons to the electrode and become Cu^{2+} ions and go into the solution (*i.e., oxidation occurs*).

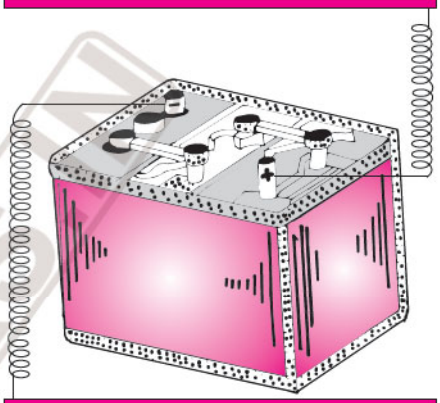
$$Cu \longrightarrow Cu^{2+} + 2e^- \quad \text{(Oxidation)}$$

These possibilities are shown in Fig. 9.

Now, if the metal *has relatively high tendency to get oxidised,* its atoms will lose electrons readily and form Cu^{2+} ions, which go into the solution. The

- where reduction occurs
- where electrons are consumed
- towards cations migrate
- has +ve sign

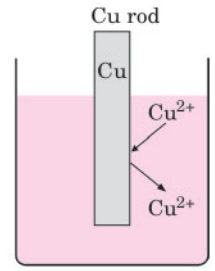
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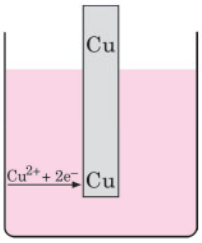
ANODE

- where oxidation occurs
- where electrons are produced
- towards anions move
- has –ve sign

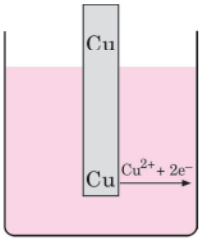
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(a) Metal ions collide but do not undergo any change.



(b) Metal ions gain electrons and get converted to metal *i.e.*, **reduction** occurs, (electrons are lost by metal rod and it **acquires +ve charge**).



(c) Metal atoms on electrode lose electrons to form metal ions *i.e.*, **oxidation occurs.** Electrons lost by metal accumulates on metal rod. (**Metal rod acquires –ve charge**).

Fig. 9. Electrode equilibrium.

NOTE

It may be remembered that for calculating e.m.f. of the cell.

- The electrode potentials are always taken as **reduction potentials (as a convention) for both the electrodes.**
- The cell is always written as anode on the left (where oxidation occurs) and cathode on the right (where reduction occurs).
- Reduction potential = – Oxidation potential

electrons lost on the electrode would be accummulated on the metal electrode and the electrode acquires a slight negative charge with respect to the solution. Some of the Cu^{2+} ions from the solution will take up electrons and become Cu atoms. After some time, an equilibrium will be established as :

$$\underset{\text{Electrode}}{Cu\,(s)} \rightleftharpoons \underset{\text{Solution}}{Cu^{2+}} + \underset{\text{(on electrode)}}{2e^-}$$

When such an equilibrium is attained, it results in separation of charges (negative on the electrode with respect to the solution).

Similarly, if the metal ions have relatively greater tendency to get reduced, they will take electrons from the electrode. As a result, a net positive charge will be developed on the electrode with respect to the solution. This will also result into separation of charges (positive on the electrode with respect to the solution).

Due to separation of charges between the electrode and the solution, an electrical potential is set up between metal electrode and its solution.

The electrical potential difference set up between the metal and its ions in the solution is known as **electrode potential.**

Thus, the electrode potential is a measure of the tendency of an electrode to gain or lose electrons when it is in contact with solution of its own ions. The electrode potential may be of two types:

(*i*) **Oxidation potential.** *The tendency of an electrode to lose electrons or to get oxidised* is called its **oxidation potential.** Thus, oxidation potentials give the tendency of an electrode to lose electrons, *i.e*,

$$M(s) \rightleftharpoons M^{n+}(aq) + ne^-$$

e.g.,

$$Zn \rightleftharpoons Zn^{2+}(aq) + 2e^-$$

$$H_2 \rightleftharpoons 2H^+(aq) + 2e^-$$

(*ii*) **Reduction potential.** *The tendency of an electrode to gain electrons or to get reduced* is called its **reduction potential.** Therefore, it measures the tendency of an electrode to gain electrons, *i.e*,

$$M^{n+}(aq) + ne^- \rightleftharpoons M(s)$$

e.g.,

$$Cu^{2+}(aq) + 2e^- \rightleftharpoons Cu(s)$$

$$2H^+(aq) + 2e^- \rightleftharpoons H_2$$

It is evident that *the oxidation potential is the reverse of reduction potential.* For example, if reduction potential of Zn is – 0.76 volts, its oxidation potential is +0.76 volts.

According to the latest convention, the half cell reactions are always written as **reduction half reactions** *and their potentials are represented as* **reduction potentials.** These are called **electrode potentials.**

The electrode potential depends upon :

(*i*) *the nature of the metal and its ions,*

(*ii*) *concentration of the ions in the solution, and*

(*iii*) *temperature.*

E.M.F. or Cell Potential of a Cell

Electrochemical cell consists of two half cells. The electrodes in these half cells have different reduction potentials. Therefore, they have different tendency to lose or gain electrons. The electrode having higher reduction potential will have higher tendency to gain electrons whereas the electrode having lower reduction potential will have lesser tendency to gain electrons, rather it loses electrons. As a result of this potential difference, there is a flow of electrons from the electrode with a lower reduction potential (higher tendency to lose electrons) to the electrode with higher reduction potential. ***The difference between the electrode potentials of the two electrodes constituting an electochemical cell*** is known as **electromotive force** or **cell potential** *of a cell.* This acts as a driving force for the cell reaction. The potential difference is expressed in *volts.*

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Therefore, the cell potential or e.m.f. arises from the difference in the tendencies of the two ions to get reduced. It is equal to the reduction potential for the substance that actually undergoes reduction minus the reduction potential of the substance that undergoes oxidation.

As already studied, the reduction occurs at cathode and oxidation occurs at anode. Therefore,

e.m.f. = Reduction potential of cathode – Reduction potential of anode

or E_{cell} = E(cathode) – E(anode)

In the representation of an electrochemical cell as a convention, cathode is written on right hand side and anode on the left hand side. Therefore, e.m.f. of a cell may also be written as :

E_{cell} = E (Right) – E (Left)

Thus, **e.m.f.** of a cell may be defined as

the potential difference between two electrodes of the cell when either no or negligible current is allowed to flow in the circuit.

The e.m.f. of the cell is measured with the help of a potentiometer. It depends upon the nature of the electrodes, temperature and the concentrations of the solutions in the two half cells. For example, the e.m.f. of a Daniell cell in which the concentrations of aqueous solutions of $CuSO_4$ and $ZnSO_4$ in the two half cells is 1 M at 298 K is 1.10 volts.

Difference between E.M.F. and Potential Difference

The differences between e.m.f. and potential difference may be given as follows :

E.M.F.	Potential difference
1. It is the potential difference between the two electrodes when no current is flowing in the circuit *i.e.*, in an open circuit.	It is the difference of the electrode potentials of the two electrodes when the cell is sending current through the circuit.
2. It is maximum voltage obtainable from the cell.	It is less than the maximum voltage obtainable from the cell (*i.e.*, e.m.f. of the cell).
3. The work calculated from e.m.f. is the maximum work obtainable from the cell.	The work calculated from potential difference is less than the maximum work obtainable from cell.
4. It is responsible for the flow of steady current in the cell.	It is not responsible for the flow of steady current in the cell.

STANDARD ELECTRODE POTENTIAL

Since a half cell in an electrochemical cell can work only in combination with the other half cell and does not work independently, it is not possible to determine the absolute electrode potential of an electrode. We can, therefore, find only the relative electrode potential.

This difficulty can be solved by selecting one of the electrodes as a reference electrode and arbitrarily fixing the potential of this electrode as *zero*. For this purpose, reversible hydrogen electrode has been universally accepted as a reference electrode. It is called *standard hydrogen electrode* (S.H.E.) *or normal hydrogen electrode* (N.H.E.).

Standard hydrogen electrode. It consists of platinum wire sealed in a glass tube and has a platinum foil attached to it (Fig. 10). The foil is coated with finely divided platinum and acts as platinum electrode. It is dipped into an acid solution containing H^+ ions in 1 M concentration (1 M HCl). Pure hydrogen gas

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There are different types of electrodes such as metal-metal ion electrodes, metal-metal insoluble salt electrodes, gas electrodes, amalgam electrodes, oxidation-reduction electrodes. For detail, refer **Competition File** (Page 98).

REMEMBER

$E_{cell} = E_{cathode} - E_{anode}$
= [Reduction potential of reduction half reaction]
– [Reduction potential of oxidation half reaction]
$= E_{R.H.S.\ electrode} - E_{L.H.S.\ electrode}$

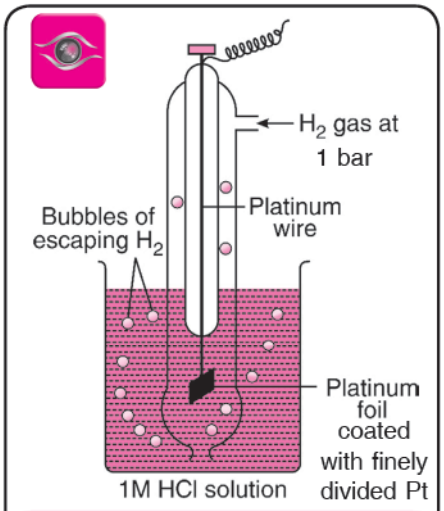


Fig. 10. Standard hydrogen electrode.

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NOTE

Reference Electrodes

It may be noted that it is not always convenient to use standard hydrogen electrode as reference electrode because of experimental difficulties in its preparation and use. Some of these are :

(*i*) It is difficult to maintain unit concentration of H^+ ions.

(*ii*) The hydrogen electrode gets poisoned even in the presence of traces of impurities.

(*iii*) It is difficult to maintain 1 atm pressure of H_2 gas uniformly for a long time.

Therefore, some other **secondary reference electrodes** are used. The most commonly used reference electrode is **calomel electrode.** Its reduction potential depends upon the concentration of KCl solution used as given below :

(*a*) **Saturated calomel** :
$Hg \mid Hg_2Cl_2 \mid (s)\, KCl$ (saturated)
$E^\ominus = 0.2415$ V at 25°C

(*b*) **1N calomel** :
$Hg \mid Hg_2Cl_2(s) \mid KCl\,(1N)$
$E^\ominus = 0.2800$ V

(*c*) **0.1N calomel** :
$Hg \mid Hg_2Cl_2(s) \mid KCl\,(0.1N)$
$E^\ominus = 0.3338$ V

at 1 bar (atmosphere) pressure is constantly bubbled into solution at constant temperature of 298 K. The surface of the foil acts as a site for the reaction.

The following reactions occur in this half cell depending upon whether it acts as anode or as cathode.

If S.H.E. acts as anode

$$H_2(g) \longrightarrow 2H^+ + 2e^-$$

If S.H.E. acts as cathode

$$2H^+ + 2e^- \longrightarrow H_2(g)$$

This standard hydrogen electrode is also regarded as reversible electrode

$$H_2(g) \rightleftharpoons 2H^+ + 2e^-$$

The electrode potential of an electrode can be determined by connecting this half cell with a *standard hydrogen electrode*. The electrode potential of the standard hydrogen electrode is taken as zero. *The electrode potential of a metal electrode as determined with respect to a standard or normal hydrogen electrode* is called **standard electrode potential ($E^\ominus$ or E°).** Standard electrode potentials are always associated with the reduction reactions occurring at the electrodes.

Measurement of the Standard Electrode Potential ($E^\ominus$)

To measure the standard electrode potential of a metal electrode, 1.0 M solution of the electrolyte is taken in a beaker and a metal electrode is dipped in it. This constitutes the metal-metal ion electrode, M/M^{n+} (*aq*). This half cell is connected to S.H.E. through a salt bridge. The electrodes are connected to a voltmeter. From the measured e.m.f. of the cell, the standard electrode potential of the half cell is calculated. This method is illustrated as follows :

1. Measurement of Electrode Potential of $Zn^{2+} \mid Zn$ Electrode

An electrode consisting of zinc rod immersed in 1 M solution of $ZnSO_4$ is combined with S.H.E. as shown in Fig. 11.

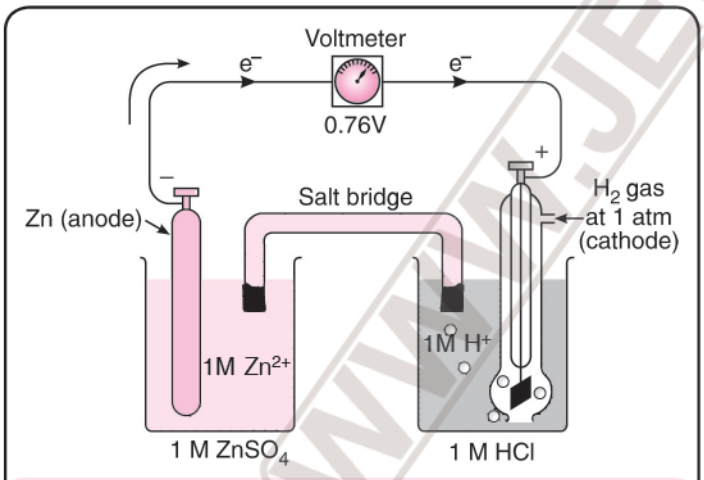


Fig. 11. Measurement of a standard electrode potential (reduction potential) of zinc by combining with S.H.E.

To obtain the cell reaction, we have to know what is oxidised and what is reduced to know the cathode and anode in the cell. We can determine this by measuring the charges of the electrodes because we know that in a galvanic cell, cathode is the +ve electrode and anode is the –ve electrode. When we connect the two electrodes with a voltmeter, the proper measurements (e.m.f. of the cell) are obtained only if the +ve terminal of the voltmeter is connected to the +ve electrode and –ve terminal of the voltmeter is connected to the –ve electrode. If the connections are not correct, no reading will be obtained in the voltmeter. Thus, if the voltmeter gives the proper reading, it indicates that the electrode connected to +ve terminal of the voltmeter is +ve (acts as cathode) and the electrode connected to –ve terminal of the voltmeter is –ve (acts as anode). The electrons flow from anode to cathode.

In this case, the electrons flow from zinc electrode to hydrogen electrode and therefore, the zinc electrode acts as anode and S.H.E. acts as a cathode. The cell may be represented as :

$Zn \mid Zn^{2+}\,(1\,M) \parallel H^+\,(1M) \mid H_2\,(1\,atm), Pt$

The cell potential has been measured to be 0.76 V.

Now, e.m.f. of cell,

$$E^\ominus_{cell} = E^\ominus_R - E^\ominus_L$$
$$= E^\ominus(H^+ \mid H_2) - E^\ominus(Zn^{2+} \mid Zn)$$
$$0.76 = 0 - E^\ominus(Zn^{2+} \mid Zn)$$
$$\therefore \quad E^\ominus(Zn^{2+} \mid Zn) = -0.76\ V$$

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Thus, by combining with S.H.E. reduction potential value of Zn has been found to be – 0.76 V.

2. Measurement of Electrode Potential of Cu^{2+} | Cu Electrode

To measure electrode potential of copper-copper ions, a cell consisting of copper electrode immersed in 1M $CuSO_4$ solution and S.H.E. is set up as shown in Fig. 12.

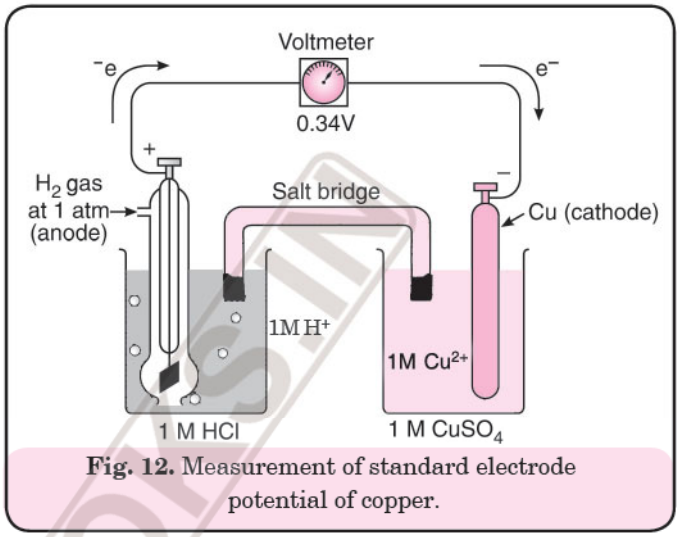


Fig. 12. Measurement of standard electrode potential of copper.

In this case, the hydrogen has greater tendency to lose electrons in comparison to copper. Therefore, oxidation occurs at hydrogen electrode and reduction occurs at copper electrode. Consequently, the hydrogen electrode acts as anode and copper electrode acts as cathode. Thus, the cell may be represented as

$Pt , H_2 (1 atm) \mid H^+ (1M) \parallel Cu^{2+} (1M) \mid Cu$

The cell potential has been measured to be 0.34 V.

$$E^\ominus_{cell} = E^\ominus_R - E^\ominus_L$$
$$= E^\ominus (Cu^{2+} \mid Cu) - E^\ominus (H^+ \mid H_2)$$
$$0.34 = E^\ominus (Cu^{2+} \mid Cu) - 0$$

or $E^\ominus (Cu^{2+} \mid Cu) = \mathbf{0.34\ V}$

Thus, the standard electrode potential of copper is + 0.34 V.

Similarly, the standard reduction potentials of other metals can be calculated.

Thus, the electrode at which **reduction** occurs with respect to S.H.E. has +ve **reduction potential** while the electrode at which oxidation occurs with respect to S.H.E. has **–ve reduction potential**.

SOLVED EXAMPLES

❑ **Example 20.**

Calculate the standard reduction electrode potential of the $Ni^{2+}|Ni$ electrode when the cell potential for the cell $Ni \mid Ni^{2+} (1M) \parallel Cu^{2+} (1M) \mid Cu$ is 0.59 V ($E^\ominus Cu^{2+} \mid Cu = 0.34$ V).

Solution : The cell is

$$Ni \mid Ni^{2+} (1M) \parallel Cu^{2+} (1M) \mid Cu$$

The e.m.f. of the cell

$$E^\ominus_{cell} = E^\ominus_R - E^\ominus_L$$
$$= E^\ominus (Cu^{2+} \mid Cu) - E^\ominus (Ni^{2+} \mid Ni)$$

Here, $E^\ominus_{cell} = 0.59$ V, $E^\ominus (Cu^{2+} \mid Cu) = 0.34$ V

$\therefore$ $0.59 = 0.34 - E^\ominus (Ni^{2+} \mid Ni)$

or $E^\ominus (Ni^{2+} \mid Ni) = 0.34 - 0.59 = \mathbf{-0.25\ V.}$

ELECTROCHEMICAL SERIES

The standard reduction potentials or standard electrode potentials of a large number of electrodes have been measured using standard hydrogen electrode as the reference electrode. These various electrodes can be arranged in increasing or decreasing order of their reduction potentials.

The arrangement of elements in order of increasing electrode potential values is called **electrochemical series.**

The electrochemical series, also called *activity series*, of some typical electrodes is being given in Table 5.

REMEMBER

- A negative $E^\ominus$ means that the redox couple is a stronger reducing agent than $H^+|H_2$ couple.
- A positive $E^\ominus$ value means that the redox couple is a weaker reducing agent than $H^+|H_2$ couple.

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Table 5. Standard reduction electrode potentials at 298 K.

Electrode	Electrode reaction (Oxidized form + ne^- ⟶ Reduced form)	$E^\ominus$ (V)
$F_2 \mid F^-$	$F_2(g) + 2e^- \longrightarrow 2F^-(aq)$	2.87
$Co^{3+} \mid Co^{2+}$	$Co^{3+} + e^- \longrightarrow Co^{2+}$	1.81
$H_2O_2 \mid H_2O$	$H_2O_2 + 2H^+ + 2e^- \longrightarrow 2H_2O$	1.78
$MnO_2, H^+ \mid Mn^{2+}$	$MnO_2(s) + 4H^+ + 2e^- \longrightarrow Mn^{2+} + 2H_2O$	1.61
$Au^{3+} \mid Au$	$Au^{3+} + 3e^- \longrightarrow Au(s)$	1.50
$MnO_4^- \mid Mn^{2+}$	$MnO_4^- + 8H^+ + 5e^- \longrightarrow Mn^{2+} + 4H_2O$	1.49
$Cl_2 \mid Cl^-$	$Cl_2(g) + 2e^- \longrightarrow 2Cl^-$	1.36
$Cr_2O_7^{2-}, H^+ \mid Cr^{3+}$	$Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 4H^+ + 6e^- \longrightarrow 2Cr^{3+} + 7H_2O$	1.33
$O_2, H^+ \mid H_2O$	$O_2 + 4H^+ + 4e^- \longrightarrow 2H_2O$	1.23
$Br_2 \mid Br^-$	$Br_2(l) + 2e^- \longrightarrow 2Br^-$	1.09
$NO_3^-, H^+ \mid NO$	$NO_3^- + 4H^+ + 3e^- \longrightarrow NO(g) + 2H_2O$	0.97
$Hg^{2+} \mid Hg_2^{2+}$	$2Hg^{2+} + 2e^- \longrightarrow Hg_2^{2+}$	0.92
$ClO^- \mid Cl^-$	$ClO^- + H_2O + 2e^- \longrightarrow Cl^- + 2OH^-$	0.89
$Hg^{2+} \mid Hg$	$Hg^{2+} + 2e^- \longrightarrow Hg$	0.85
$Ag^+ \mid Ag$	$Ag^+ + e^- \longrightarrow Ag$	0.80
$Hg_2^{2+} \mid Hg$	$Hg_2^{2+} + e^- \longrightarrow 2Hg$	0.79
$Fe^{3+} \mid Fe^{2+}$	$Fe^{3+} + e^- \longrightarrow Fe^{2+}$	0.78
$MnO_4^- \mid MnO_4^{2-}$	$MnO_4^- + e^- \longrightarrow MnO_4^{2-}$	0.56
$I_2 \mid I^-$	$I_2 + 2e^- \longrightarrow 2I^-$	0.54
$Cu^+ \mid Cu$	$Cu^+ + e^- \longrightarrow Cu$	0.52
$Cu^{2+} \mid Cu$	$Cu^{2+} + 2e^- \longrightarrow Cu$	0.34
$AgCl \mid Ag$	$AgCl + e^- \longrightarrow Ag + Cl^-$	0.22
$Cu^{2+} \mid Cu$	$Cu^{2+} + e^- \longrightarrow Cu^+$	0.15
$AgBr \mid Ag$	$AgBr + e^- \longrightarrow Ag + Br^-$	0.10
$H^+ \mid H_2$	**$2H^+ + 2e^- \longrightarrow H_2$**	**0.00**
$Fe^{3+} \mid Fe$	$Fe^{3+} + 3e^- \longrightarrow Fe$	– 0.04
$Pb^{2+} \mid Pb$	$Pb^{2+} + 2e^- \longrightarrow Pb$	– 0.13
$Sn^{2+} \mid Sn$	$Sn^{2+} + 2e^- \longrightarrow Sn$	– 0.16
$Ni^{2+} \mid Ni$	$Ni^{2+} + 2e^- \longrightarrow Ni$	– 0.25
$Co^{2+} \mid Co$	$Co^{2+} + 2e^- \longrightarrow Co$	– 0.28
$Cd^{2+} \mid Cd$	$Cd^{2+} + 2e^- \longrightarrow Cd$	– 0.40
$Fe^{2+} \mid Fe$	$Fe^{2+} + 2e^- \longrightarrow Fe$	– 0.44
$Cr^{3+} \mid Cr$	$Cr^{3+} + 3e^- \longrightarrow Cr$	– 0.74
$Zn^{2+} \mid Zn$	$Zn^{2+} + 2e^- \longrightarrow Zn$	– 0.76
$Mn^{2+} \mid Mn$	$Mn^{2+} + 2e^- \longrightarrow Mn$	– 1.18
$Al^{3+} \mid Al$	$Al^{3+} + 3e^- \longrightarrow Al$	– 1.66
$Mg^{2+} \mid Mg$	$Mg^{2+} + 2e^- \longrightarrow Mg$	– 2.36
$Ce^{3+} \mid Ce$	$Ce^{3+} + 3e^- \longrightarrow Ce$	– 2.48
$Na^+ \mid Na$	$Na^+ + e^- \longrightarrow Na$	– 2.71
$Ca^{2+} \mid Ca$	$Ca^{2+} + 2e^- \longrightarrow Ca$	– 2.87
$Ba^{2+} \mid Ba$	$Ba^{2+} + 2e^- \longrightarrow Ba$	– 2.91
$Cs^+ \mid Cs$	$Cs^+ + e^- \longrightarrow Cs$	– 2.92
$K^+ \mid K$	$K^+ + e^- \longrightarrow K$	– 2.93
$Li^+ \mid Li$	$Li^+ + e^- \longrightarrow Li$	– 3.05

Strongest oxidizing agent

STRENGTH OF OXIDIZING AGENT

Weakest oxidizing agent

Weakest reducing agent

STRENGTH OF REDUCING AGENT

Strongest reducing agent

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Applications of the Electrochemical Series

The main applications of the electrochemical series are given below :

1. Relative strengths of oxidising and reducing agents. With the help of electrochemical series, we can predict the relative oxidising or reducing strengths of substances. In the electrochemical series, the substances are arranged in the decreasing order of electrode potential *i.e.* decreasing tendency for reduction to occur or power as oxidising agent. Therefore,

- the elements at the top of the table have **maximum tendency to get reduced** and consequently, they will act as **good oxidising agents**. On the other hand,
- the substances at the bottom of the table have lower electrode potential values, therefore they have **least tendency to get reduced**. Consequently, they may be oxidised and act as **good reducing agents**.
- Table 4 shows that standard electrode potential of fluorine is the highest in the table indicating that the fluorine gas (F_2) has maximum tendency to get reduced to fluoride ions (F^-) and therefore, fluorine gas is the strongest oxiding agent and fluoride ion is the weakest reducing agent. On the other hand, lithium has the lowest electrode potential in the table indicating that lithium has the maximum tendency to get oxidised and hence lithium metal is the most powerful reducing agent or lithium ion is the weakest oxidising agent in aqueous solution.

REMEMBER

- The substances which have lower electrode potentials are stronger reducing agents while those which have higher electrode potentials are stronger oxidising agents.

2. Calculation of the E.M.F. of the cell. The E.M.F. of the cell which is the difference between the reduction potential of the cathode and anode is determined by the following steps :

Step I.

Write the two half cell reactions in such a way that the reaction taking place at the left hand electrode is written as an oxidation reaction and that taking place at the right hand electrode is written as reduction.

Step II.

Multiply one of the equations if necessary by suitable number to equate the number of electrons in the two equations. *However,* ***it may be noted that electrode potential values,*** $E^\ominus$ ***are not multiplied.***

Step III.

The e.m.f. of the cell ($E^\ominus_{cell}$) is equal to the difference between the standard electrode potential of the cathode and the standard electrode potential of the anode. Thus,

$$E^\ominus_{cell} = E^\ominus \text{ (cathode)} - E^\ominus \text{(anode)}$$

The electrode potentials of both the electrodes are taken to be reduction potentials.

Step IV.

If the e.m.f. of the cell is +ve, the reaction is feasible in the given direction. But if e.m.f. of the cell is –ve, the cell reaction is not feasible in the given direction. The reaction must be occurring in the reverse direction. Thus, to get positive value for the e.m.f. of the cell, the electrodes are reversed.

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❑ **Example 21.**

Write the half cell reaction and the overall cell reaction for the electrochemical cell :

$Zn \mid Zn^{2+}\ (1.0\ M) \parallel Pb^{2+}\ (1.0\ M) \mid Pb$

Calculate the standard e.m.f. for the cell if standard electrode potentials (reduction) for $Pb^{2+} \mid Pb$ *and* $Zn^{2+} \mid Zn$ *electrodes are* -0.126 *V and* -0.763 *V respectively.*

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Solution: Zn electrode acts as anode while Pb electrode acts as cathode and, therefore, oxidation occurs at zinc electrode and reduction occurs at lead electrode. The half cell reactions are:

Oxidation half reaction : $Zn(s) \longrightarrow Zn^{2+}(aq) + 2e^-$

Reduction half reaction : $Pb^{2+}(aq) + 2e^- \longrightarrow Pb(s)$

Overall cell reaction : $Zn(s) + Pb^{2+}(aq) \longrightarrow Zn^{2+}(aq) + Pb(s)$

$$E^\ominus_{cell} = E^\ominus_R - E^\ominus_L$$
$$= -0.126 - (-0.763)$$
$$= \mathbf{0.637\ V.}$$

WATCH OUT !

- For cell reaction to be spontaneous, EMF must be **positive**.
- Reduction will occur at the electrode having higher reduction potential.
- Oxidation will occur at the electrode having lower reduction potential (or higher oxidation potential)
- EMF of cell
  $= E^\ominus(\text{cathode}) - E^\ominus(\text{anode})$
  $= E^\ominus(\text{R.H.S.}) - E^\ominus(\text{L.H.S.})$

3. Predicting feasibility of the reaction. The electrochemical series helps in finding out whether a given redox reaction is feasible or not in the given direction from the E° values of the two electrodes. *In general, a redox reaction is* **feasible** *only if the species which has higher reduction potential is reduced i.e., accepts the electrons and the species which has lower electrode potential is oxidised i.e., loses the electrons. Otherwise, a redox reaction is not feasible. In other words, the species to release electrons must have lower electrode potential as compared to the species which is to accept electrons.*

The electrochemical series (Table 4) gives the increasing order of electrode potential (reduction) of different electrodes on moving down the table. This means that the species to accept the electrons (getting reduced) must be lower in the electrochemical series as compared to the other which is to lose electrons (getting oxidised).

Let us illustrate this by predicting the feasibility of the reaction :

$$Cu^{2+}(aq) + 2Ag(s) \longrightarrow Cu(s) + 2Ag^+(aq)$$

From the electrochemical series (Table 5), E° value of Cu = +0.34 V and the E° value of Ag = + 0.80 V. Since the electrode potential of Ag is more than that of Cu, this means that silver has greater tendency to get reduced in comparison to copper. Thus, the reaction

$$Ag^+(aq) + e^- \longrightarrow Ag(s)$$

occurs more readily than the reaction

$$Cu^{2+}(aq) + 2e^- \longrightarrow Cu(s)$$

Similarly, since reduction potential of Cu is less than that of Ag, this means that Cu will be readily oxidised in comparison to Ag. Thus, the reaction

$$Cu(s) \longrightarrow Cu^{2+}(aq) + 2e^-$$

occurs more readily than the reaction

$$Ag(s) \longrightarrow Ag^+(aq) + e^-$$

Therefore, silver will be reduced and copper will be oxidised and the above reaction is not feasible. Rather the reverse reaction,

$$Cu(s) + 2Ag^+(aq) \longrightarrow Cu^{2+}(aq) + 2Ag(s)$$ can occur.

Similarly, we can predict that iron will reduce Cu^{2+} to Cu, zinc will reduce Pb^{2+} to Pb, zinc will also reduce Cu^{2+} to Cu, etc. and the following redox reactions can occur :

$$Fe + Cu^{2+} \longrightarrow Fe^{2+} + Cu$$
$$Zn + Pb^{2+} \longrightarrow Zn^{2+} + Pb$$
$$Zn + Cu^{2+} \longrightarrow Zn^{2+} + Cu$$

REMEMBER

- In general, metals having negative $E^\ominus$ values can evolve hydrogen from an acid on reacting with dilute acids while those with positive $E^\ominus$ values cannot do so.
- Metals like Na, K, Zn, Mg, Ni, Al etc. which can liberate H_2 from an acid are called **active metals**. Metals like Cu, Hg, Ag etc. which donot liberate H_2 from an acid are called **inactive metals**.

4. To predict whether a metal can liberate hydrogen from acid or not. The electrochemical series can also be used to predict whether a metal can liberate hydrogen from the acid or not. Metals like zinc, magnesium and nickel can liberate hydrogen from the acids like HCl, H_2SO_4, etc. while metals like copper and silver cannot do so. In general, *only those metals can liberate hydrogen from the acid which have negative values of reduction potentials i.e.,* $-E^\circ$ values. Obviously, hydrogen will have greater tendency to get reduced (accept electrons) and the metal can lose electrons (get oxidised) and hydrogen gas is liberated. These metals are also called **active metals**.

$$M \longrightarrow M^+(aq) + e^-$$
(Monovalent)

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$$H^+(aq) + e^- \longrightarrow H \text{ or } \frac{1}{2} H_2$$

Metals like copper and silver have $+E^\ominus$ values *i.e.*, electron accepting tendencies. Their atoms are not in a position to lose electrons to H^+ ions of the acid. Therefore, hydrogen gas is not liberated.

This can also be stated as *if the standard electrode potential* of an electrode is greater than zero (*i.e.*, +ve), then its reduced form is more stable as compared to hydrogen gas. On the other hand, if the standard electrode potential is negative, then hydrogen gas is more stable than the reduced form of the species.

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❑ Example 22.

Iodine (I_2) and bromine (Br_2) are added to a solution containing iodide (I^-) and bromide (Br^-) ions. What reaction would occur if the concentration of each species is 1M? The electrode potentials for the reactions are :

(i) $I_2 + 2e^- \longrightarrow 2I^-, E^\circ = +0.54\ V$

(ii) $Br_2 + 2e^- \longrightarrow 2Br^-, E^\circ = +1.08\ V$

Solution : Since the reduction potential of Br_2 is more than that of I_2, it means that bromine can readily be reduced and it will oxidise I^- to I_2. Therefore, the following reaction will occur:

$$Br_2 + 2I^- \longrightarrow 2Br^- + I_2$$

Since for the feasibility of the reaction, the E.M.F. should be +ve, therefore, to get +ve value for the overall cell reaction, subtract the equation representing lower value of $E^\ominus$ from the equation representing the higher value of $E^\ominus$. Thus, subtract

Eq. (*i*) from Eq. (*ii*).

$$Br_2 + 2I^- \longrightarrow 2Br^- + I_2$$

$E^\ominus = 1.08 - 0.54 =$ **0.54 V.**

❑ Example 23.

What will be the spontaneous reaction when the following half reactions are combined ?

(i) $Fe^{3+} + e^- \longrightarrow Fe^{2+}, \quad E^\ominus = +0.77\ V$

(ii) $MnO_4^- + 8H^+ + 5e^- \longrightarrow Mn^{2+} + 4H_2O, \quad (E^\ominus = +1.49\ V)$

What is the value of $E^\ominus_{cell}$?

Solution : The reduction potential of (*ii*) half reaction is more than that of (*i*) half reaction. It means that reduction will occur in (*ii*) half cell and oxidation will occur in (*i*) half cell. Therefore, (*i*) half cell reaction will proceed to the left, and (*ii*) half reaction will proceed to the right. We therefore, reverse the first reaction and after multiplying by appropriate coefficients add it to reaction (*ii*)

(*i*) $Fe^{2+} \longrightarrow Fe^{3+} + e^-] \times 5$

(*ii*) $MnO_4^- + 8H^+ + 5e^- \longrightarrow Mn^{2+} + 4H_2O$

$$5Fe^{2+} + MnO_4^- + 8H^+ \longrightarrow 5Fe^{3+} + Mn^{2+} + 4H_2O$$

The above reaction will be spontaneous.

$E^\ominus_{cell} = E^\ominus$ (cathode) $- E^\ominus$ (anode)

$= 1.49 - 0.77 =$ **+ 0.72 V.**

❑ Example 24.

In a simple electrochemical cell, which is in the standard state, the half cell reactions with their appropriate reduction potentials are :

$Pb^{2+}(aq) + 2e^- \longrightarrow Pb(s); \quad (E^\ominus = -0.13\ V)$

$Ag^+(aq) + e^- \longrightarrow Ag(s); \quad (E^\ominus = +0.80\ V)$

(a) What is the cell reaction for the cell ?

(b) Calculate the e.m.f. of the cell.

Solution : The reaction potentials of the two half cell reactions are :

$Pb^{2+}(aq) + 2e^- \longrightarrow Pb(s); \quad (E^\ominus = -0.13\ V)$

$Ag^+(aq) + e^- \longrightarrow Ag(s); \quad (E^\ominus = +0.80\ V)$

The reduction potential of $Ag^+ \mid Ag$ electrode is more than that of $Pb^{2+} \mid Pb$. Therefore, reduction will occur at silver electrode and oxidation will occur at lead electrode and the cell reaction will be

$$2Ag^+(aq) + Pb(s) \longrightarrow 2Ag(s) + Pb^{2+}(aq)$$

The cell may be represented as :

$Pb \mid Pb^{2+} \parallel Ag^+ \mid Ag$ and

$\therefore \quad E^\ominus_{cell} = E^\ominus$ (cathode) $- E^\ominus$ (anode)

$= 0.80 - (-0.13) =$ **0.93 V.**

Practice Problems

25. An iron wire is immersed in a solution containing $ZnSO_4$ and $NiSO_4$. When the concentration of each salt is 1M, predict giving reasons which of the following reactions is likely to proceed ?

(*i*) Iron reduces Zn^{2+} ions (*ii*) Iron reduces Ni^{2+} ions

Given $E^\ominus (Zn^{2+}/Zn) = -0.76$ V, $E^\ominus (Fe^{2+}/Fe) = -0.44$ V and $E^\ominus (Ni^{2+}/Ni) = -0.25$ V.

26. Can a solution of 1 M $CuSO_4$ be stored in a vessel made of nickel metal ? Given $E^\ominus (Ni^{2+} \mid Ni) = -0.25$ V and $E^\ominus (Cu^{2+} \mid Cu) = 0.34$ V.

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27. What is the standard e.m.f. of the cell containing $Sn^{2+}|Sn$ and $Br_2|Br^-$ electrodes ?

($E^\ominus$ (Sn^{2+} | Sn) = – 0.14 V, $E^\ominus$(Br_2 | Br^-) = 1.08 V)

28. Calculate the standard reduction potential of Ag^+ | Ag electrode when the cell potential for the cell,

Cu(*s*) | Cu^{2+} (1M) || Ag^+ (1M) Ag is 0.46 V. Given that Cu^{2+} | Cu = 0.34 V

29. Calculate the standard reduction potentials of galvanic cells in which reactions are as follows :

(*i*) $2Cr(s) + 3Cd^{2+} \longrightarrow 2Cr^{3+} + 3Cd\,(s)$

(*ii*) $Fe^{2+}(aq) + Ag^+(aq) \longrightarrow Fe^{3+}(aq) + Ag(s)$

Given that $E^\ominus$ (Cr^{3+}/Cr) = – 0.74 V, $E^\ominus$ (Cd^{2+}/Cd) = – 0.40V,

$E^\ominus$ (Fe^{3+}/Fe^{2+}) = 0.77 V, $E^\ominus$ (Ag^+/Ag) = 0.80 V.

30. Can chlorine gas be stored in a copper cylinder ? Given $E^\ominus$ (Cu^{2+}/Cu) = 0.34 V and $E^\ominus$ (Cl_2/Cl^-) = 1.36 V.

31. Why does blue colour of copper sulphate get discharged when zinc rod is dipped in it ?

Given $E^\ominus$(Cu^{2+}/Cu) = 0.34 V, $E^\ominus$(Zn^{2+} | Zn) = – 0.76 V.

32. A copper wire is dipped in silver nitrate solution in beaker A and a silver wire is dipped in a solution of copper sulphate kept in beaker B. If the standard electrode potential for

$Cu^{2+} + 2e^- \longrightarrow$ Cu is + 0.34 and for $Ag^+ + e^- \longrightarrow$ Ag is 0.80 V

Predict in which beaker the ions present will get reduced ?

Answers to Practice Problems

25. Iron reduces Ni^{2+} ions.
26. No.
27. 1.22 V.
28. 0.80 V.
29. (*i*) 0.34V, (*ii*) 0.03V.
30. No.
32. In beaker A, Ag^+ will be reduced.

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DEPENDENCE OF ELECTRODE AND CELL POTENTIALS ON CONCENTRATION : NERNST EQUATION

The standard electrode potentials given in Table 4 are measured in their standard states when the concentration of the electrolyte solutions are fixed as 1M and temperature is 298 K. However, in actual practice electrochemical cells do not have always fixed concentration of the electrolyte solutions. The electrode potentials depend on the concentration of the electrolyte solutions. Nernst gave a relationship between electrode potentials and the concentration of electrolyte solutions known as **Nernst equation.** For a general electrode reaction,

$$M^{n+}(aq) + ne^- \longrightarrow M(s)$$

the Nernst equation is

$$E\,(M^{n+} \mid M) = E^\circ(M^{n+} \mid M) - \frac{RT}{nF} ln \frac{[M(s)]}{[M^{n+}(aq)]}$$

or

$$E\,(M^{n+} \mid M) = E^\ominus\,(M^{n+} \mid M) - \frac{2.303RT}{nF} \log \frac{[M(s)]}{[M^{n+}(aq)]}$$

($\because ln\, x = 2.303 \log x$)

where E (M^{n+} | M) = Electrode potential.

$E^\ominus$ (M^{n+} | M) = Standard electrode potential [for a 1 M solution of metal ions, M^{n+} (*aq*)].

R = Gas constant, T = Temperature, F = Faraday of electricity

n = Number of electrons gained during the electrode reaction.

[$M^{n+}(aq)$] = Molar concentration of ions, [M] = Molar concentration of metal

Substituting the values of R (8.314 JK^{-1} mol^{-1}) , T (298 K) and F (96500 coulombs), the Nernst equation at 25°C becomes

$$E\,(M^{n+} \mid M) = E^\ominus\,(M^{n+} \mid M) - \frac{2.303 \times 8.314 \times 298}{n \times 96500} \log \frac{[M(s)]}{[M^{n+}(aq)]}$$

$$\text{or } E\,(M^{n+} \mid M) = E^\ominus\,(M^{n+} \mid M) - \frac{0.059}{n} \log \frac{1}{[M^{n+}(aq)]}$$

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It may be noted that **concentration of the solid phase, [M(s)] is taken to be unity.**

The above equation may also be written as :

$$E\,(M^{n+}\,|\,M) \;=\; E^{\ominus}\,(M^{n+}\,|\,M) - \frac{0.059}{n}\log\frac{1}{[M^{n+}(aq)]}$$

For simplicity, we may write this equation as :

$$E \;=\; E^{\ominus} - \frac{0.059}{n}\log\frac{1}{[M^{n+}(aq)]} \qquad \text{at } 25^{\circ}C.$$

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❑ Example 25.

Zinc rod is dipped in 0.1M solution of $ZnSO_4$. The salt is 95% dissociated at this dilution at 298 K. Calculate the electrode potential given that $E^{\ominus}(Zn^{2+}\,|\,Zn) = -0.76$ V. *(H.P.S.B. 2009)*

Solution : The electrode reaction is :

$$Zn^{2+} + 2e^- \rightleftharpoons Zn(s)$$

According to Nernst equation, at 298 K

$$E(Zn^{2+}\,|\,Zn) \;=\; E^{\ominus}(Zn^{2+}\,|\,Zn) - \frac{0.059}{n}\log\frac{[Zn]}{[Zn^{2+}(aq)]}$$

$E^{\ominus}(Zn^{2+}\,|\,Zn) = -0.76$ V, $[Zn] = 1$,

$[Zn^{2+}(aq)] = 0.1 \times 95/100 = 0.095$ M

$$\therefore \quad E\,(Zn^{2+}\,|\,Zn) = -0.76 - \frac{0.059}{n}\log\frac{1}{0.095}$$

$$= -0.76 - 0.03 = \mathbf{-0.79V.}$$

❑ Example 26.

If E° for copper electrode is + 0.34 V, how will you calculate e.m.f. value when the solution in contact with it is 0.1 M in copper ions? How does e.m.f. for copper electrode change when concentration of Cu^{2+} ion in the solution is decreased? *(A.I.S.B. 2000)*

Solution : EMF of the cell can be calculated by using Nernst equation as

$$Cu^{2+} + 2e^- \longrightarrow Cu$$

$$E = E^{\ominus} - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{1}{[Cu^{2+}]}$$

When $[Cu^{2+}] = 0.1$ M

$$E = 0.34 - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{1}{(0.1)}$$

$$= 0.34 - \frac{0.059}{2} \times 1 = 0.34 - 0.0295$$

$$= \mathbf{0.31V.}$$

❑ Example 27.

Calculate the reduction potential of the following electrode at 298 K:

$Pt, Cl_2(2.5\,atm)\,|\,HCl\ (0.01M)$; $E^{\ominus}\ Cl_2\,|\,2\,Cl^- = 1.36$ V.

Solution : The electrode reaction is :

$$Cl_2(g) + 2\,e^- \longrightarrow 2Cl^-\ (aq)$$

$$E\,(Cl_2\,|\,2Cl^-) = E^{\ominus}\,(Cl_2\,|\,2Cl^-) - \frac{(0.059)}{2}\log\frac{[Cl^-]^2}{p(Cl_2)}$$

$p(Cl_2) = 2.5$ atm, $[Cl^-] = 0.01$ M (same as the concentration of HCl)

$$E^{\ominus}\,(Cl_2\,|\,2Cl^-) - 1.36 \text{ V}$$

$$\therefore \quad E(Cl_2\,|\,2Cl^-) = 1.36 - \frac{(0.059)}{2}\log\frac{(0.01)^2}{(2.5)}$$

$$= 1.36 + 0.0295 \times 4.398$$

$$= 1.36 + 0.13 = \mathbf{1.49\ V.}$$

❑ Example 28.

(a) Calculate the electrode potential of a silver electrode dipped in a 0.1M solution of silver nitrate at 298 K assuming $AgNO_3$ to be completely dissociated. The standard electrode potential of $Ag^+\,|\,Ag$ is 0.80 V at 298 K.

(b) At what concentration of silver ions will this electrode have a potential of 0 volt ?

Solution : (a) The reduction electrode reaction is :

$$Ag^+(aq) + e^- \rightleftharpoons Ag(s)$$

$$E(Ag^+\,|\,Ag) = E^{\ominus}\,(Ag^+\,|\,Ag) - \frac{(0.059)}{2}\log\frac{[Ag]}{[Ag^+]}$$

$[Ag^+] = 0.1$M, $[Ag] = 1$, $E^{\ominus}\,(Ag^+\,|\,Ag) = 0.80$ V

$$\therefore \quad E\,(Ag^+\,|\,Ag) = 0.80 - \frac{(0.059)}{2}\log\frac{1}{(0.1)}$$

$$= 0.80 - 0.059 = \mathbf{0.741\ V.}$$

(b) For the reduction electrode reaction of silver,

$$E\,(Ag^+\,|\,Ag) = E^{\ominus}\,(Ag^+\,|\,Ag) - \frac{(0.059)}{2}\log\frac{[Ag]}{[Ag^+]}$$

$E\,(Ag^+\,|\,Ag) = 0$, $E^{\ominus}\,(Ag^+\,|\,Ag) = 0.80$, $[Ag^+] = ?$, $[Ag] = 1$

$$\therefore \quad 0 = 0.80 - 0.059\log\frac{[Ag]}{[Ag^+]}$$

$$\text{or} \quad 0.059\log[Ag^+] = -0.80$$

$$\text{or} \quad \log[Ag^+] = \frac{-0.80}{0.059} = -13.559$$

$$\therefore \quad [Ag^+] = \mathbf{2.76 \times 10^{-14}\ M.}$$

❑ Example 29.

Calculate the potential for half-cell containing 0.10 M $K_2Cr_2O_7(aq)$, 0.20 M $Cr^{3+}(aq)$ and 1.0×10^{-4} M $H^+(aq)$ The half-cell reaction is :

$$Cr_2O_7^{2-}(aq) + 14\,H^+(aq) + 6e^- \longrightarrow 2Cr^{3+}(aq) + 7H_2O\ (l)$$

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and the standard electrode potential is given as $E^\circ = 1.33\,V$. *(A.I.S.B. 2011)*

Solution : $E_{cell} = E^\circ_{cell} - \frac{0.0591}{n}\log\frac{[Cr^{3+}]^2}{[Cr_2O_7^{2-}][H^+]^{14}}$

$E^\circ_{cell} = 1.33\ V,\ [Cr^{3+}] = 0.20\ M$

$[Cr_2O_7^{2-}] = 0.1\ M,\ [H^+] = 1.0 \times 10^{-4}\ M,\ n = 6$

$$\therefore \quad E_{cell} = 1.33 - \frac{0.0591}{6}\log\frac{(0.20)^2}{(0.10)(10^{-4})^{14}}$$

$$= 1.33 - \frac{0.0591}{6}\log 0.4 \times 10^{56}$$

$$= 1.33 - \frac{0.0591}{6} \times 55.60$$

$$= 1.33 - 0.55 = \mathbf{0.78\ V.}$$

Applications of Nernst Equation

1. Calculation of cell potential using Nernst equation. Let us illustrate this by considering a Daniell cell in which the concentration of the solution may not be 1M. The cell is:

$$Zn\,(s)\,|\,Zn^{2+}\,(aq)\,\|\,Cu^{2+}(aq)\,|\,Cu$$

The e.m.f. of the cell is :

$$E_{cell} = E\,(cathode) - E\,(anode)$$
$$= E\,(Cu^{2+}\,|\,Cu) - E\,(Zn^{2+}\,|\,Zn) \qquad ...(i)$$

The electrode reactions are :

$$Zn(s) \longrightarrow Zn^{2+}(aq) + 2e^-$$
$$Cu^{2+}\,(aq) + 2e^- \longrightarrow Cu(s)$$

The electrochemical cell reaction is

$$Zn(s) + Cu^{2+}(aq) \longrightarrow Zn^{2+}(aq) + Cu(s)$$

The electrode potential for the two electrodes can be calculated by using Nernst equation as :

Electrode potential for copper electrode,

$$E_{(Cu^{2+}\,|\,Cu)} = E^\ominus_{(Cu^{2+}\,|\,Cu)} - \frac{2.303\,RT}{nF}\log\frac{[Cu]}{[Cu^{2+}(aq)]}$$

Similarly, electrode potential for zinc electrode,

$$E_{(Zn^{2+}\,|\,Zn)} = E^\ominus_{(Zn^{2+}\,|\,Zn)} - \frac{2.303\,RT}{nF}\log\frac{[Zn]}{[Zn^{2+}(aq)]}$$

Substituting these values in Eq. (i)

$$E_{cell} = \left\{E^\ominus_{(Cu^{2+}|Cu)} - \frac{2.303\,RT}{2F}\log\frac{[Cu]}{[Cu^{2+}(aq)]}\right\} - \left[E^\ominus_{(Zn^{2+}|Zn)} - \frac{2.303\,RT}{2F}\log\frac{[Zn]}{[Zn^{2+}(aq)]}\right]$$

or $$E_{cell} = E^\ominus_{(Cu^{2+}\,|\,Cu)} - E^\ominus_{(Zn^{2+}\,|\,Zn)} - \frac{2.303\,RT}{nF}\log\frac{[Cu][Zn^{2+}(aq)]}{[Cu^{2+}(aq)][Zn]}$$

Now $E^\ominus_{(Cu^{2+}\,|\,Cu)} - E^\ominus_{(Zn^{2+}\,|\,Zn)} = E^\ominus_{cell}$ and the concentration of solids is taken as unity so that [Zn] = 1, [Cu] = 1.

$$\therefore \quad E_{cell} = E^\ominus_{cell} - \frac{2.303\,RT}{2F}\log\frac{[Zn^{2+}(aq)]}{[Cu^{2+}(aq)]}$$

or $$E_{cell} = E^\ominus_{cell} - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{[Zn^{2+}(aq)]}{[Cu^{2+}(aq)]} \text{ at 298 K}$$

$$\left(\because \frac{2.303\,RT}{F} = 0.059 \text{ at 298 K}\right)$$

In the Daniell cell, *the valencies of zinc and copper are the same i.e.,* $n = 2$. Let us consider an example, in which the valencies of the two metals used in the two half cells are not same. Consider the cell.

$$Cu\,|\,Cu^{2+}\,(aq)\,\|\,Ag^+\,(aq)\,|\,Ag$$

Important Note

It must be **remembered** that while writing the Nernst equation for the overall cell reaction, the log term is the same as the expression for the equilibrium constant for the reaction. However, some books use the expression in the reverse form as the expression for the equilibrium constant but, sign after E° is changed. The two relations are same.

$$E = E^\ominus - \frac{2.303\,RT}{nF}\log\frac{[C]^c[D]^d}{[A]^a[B]^b}$$

$$E = E^\ominus + \frac{2.303\,RT}{nF}\log\frac{[A]^a[B]^b}{[C]^c[D]^d}$$

Similarly, for the electrode reaction:

$$M^{n+} + ne^- \longrightarrow M$$

The Nernst equation is

$$\text{or } E = E^\ominus - \frac{2.303\,RT}{nF}\log\frac{1}{[M^{n+}]}$$

$$E = E^\ominus + \frac{2.303\,RT}{nF}\log[M^{n+}]$$

But in the present text, we shall use the **first form,** which is same as equilibrium expression.

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The cell reaction is :

$$Cu(s) + 2Ag^{+}(aq) \longrightarrow Cu^{2+}(aq) + 2Ag(s)$$

The EMF of the cell,

$$E_{cell} = E\text{ (cathode)} - E\text{ (anode)} \quad ...(i)$$

During the reaction, two electrons are released by one copper atom but one electron is accepted by Ag^+ according to the reaction,

$$Cu(s) \longrightarrow Cu^{2+}(aq) + 2e^- \quad \text{(oxidation half cell)}$$

$$Ag^{+}(aq) + e^- \longrightarrow Ag(s) \quad \text{(reduction half cell)}$$

To balance the loss and gain of electrons, the reduction half cell is multiplied by 2 so that the net reactions are :

$$Cu(s) \longrightarrow Cu^{2+}(aq) + 2e^-$$

$$2Ag^{+}(aq) + 2e^- \longrightarrow 2Ag(s)$$

The electrode potentials of two electrodes may be written according to Nernst equation as

Electrode potential for copper electrode,

$$E_{(Cu^{2+}\,|\,Cu)} = E^{\ominus}_{(Cu^{2+}\,|\,Cu)} - \frac{2.303\,RT}{nF}\log\frac{[Cu]}{[Cu^{2+}(aq)]}$$

Electrode potential for silver electrod e,

$$E_{(Ag^{+}\,|\,Ag)} = E^{\ominus}_{(Ag^{+}\,|\,Ag)} - \frac{2.303\,RT}{2F}\log\frac{[Ag]^2}{[Ag^{+}(aq)]^2}$$

It must be remembered that E° (Ag^+ | Ag) remains unchanged.

Substituting the values in Eq. (*i*)

$$E_{cell} = E^{\ominus}_{(Ag^{+}\,|\,Ag)} - \frac{2.303\,RT}{2F}\log\frac{[Ag]^2}{[Ag^{+}(aq)]^2} - \left\{E_{(Cu^{2+}|Cu)} - \frac{2.303\,RT}{2F}\log\frac{[Cu]}{[Cu^{2+}(aq)]}\right\}$$

or $$E_{cell} = [E^{\ominus}_{(Ag^{+}\,|\,Ag)} - E^{\ominus}_{(Cu^{2+}\,|\,Cu)}] - \frac{2.303\,RT}{2F}\log\frac{[Ag]^2[Cu^{2+}(aq)]}{[Ag^{+}(aq)]^2[Cu]}$$

Now $E^{\ominus}_{(Ag^{+}\,|\,Ag)} - E^{\ominus}_{(Cu^{2+}\,|\,Cu)} = E^{\ominus}_{cell}$ and [Cu] = 1, [Ag] = 1

$$E_{cell} = E^{\ominus}_{cell} - \frac{2.303\,RT}{2F}\log\frac{[Cu^{2+}(aq)]}{[Ag^{+}(aq)]^2}$$

At 298 K, the relation becomes

$$E_{cell} = E^{\ominus}_{cell} - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{[Cu^{2+}(aq)]}{[Ag^{+}(aq)]^2}$$

In general, for an electrochemical cell reaction :

$$aA + bB \xrightarrow{ne^-} cC + dD$$

The Nernst equation may be written as :

$$E_{cell} = E^{\ominus}_{cell} - \frac{RT}{nF}\,lnQ$$

$$E_{cell} = E^{\ominus}_{cell} - \frac{2.303\,RT}{nF}\log\frac{[C]^c[D]^d}{[A]^a[B]^b}$$

At 298 K, the equation becomes

$$E_{cell} = E^{\ominus}_{cell} - \frac{0.059}{n}\log\frac{[C]^c[D]^d}{[A]^a[B]^b}$$

The value of *a*, *b*, *c*, *d* and *n* are obtained from the balanced cell reactions.

R U Curious...

❑ ***Will E° value change when the coefficients in chemical equation change ?***

➢ E° values donot depend on the coefficients in the chemical equation *i.e.* when you double or triple the coefficients, E° values **donot change**.

For example :

$Zn^{2+} + 2e^- \longrightarrow Zn;\ E° = -0.76\ V$

$2Zn^{2+} + 4e^- \longrightarrow 2Zn;\ E° = -0.76\ V$

$3Zn^{2+} + 6e^- \longrightarrow 3Zn;\ E° = -0.76\ V$

In a half reaction, if the coefficients change, the number of electrons, *n* will change to cancel the effect of the change in the coefficient.

Important Note

❑ **Liquid Junction Potential.** In a concentration cell when the two electrolytic solutions are directly in contact, ions move across the junction with different speeds. As a result, a potential difference is set up at the liquid junction and it is called liquid junction potential (LJP). The e.m.f. of the cell will depend upon the speeds of the ions. Such cells are also called **concentration cells with transference.** The e.m.f. of the cell will be equal to $E_{cell} + E_j$ where E_{cell} is the potential of the cell that would be observed in the absence of junction potential and E_j is the junction potential. It can be calculated as :

$$E_j = E - E_{cell}$$

This type of junction generally applied in galvanic cells is the salt bridge which contains salts like KCl, in which the mobility of the ions is almost equal. Hence E_j is taken as zero.

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Competition Plus

The solubility product of sparingly soluble salts can be determined from e.m.f. data. For detail, refer **Competition File** (Page 98).

Concentration cells

A cell in which both the electrodes are of the same type but the solutions of electrolyte in which they dip have different concentrations is called **concentration cell.** For example, consider a copper ion concentration cell in which copper electrodes are dipped in two different concentrations C_1 and C_2.

$$Cu\,|\,CuSO_4(aq)\,(C_1)\,\|\,CuSO_4(aq)\,(C_2)\,|\,Cu$$

In this case, the standard potential of the two electrodes will cancel and the cell potential is given as:

$$E_{cell} = \frac{RT}{2F}\,ln\,\frac{C_2}{C_1}$$

or

$$E_{cell} = \frac{0.059}{n}\log\frac{C_2}{C_1}\ \text{at } 25°C$$

Obviously for EMF to be positive

$$C_2 > C_1$$

so that the reaction proceeds in the direction indicated. In such a cell, **oxidation** occurs at the electrode **with lower concentration.** Hence, it acts as **anode** (–ve pole). The **reduction** occurs at the electrode **with higher concentration** and therefore, it acts as **cathode** (+ve pole)

This type of cell is shown in Fig. 13.

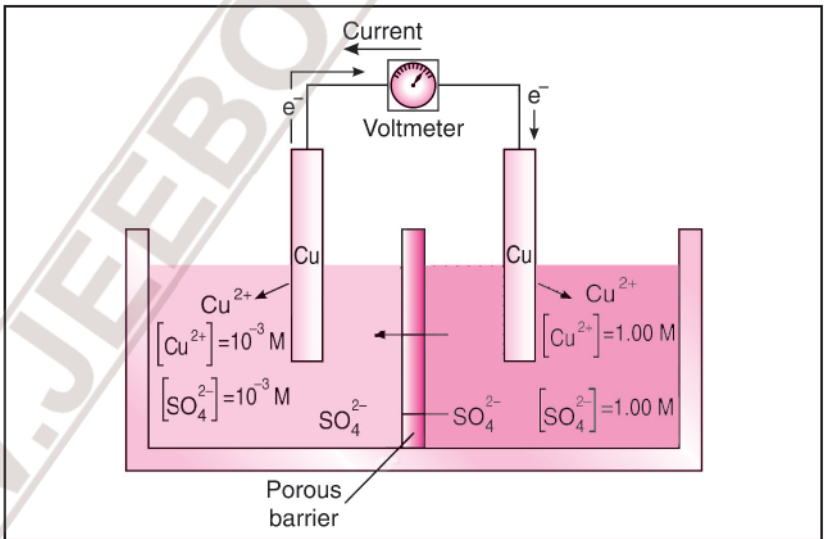


Fig. 13. A copper ion concentration cell.

For example, consider the following concentration cell:

$$Zn\,|\,ZnSO_4\,(0.01\ M)\,\|\,ZnSO_4\,(0.1\ M)\,|\,Zn$$

The e.m.f. of the cell will be

$$E = \frac{0.059}{n}\log\frac{C_2}{C_1}$$

$$E = \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{0.10}{0.01} = 0.0295\ V$$

Some Examples of Nernst Equation for Cells

1. $Al\,|\,Al^{3+}(aq)\,\|\,Ni^{2+}\,|\,Ni$

The cell reaction is :

$$2\ Al\ (s) + 3Ni^{2+}\ (aq) \xrightarrow{6e^-} 3\ Ni(s) + 2Al^{3+}\ (aq)$$

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Here n = 6. The Nernst equation is :

$$E_{cell} = E^{\ominus}_{cell} - \frac{0.059}{6} \log \frac{[Al^{3+}(aq)]^2}{[Ni^{2+}(aq)]^3} \text{ at 298 K}$$

2. $Mg \mid Mg^{2+}(aq) \parallel Ag^{+}(aq) \mid Ag$

The cell reaction is :

$$Mg(s) + 2\,Ag^{+}(aq) \longrightarrow Mg^{2+}(aq) + 2\,Ag(s)$$

Here n = 2. The Nernst equation is :

$$E_{cell} = E^{\ominus}_{cell} - \frac{0.059}{2} \log \frac{[Mg^{2+}(aq)]}{[Ag^{+}(aq)]^2} \text{ at 298 K}$$

3. $Zn \mid Zn^{2+}(aq) \parallel H^{+}(aq) \mid H_2$, Pt

The cell reaction is :

$$Zn(s) + 2H^{+}(aq) \longrightarrow Zn^{2+}(aq) + H_2(g)$$

Here n = 2. The Nernst equation is :

$$E_{cell} = E^{\ominus}_{cell} - \frac{0.059}{2} \log \frac{[Zn^{2+}(aq)]}{[H^{+}(aq)]^2} \text{ at 298 K.}$$

Solving Numerical Problems

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For the cell reaction :

$$aA + bB \xrightarrow{ne^-} cC + dD$$

Nernst equation is

$$E_{cell} = E^{\ominus}_{cell} - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln \frac{[C]^c[D]^d}{[A]^a[B]^b}$$

or $$= E^{\ominus}_{cell} - \frac{0.059}{n} \log \frac{[C]^c[D]^d}{[A]^a[B]^b}$$

at 298 K.

For pure solids, pure liquids and gases at 1 atm pressure, molar concentration is taken as 1.

▶ **While applying Nernst equation, electrode potential is always taken as reduction potential.**

SOLVED EXAMPLES

❑ Example 30.

Calculate the standard electrode potential of $Ni^{2+} \mid Ni$ electrode if the cell potential of the cell :
$Ni \mid Ni^{2+}$ (0.01M) $\parallel Cu^{2+}$ (0.1 M) $\mid Cu$ is 0.59 V
Given : $E^{\ominus}_{Cu^{2+} \mid Cu}$ = 0.34 V.
(Mizoram S.B. 2013, Nagaland S.B. 2015)

Solution : $Ni \mid Ni^{2+}(0.01M) \parallel Cu^{2+}(0.1\,M) \mid Cu$

The cell reaction for the cell is :

$$Ni(s) + Cu^{2+}(aq) \longrightarrow Cu(s) + Ni^{2+}(aq)$$

$$E = E^{\ominus}_{cell} - \frac{0.059}{n} \log \frac{[Ni^{2+}(aq)]}{[Cu^{2+}(aq)]}$$

$$0.59 = E^{\ominus}_{cell} - \frac{0.059}{2} \log \frac{0.01}{0.1} \quad (\text{Here } n = 2)$$

$$0.59 = E^{\ominus}_{cell} - \frac{0.059}{2} \log \frac{1}{10}$$

$$0.59 = E^{\ominus}_{cell} + 0.0295$$

$$\therefore \quad E^{\ominus}_{cell} = 0.59 - 0.0295 = 0.5605$$

Now, $$E^{\ominus}_{cell} = E^{\ominus}_{(Cu^{2+} \mid Cu)} - E^{\ominus}_{(Ni^{2+} \mid Ni)}$$

$$0.5605 = 0.34 - E^{\ominus}(Ni^{2+} \mid Ni)$$

$$\therefore \quad E^{\ominus}(Ni^{2+} \mid Ni) = 0.34 - 0.5605 = -\,\mathbf{0.2205\ V.}$$

❑ Example 31.

Write the Nernst equation and calculate the e.m.f. of the following cell at 298 K :
$Cu(s) \mid Cu^{2+}$ (0.130 M) $\parallel Ag^{+}$ (1.0 × 10^{-4} M)) $\mid Ag$ (s)
Given : $E^{\ominus}_{(Cu^{2+} \mid Cu)}$ = + 0.34V and
$E^{\ominus}_{(Ag^{+} \mid Ag)}$ = + 0.80V
(A.I.S.B. 2004, Pb. S.B. 2010, 2013, 2015, Mizoram S.B. 2015, Hr. S.B. 2017)

Solution : The electrode reactions and cell reaction are :

$$Cu(s) \longrightarrow Cu^{2+}(aq) + 2e^-$$
$$2Ag^{+}(aq) + 2e^- \longrightarrow 2Ag(s)$$
$$Cu(s) + 2Ag^{+}(aq) \longrightarrow Cu^{2+}(aq) + 2Ag(s)$$

Nernst equation is :

$$E_{cell} = E^{\ominus}_{cell} - \frac{0.059}{2} \log \frac{[Cu^{2+}]}{[Ag^{+}]^2}$$

$$E^{\ominus} = E^{\ominus}_{(Ag^{+} \mid Ag)} - E^{\ominus}_{(Cu^{2+} \mid Cu)}$$

$$= 0.80 - 0.34 = 0.46\ V$$

$$E_{cell} = 0.46 - \frac{0.059}{2} \log \frac{(0.130)}{(1.0 \times 10^{-4})^2}$$

$$= 0.46 - \frac{0.059}{2} \log 1.30 \times 10^{7} = 0.46 - 0.21 = \mathbf{0.25\ V.}$$

WATCH OUT !

While balancing oxidation and reduction reaction, we multiply by certain number to cancel the electrons in the overall reaction. But it must be **remembered** that electrode potential is not to be multiplied.

❑ Example 32.

Write Nernst equation and calculate e.m.f. of the following cells at 298 K :

(i) $Mg(s) \mid Mg^{2+}(0.001\,M) \parallel Cu^{2+}(0.0001\,M) \mid Cu(s)$

Given : $E^{\ominus}_{Mg^{2+} \mid Mg} = -2.37\,V$, $E^{\ominus}_{Cu^{2+} \mid Cu} = 0.34V$

(Pb.S.B. 2010, 2014, Uttarakhand S.B. 2014, Hr. S.B. 2013, 2017, Karnataka S.B. 2018)

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(ii) $Fe(s)|Fe^{2+}(0.001\,M)\|H^+(1M)H_2(1\,atm), Pt$

Given : $E^\ominus_{(Fe^{2+}|Fe)} = -0.44V$

(D.S.B. 2013, Hr S.B. 2013, Pb.S.B. 2013, 2015)

(iii) $Sn(s)|Sn^{2+}(0.050\,M)\|H^+(0.020\,M)|H_2(1\,atm)|Pt$

Given : $E^\ominus_{(Sn^{2+}|Sn)} = -0.14V$

(Hr S.B. 2013, Pb.S.B. 2015, A.I.S.B. 2018)

Solution : (*i*) The electrode reactions and cell reactions are:

$$Mg(s) \longrightarrow Mg^{2+}(aq) + 2e^- \quad \text{(At anode)}$$
$$Cu^{2+}(aq) + 2e^- \longrightarrow Cu(s) \quad \text{(At cathode)}$$
$$Mg(s) + Cu^{2+}(aq) \longrightarrow Mg^{2+}(aq) + Cu(s) \quad \text{(Overall cell reaction)}$$

Since the reaction involves 2 moles of electrons and therefore, $n = 2$ and the Nernst equation for the cell at 298 K is :

$$\text{or} \qquad E_{cell} = E^\ominus_{cell} - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{[Mg^{2+}(aq)]}{[Cu^{2+}(aq)]} \qquad ...(i)$$

$$E^\ominus_{cell} = E^\ominus(Cu^{2+} \mid Cu) - E^\ominus(Mg^{2+} \mid Mg)$$

$$E^\ominus(Cu^{2+} \mid Cu) = 0.34\ V,\ E^\ominus(Mg^{2+} \mid Mg) = -2.37\ V$$

$$\therefore \quad E^\ominus_{cell} = 0.34 - (-2.37) = 2.71$$

Substituting the values in Eq. (*i*)

$$E_{cell} = 271 - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{0.001}{0.0001}$$

$$E_{cell} = 2.71 - 0.0295 = \mathbf{2.6805\ V.}$$

(*ii*) $Fe(s) \mid Fe^{2+}(0.001\ M) \parallel H^+(1M) \mid H_2(1\ atm) \mid Pt$

The electrode reactions and overall cell reactions are:

$$Fe(s) \longrightarrow Fe^{2+}(aq) + 2e^- \quad \text{(At anode)}$$
$$2H^+(aq) + 2e^- \longrightarrow H_2(g) \quad \text{(At cathode)}$$
$$Fe(s) + 2H^+(aq) \longrightarrow Fe^{2+}(aq) + H_2(g) \quad \text{(Overall cell reaction)}$$

Since the reaction involves 2 moles of electrons, therefore, $n = 2$ and the Nernst equation at 298 K is :

$$E_{cell} = E^\ominus_{cell} - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{[Fe^{2+}]}{[H^+]^2}$$

$$E^\ominus_{cell} = E^\ominus(H^+ \mid H_2) - E^\ominus(Fe^{2+} \mid Fe)$$

$$E^\ominus(H^+ \mid H_2) = 0.0\ V,\ E^\ominus(Fe^{2+} \mid Fe) = -0.44\ V$$

$$E^\ominus_{cell} = 0.0 - (-0.44) = 0.44\ V$$

$$E_{cell} = 0.44 - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{0.001}{(1)^2}$$

$$= 0.44 + 0.0885 = \mathbf{0.5285\ V.}$$

(*iii*) The cell is :

$Sn(s) \mid Sn^{2+}(0.050M) \parallel H^+(0.020M) \mid H_2(1\ atm) \mid Pt$

The electrode reactions and cell reactions are :

$$Sn(s) \longrightarrow Sn^{2+}(aq) + 2e^- \quad \text{(At anode)}$$
$$2H^+(aq) + 2e^- \longrightarrow H_2(g) \quad \text{(At cathode)}$$
$$Sn(s) + 2H^+(aq) \longrightarrow Sn^{2+}(aq) + H_2(g) \quad \text{(Overall reaction)}$$

The reaction involves 2 moles of electrons, therefore, $n = 2$ and the Nernst equation is :

$$E = E^\ominus - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{[Sn^{2+}]}{[H^+]^2}$$

$$E^\ominus_{cell} = E^\ominus(H^+ \mid H_2) - E^\ominus(Sn^{2+} \mid Sn)$$

$$E^\ominus(H^+ \mid H_2) = 0.0\ V,\ E^\ominus(Sn^{2+} \mid Sn) = -0.14\ V$$

$$\therefore \quad E^\ominus_{cell} = 0.00 - (-0.14) = 0.14\ V$$

$$[H^+] = 0.020\ M,\ [Sn^{2+}] = 0.050\ M$$

$$\therefore \quad E = 0.14 - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{(0.050)}{(0.020)^2}$$

$$= 0.14 - 0.06 = \mathbf{0.08\ V.}$$

❑ Example 33.

Represent the cell in which the following reaction takes place :

$$Mg(s) + 2Ag^+(0.0001M) \longrightarrow Mg^{2+}(0.130M) + 2Ag(s)$$

Calculate its E if $E^\ominus$ is 3.17 V

N.C.E.R.T. *(Pb.S.B. 2011, H.P.S.B. 2015, Assam S.B. 2018)*

Solution : The cell may be represented as

$Mg \mid Mg^{2+}(0.130M) \parallel Ag^+(0.0001\ M) \mid Ag$

The cell reaction for the cell is

$$Mg(s) + 2Ag^+(aq) \longrightarrow Mg^{2+}(aq) + 2Ag(s)$$

The Nernst equation for the cell is

$$E = E^\ominus - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{[Mg^{2+}]}{[Ag^+]^2}$$

$$= 3.17 - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{(0.130)}{(0.0001)^2}$$

$$= 3.17 - 0.21 = \mathbf{2.96\ V.}$$

❑ Example 34.

Calculate the e.m.f. of the following cell:

$Cd \mid Cd^{2+}(0.01M) \parallel H^+(0.02M) \mid Pt, H_2(0.8\ atm)$

Given : $E^\circ(Cd^{2+} \mid Cd) = -0.40\ V$

Solution : The cell reaction is :

$$Cd(s) + 2H^+(aq) \longrightarrow Cd^{2+}(aq) + H_2(g)$$

According to Nernst equation,

$$E = E^\circ - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{[Cd^{2+}]\times p(H_2)}{[H^+]^2}$$

$$E = E^\circ(H^+ \mid \tfrac{1}{2}H_2) - E^\circ(Cd^{2+} \mid Cd)$$

$$= 0 - (-0.40) = 0.40\ V$$

$$E = 0.40 - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{(0.01)\times 0.8}{(0.02)^2}$$

$$= 0.40 - \frac{0.059}{2}\times 1.3010$$

$$= 0.40 - 0.04$$

$$= \mathbf{0.36\ V}$$

❑ Example 35.

Calculate E°_{cell} for the following reaction at 298K:

$$2Cr(s) + 3Fe^{2+}(0.01M) \longrightarrow 2Cr^{3+}(0.01M) + 3Fe(s)$$

(Given : $E_{cell} = 0.261V$) *(A.I.S.B. 2016)*

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Solution : $2Cr\,(s) + 3Fe^{2+}(aq) \rightleftharpoons 2Cr^{3+}(aq) + 3Fe(s)$

$$E_{cell} = E^{\circ}_{cell} - \frac{0.059}{6}\log\frac{[Cr^{3+}(aq)]^2}{[Fe^{2+}(aq)]^3}$$

$$E_{cell} = 0.261V$$

$$0.261 = E^{\circ}_{cell} - \frac{0.059}{6}\log\frac{(0.01)^2}{(0.01)^3}$$

$$E^{\circ}_{cell} = 0.261 + \frac{0.059}{6}\log\frac{(0.01)^2}{(0.01)^3}$$

$$= 0.261 + \frac{0.059}{6}\log 10^2$$

$$= 0.261 + \frac{0.059}{6} \times (2)$$

$$= 0.261 + 0.0197$$

$$= \mathbf{0.2807V}.$$

2. Calculation of Concentration of a Solution of Half Cell

When in a galvanic cell, all the concentrations except one are known, then the unknown concentration can be calculated by measuring the cell potential and using Nernst equation. This can be illustrated by the following example:

❑ Example 36.

The EMF of the cell, $Zn \mid Zn^{2+}(0.1M) \mid\mid Cd^{2+}(M_1) \mid Cd$ has been found to be 0.3305 V at 298 K. Calculate the value of M_1 [$E^{\ominus}_{(Zn^{2+} \mid Zn)} = -0.76V$, $E^{\ominus}_{(Cd^{2+} \mid Cd)} = -0.40V$].

Solution : The cell is :

$$Zn \mid Zn^{2+}(0.1M) \mid\mid Cd^{2+}(M_1) \mid Cd$$

The cell reaction is :

$$Zn(s) + Cd^{2+}(aq) = Zn^{2+}(aq) + Cd(s)$$

$$E_{cell} = E^{\ominus} - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{[Zn^{2+}]}{[Cd^{2+}]} \text{ at 298 K}$$

$$E^{\ominus}_{cell} = E^{\ominus}_{(Cd^{2+} \mid Cd)} - E^{\ominus}_{(Zn^{2+} \mid Zn)}$$

$$= -0.40 - (-0.76) = 0.36V$$

$$E = 0.3305V, [Zn^{2+}(aq)] = 0.1\ M$$

$$\therefore \quad 0.3305 = 0.36 - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{01}{M_1}$$

$$-0.0295 = 0.0295 \log 10\,M_1$$

or $\quad 0.0295 \log 10\,M_1 = -0.0295$

$$0.0295 + 0.0295 \log M_1 = -0.0295$$

$$0.0295 \log M_1 = -0.0295 - 0.0295$$

$$= -0.059$$

$$\log M_1 = -\frac{0.059}{0.0295} = -2$$

$$\therefore \quad M_1 = \mathbf{0.01\ M.}$$

❑ Example 37.

A copper-silver cell is set up. The copper ion concentration is 0.10 M. The concentration of silver ion is not known. The cell potential when measured was 0.422 V. Determine the concentration of silver ions in the cell. (Given $E^{\ominus}_{Ag^+/Ag} = +0.80$ V, $E^{\ominus}_{Cu^{2+}/Cu} = +0.34$V)

(D.S.B. 2010)

Solution : The cell may be represented as :

$$Cu(s) \mid Cu^{2+}(0.10\ M) \mid\mid Ag^+(aq) \mid Ag(s)$$

The cell reaction is

$$Cu(s) + 2Ag^+(aq) \longrightarrow Cu^{2+}(aq) + 2Ag(s)$$

$E^{\ominus}(Cu^{2+} \mid Cu) = +0.34$ V, $E^{\circ}(Ag^+ \mid Ag) = +0.80$ V

$$E^{\ominus}_{cell} = E^{\ominus}(Ag^+ \mid Ag) - E^{\ominus}(Cu^{2+} \mid Cu)$$

$$= 0.80 - 0.34 = 0.46\ V$$

$[Cu^{2+}] = 0.10$ M, $[Ag^+] = ?$

$$E_{cell} = E^{\ominus}_{cell} - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{[Cu^{2+}]}{[Ag^+]^2}$$

$$0.422 = 0.46 - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{0.10}{[Ag^+]^2}$$

$$\frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{0.10}{[Ag^+]^2} = 0.46 - 0.422$$

$$\frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{0.10}{[Ag^+]^2} = 0.038$$

$$\log\frac{0.10}{[Ag^+]^2} = \frac{2 \times 0.038}{0.059} = 1.2881$$

$$\frac{0.1}{[Ag^+]^2} = 19.42$$

$$[Ag^+]^2 = \frac{0.1}{19.42} = 5.15 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$[Ag^+] = \mathbf{0.0717\ M}$$

❑ Example 38.

A cell contains two hydrogen electrodes. The negative electrode is in contact with a solution of 10^{-6} M hydrogen ions. The e.m.f. of the cell is 0.118 V at 25°C. Calculate the concentration of hydrogen ions at the positive electrode.

Solution : The cell may be written as :

$$H_2 \mid H^+(10^{-6}\ M) \mid\mid H^+(M_1) \mid H_2$$

Applying Nernst equation,

$$E = E^{\circ} - \frac{0.059}{1}\log\frac{[H^+]_{anode}}{[H^+]_{cathode}}$$

$$0.118 = 0 - \frac{0.059}{1}\log\frac{(10^{-6})}{M_1}$$

$$\log\frac{10^{-6}}{M_1} = -\frac{0.118}{0.059} = -2$$

$$\frac{10^{-6}}{M_1} = 10^{-2}$$

or $\quad M_1 = \mathbf{10^{-4}\ M}$

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Practice Problems

33. Calculate $^{2+}$ emf of the following cell at 298 K:
$Mg(s) \mid Mg^{2+}(0.1M) \parallel Cu^{2+}(0.01M) \mid Cu(s)$. Given $E^\circ_{cell} = +2.71$ V, F = 96500 C mol^{-1}.
(D.S.B. 2014)

34. One half cell in a voltaic cell is constructed from a silver wire dipped in silver nitrate solution of unknown concentration. Its other half cell consists of a zinc electrode dipping in 1.0 M solution of $Zn(NO_3)_2$. A voltage of 1.48 V is measured for this cell. Use this information to calculate the concentration of silver nitrate solution used.
$[E^\ominus_{Zn^{2+}|Zn} = -0.76\ V,\ E^\ominus_{Ag^+|Ag} = +0.80V]$ *(D.S.B. 2009)*

35. Calculate the potential of the following cell rection at 298 K :
$Sn^{4+}(1.50\ M) + Zn\ (s) \longrightarrow Sn^{2+}\ (0.5\ M) + Zn^{2+}(2.0\ M)$
The standard potential of the cell is 0.89 V. Will the potential of the cell will increase or decrease if the concentration of Sn^{2+} is increased in the cell ?

36. Consider a cell composed of the following half cells:
(*i*) $Mg\ (s) \mid Mg^{2+}\ (aq)$ and (*ii*) $Ag(s) \mid Ag^+\ (aq)$
The e.m.f. of the cell is 2.96 V at $[Mg^{2+}] = 0.130$ M and $[Ag^+] = 1.0 \times 10^{-4}$ M. Calculate the standard e.m.f. of the cell (R = 8.3 JK^{-1} mol^{-1}, F = 96500 C).

37. Calculate the e.m.f. of the cell at 25°C
$Zn \mid Zn^{2+}(0.01\ M) \parallel Fe^{2+}\ (0.005\ M) \mid Fe$
$E^\ominus\ (Zn^{2+} \mid Zn) = -0.763$ V and $E^\ominus\ (Fe^{2+} \mid Fe) = -0.44$ V
(Pb.S.B. 2005, 2010, 2011)

38. Calculate the e.m.f. of the following cell at 298 K,
$Fe \mid Fe^{2+}\ (0.1M) \parallel Ag^+\ (0.1\ M) \mid Ag$
Given : $E^\ominus_{(Fe^{2+}\mid Fe)} = -0.44$ V
and $E^\ominus_{(Ag^+\mid Ag)} = 0.80$ V
(R = 8.31 JK^{-1} mol^{-1}, F = 96500 C mol^{-1})
(Pb. S.B. 2005, 2011, Mizoram S.B. 2014)

39. Calculate e.m.f. of the following cell at 298K
$2Cr(s) + 3Fe^{2+}\ (0.1M) \longrightarrow 2Cr^{3+}(0.01M) + 3Fe(s)$
Given : $E^\circ(Cr^{3+} \mid Cr) = -0.74$ V, $E^\circ(Fe^{2+} \mid Fe) = -0.44$ V *(D.S.B. 2016)*

40. (*i*) Calculate the electrode potential at a copper electrode dipped in a 0.1 M solution of copper sulphate at 298 K, assuming $CuSO_4$ to be completely ionised. The standard electrode potential of $Cu^{2+} \mid Cu$ is 0.34 V at 298 K.
(*ii*) At what concentration of copper ions will this electrode have a potential of zero volt ?

Answers to Practice Problems

33. 2.6805 V.
34. 0.044 M.
35. 0.895 V.
36. 3.17 V.
37. 0.314 V.
38. 1.2105 V.
39. 0.31 V.
40. (*i*) 0.3105 V (*ii*) 2.98×10^{-12}.

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Advanced Level PROBLEMS *Accelerate Your Potential (for JEE Advance)*

Problem 4. The standard reduction potential for $Cu^{2+} \mid Cu$ is + 0.34V. Calculate the reduction potential at pH = 14 for the above couple. K_{sp} of $Cu(OH)_2$ is 1.0×10^{-19}.

Solution For pH = 14, $[H^+] = 10^{-14}$

$$[OH^-] = \frac{K_w}{[H^+]} = \frac{10^{-14}}{10^{-14}} = 1\ M$$

$$Cu(OH)_2 \rightleftharpoons Cu^{2+} + 2OH^-$$

$$K_{sp} = [Cu^{2+}]\ [OH^-]^2$$

$$1.0 \times 10^{-19} = [Cu^{2+}]\ (1)^2$$

$$\therefore \quad [Cu^{2+}] = 1.0 \times 10^{-19}$$

For the cell reaction,

$$Cu^{2+} + 2e^- \longrightarrow Cu$$

$$E = E^\circ - \frac{0.059}{2} \log \frac{1}{[Cu^{2+}]}$$

$$= 0.34 - \frac{0.059}{2} \log \frac{1}{1.0 \times 10^{-19}}$$

$$= 0.34 - \frac{0.059}{2} \times 19 = -0.22\ V$$

Problem 5. Two students use same stock solution of $ZnSO_4$ and a solution of $CuSO_4$. The e.m.f. of one cell is 0.03V higher than the other. The concentration of $CuSO_4$

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in the cell with higher e.m.f. value is 0.5 M. Find out the concentration of $CuSO_4$ in the other cell. (2.303 RT/F = 0.06)

Solution The two cells may be represented as :

$Zn\,|\,Zn^{2+}\,(conc = C)\,\|\,Cu^{2+}\,(C = ?)\,|\,Cu$ EMF = E_1 (say)

$Zn\,|\,Zn^{2+}\,(conc = C)\,\|\,Cu^{2+}\,(C = 0.5\ M)\,|\,Cu$ EMF = E_2 (say)

$$E_2 - E_1 = 0.03\ V$$

The cell reaction is

$$Zn(s) + Cu^{2+}(aq) \rightleftharpoons Zn^{2+}(aq) + Cu(s)$$

$$E_{cell} = E^{\ominus}_{cell} - \frac{2.303\ RT}{2F} \log \frac{[Zn^{2+}]}{[Cu^{2+}]}$$

$$= E^{\ominus}_{cell} - \frac{0.06}{2} \log \frac{[Zn^{2+}]}{[Cu^{2+}]}$$

$$\therefore \quad E_1 = E^{\ominus}_{cell} - \frac{0.06}{2} \log \frac{C}{[Cu^{2+}]}$$

$$E_2 = E^{\ominus}_{cell} - \frac{0.06}{2} \log \frac{C}{0.5}$$

$$\therefore \quad E_2 - E_1 = \frac{0.06}{2} \left\{ \log \left(\frac{C}{Cu^{2+}} \right) - \log \left(\frac{C}{0.5} \right) \right\}$$

$$0.03 = 0.03 \log \frac{0.5}{[Cu^{2+}]}$$

$$\text{or} \quad \log \frac{0.5}{[Cu^{2+}]} = 1$$

$$\text{or} \quad \frac{0.5}{[Cu^{2+}]} = 10$$

$$\therefore \quad [Cu^{2+}] = \frac{0.5}{10} = \mathbf{0.05\ M.}$$

Problem 6. Consider the following cell:

$$\mathbf{2Fe(s) + O_2(g) + 4H^+(aq) \longrightarrow 2Fe^{2+}(aq) + 2H_2O(l)}$$

E°_{cell} = 1.67 V. When $[Fe^{2+}] = 1\times10^{-3}$ M, $p(O_2)$ = 0.1 atm, e.m.f. of the cell is 1.57 V. Calculate the pH of the solution.

Solution pH can be calculated from the concentration of H^+ ions in the solution.

For the cell reaction,

$$E = E^\circ - \frac{0.059}{4} \log \frac{[Fe^{2+}]^2}{p(O_2)\times[H^+]^4}$$

$$1.57 = 1.67 - \frac{0.059}{4} \log \frac{(10^{-3})^2}{(0.1)\times[H^+]^4}$$

$$-0.10 = -\frac{0.059}{4} \log \frac{10^{-5}}{[H^+]^4}$$

$$\frac{0.10\times4}{0.059} = \log \frac{(10^{-5})}{[H^+]^4}$$

$$6.78 = -5 \log 10 - 4 \log [H^+]$$

$$\text{or} \quad -4 \log[H^+] = 6.78 + 5 = 11.78$$

$$\text{or} \quad -\log [H^+] = \frac{11.78}{4} = 2.95$$

$$\text{or} \quad pH = \mathbf{2.95} \qquad (-\log [H^+] = pH)$$

Problem 7. The K_{sp} for AgCl at 298 K is 1.0×10^{-10}. Calculate the electrode potential for Ag^+ | Ag electrode immersed in 1.0 M KCl solution. Given : $E^\circ_{Ag^+|Ag}$ = 0.80 V.

Solution $AgCl(s) \rightleftharpoons Ag^+(aq) + Cl^-(aq)$

$$K_{sp} = [Ag^+][Cl^-], \qquad [Cl^-] = 1.0\ M$$

$$\text{or} \quad [Ag^+] = \frac{K_{sp}}{[Cl^-]} = \frac{1.0\times10^{-10}}{1.0} = 1\times10^{-10}\ M$$

Now $Ag^+(aq) + e^- \longrightarrow Ag(s)$

According to Nernst equation,

$$E = E^\circ - \frac{0.059}{1} \log \frac{1}{[Ag^+]}$$

$$= 0.80 - \frac{0.059}{1} \log \frac{1}{10^{-10}}$$

$$= 0.80 - 0.059 \times 10 = 0.80 - 0.59 = \mathbf{0.21\ V}$$

Problem 8. For the electrochemical cell

$Mg(s)\ |\ Mg^{2+}(aq, 1\ M)\ ||\ Cu^{2+}(aq, 1\ M)\ |\ Cu(s)$

the standard emf of the cell is 2.70 V at 300 K. When the concentration of Mg^{2+} is changed to x M, the cell potential changes to 2.67 V at 300 K. What is the value of x?

(Given, $\frac{F}{R}$ = 11500 KV^{-1}, where F is the Faraday constant and R is the gas constant, $ln(10)$ = 2.30)

(JEE Advance 2018)

Solution The cell reaction.

$$Mg(s) + Cu^{2+}(aq) \rightleftharpoons Mg^{2+}(aq) + Cu(s)$$

$$E^\circ = 2.70V$$

$$E = E^\circ + \frac{0.059}{2} \log \frac{[Mg^{2+}]}{[Cu^{2+}]}$$

$$2.67 = 2.70 - \frac{2.303RT}{nF} \log x$$

$$2.67 - 2.70 = -\frac{2.303\times300}{2} \times \left(\frac{R}{F} \right) \log x$$

$$-0.03 = -\frac{2.303\times300}{2\times11500} \log x$$

$$\log x = \frac{0.03\times2\times11500}{2.303\times300} = 1$$

$$\text{or } x = 10.0$$

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EQUILIBRIUM CONSTANT FROM NERNST EQUATION

The e.m.f. of the cell may be used to calculate the equilibrium constant for the cell reaction. At equilibrium, the electrode potentials of the two electrodes become equal so that e.m.f. of the cell is zero. Consider the following redox reaction :

$$Zn(s) + Cu^{2+}(aq) \rightleftharpoons Zn^{2+}(aq) + Cu(s)$$

(*i*) The reaction taking place in the oxidation half cell is

$$Zn(s) \longrightarrow Zn^{2+}(aq) + 2e^-$$

As the reaction progresses the concentration of Zn^{2+} ions in the solution increases and consequently its reduction potential increases.

(*ii*) The reaction taking place in the reduction half cell is

$$Cu^{2+}(aq) + 2e^- \rightleftharpoons Cu(s)$$

As the reaction progresses, there is a decrease in the concentration of Cu^{2+} ions and consequently the reduction potential of copper electrode decreases with passage of time.

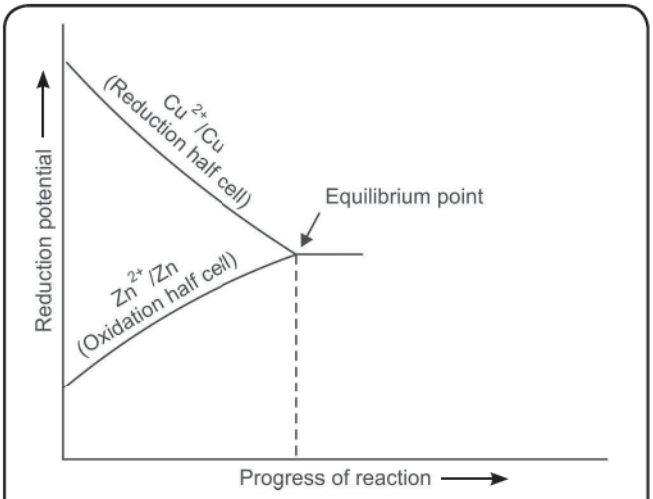


Fig. 14. Change in reduction potential of the electrodes with the progress of the reaction.

Thus, the reduction potential of anode (oxidation half cell) increases whereas reduction potential of the cathode (reduction half cell) decreases with the progress of the reaction. The change in reduction potentials of the two electrodes with progress of the reaction are graphically shown in Fig. 14. Ultimately a stage is reached when the reduction potentials of the two electrodes become equal and have the same value. The e.m.f. of the cell becomes zero and the reaction stops. Under these conditions, the electrochemical cell is said to **have attained equilibrium value.**

Important Note

It may be noted that the expression for equilibrium involves $E^{\ominus}_{cell}$ and not E_{cell} because E_{cell} at equilibrium is zero.

Let us assume that the concentrations of $Zn^{2+}(aq)$ and $Cu^{2+}(aq)$ are equilibrium concentrations and the equilibrium constant, K_c is:

$$K_c = \frac{[Zn^{2+}(aq)]}{[Cu^{2+}(aq)]} \qquad \{\because [Zn(s)] = 1 \text{ and } [Cu(s)] = 1\}$$

The Nernst equation for the above reaction is :

$$E_{cell} = E^{\ominus}_{cell} - \frac{2.303\,RT}{2F} \log \frac{[Zn^{2+}(aq)]}{[Cu^{2+}(aq)]}$$

At equilibrium, $E_{cell} = 0$ so that the above equation becomes

$$\text{or} \quad E^{\ominus}_{cell} = \frac{2.303\,RT}{2F} \log \frac{[Zn^{2+}(aq)]}{[Cu^{2+}(aq)]}$$

$$\text{or} \quad E^{\ominus}_{cell} = \frac{2.303\,RT}{2F} \log K_c$$

where $K_c = \dfrac{[Zn^{2+}(aq)]}{[Cu^{2+}(aq)]}$ At 298 K,

$$E^{\ominus}_{cell} = \frac{0.059}{n} \log K_c \quad \text{at 298 K}$$

$$\text{or} \quad \log K_c = \frac{nE^{\ominus}_{cell}}{0.059} \quad \text{at 298 K}$$

In general,

$$E^{\ominus}_{cell} = \frac{2.303\,RT}{nF} \log K_c$$

Significance of K_c. The value of K_c gives the extent of the cell reaction. If the value of K_c is large, the reaction proceeds to larger extent.

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❑ **Example 39.**

Calculate the equilibrium constant for the reaction at 298 K

$$Cu\,(s) + 2Ag^+(aq) \longrightarrow Cu^{2+}(aq) + 2Ag(s)$$

Given that $E^\ominus_{(Ag^+ \mid Ag)} = 0.80\ V$ *and* $E^\ominus_{(Cu^{2+} \mid Cu)} = 0.34\ V$.

N.C.E.R.T. *(Kolkata S.B. 2016)*

Solution : $E^\ominus_{cell}$ is related to equilibrium constant K_c at 298 K as :

$$E^\ominus_{cell} = \frac{0.059}{n} \log K_c \quad \text{or} \quad \log K_c = \frac{nE^\ominus_{cell}}{0.059}$$

$$E^\ominus_{cell} = E^\ominus_{(Ag^+ \mid Ag)} - E^\ominus_{(Cu^{2+} \mid Cu)}$$

$$= 0.80 - 0.34 = 0.46\ V$$

or $$\log K_c = \frac{2 \times 0.46}{0.059} = 15.59$$

$\therefore$ $$K_c = \mathbf{3.92 \times 10^{15}}.$$

❑ **Example 40.**

Calculate the value of equilibrium constant for the following cell reaction :

$$4Br^- + O_2 + 4H^+ \longrightarrow 2Br_2 + 2H_2O$$

Given that $E^\ominus_{cell} = 0.16\ V$. *Comment on the reaction.*

Solution : $E^\ominus_{cell}$ is related to equilibrium constant, K_c as :

$$E^\ominus_{cell} = \frac{0.059}{n} \log K_c \quad \text{or} \quad \log K_c = \frac{nE^\ominus_{cell}}{0.059}$$

In this reaction, four electrons are transferred so that $n = 4$

$$\log K_c = \frac{4 \times 0.16\ V}{0.059\ V} = 10.847$$

$$K_c = \mathbf{7.03 \times 10^{10}}.$$

The value of equilibrium constant shows that the equilibrium position lies far to the right and therefore, large amount of products are formed.

Practice Problems

41. Calculate the equilibrium constant for the reaction,

$$2Fe^{3+} + 2I^- \rightleftharpoons 2Fe^{2+} + I_2$$

if $E^\ominus_{cell} = 0.235$ V.

42. Calculate K_c for the reaction :

$$NiO_2 + 2Cl^- + 4H^+ \rightleftharpoons Cl_2 + Ni^{2+} + 2H_2O$$

at 298 K if $E^\ominus_{cell}$ is 0.320 V.

43. Calculate at 25°C, the equilibrium constant for the reaction :

$$2Fe^{3+} + Sn^{2+} \rightleftharpoons 2Fe^{2+} + Sn^{4+}$$

Given that $E^\ominus_{(Fe^{3+} \mid Fe^{2+}), Pt} = 0.771$ V, $E^\ominus_{(Sn^{4+} \mid Sn^{2+}), Pt} = 0.150$ V.

44. For a cell reaction :

$$A(s) + 2B^+(aq) \longrightarrow A^{2+}(aq) + 2B(s)$$

the equilibrium constant is 1×10^4. Calculate $E^\ominus_{cell}$.

45. Calculate the equilibrium constant for the reaction :

$$Cd^{2+}(aq) + Zn(s) \longrightarrow Zn^{2+}(aq) + Cd(s)$$

If $E^\ominus_{(Cd^{2+} \mid Cd)} = -0.403$ V and $E^\ominus_{(Zn^{2+} \mid Zn)} = -0.763$ V

(CBSE Sample Paper 2007)

Answers to Practice Problems

41. 9.25×10^7.

42. 7.04×10^{10}.

43. 1.0×10^{21}.

44. 0.118 V.

45. 1.596×10^{12}.

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ELECTROCHEMICAL CELL AND GIBBS ENERGY OF THE REACTION

In electrochemical cells, the chemical energy is converted into electrical energy. The cell potential is related to Gibbs energy change. In an electrochemical cell, the system does work by transferring electrical energy through an electric circuit. Electrical work done in one second is equal to the electrical potential multiplied by the total charge passed. We know that $\Delta_r G$ for a reaction is a measure of the maximum useful work that can be obtained from a chemical reaction. We may write

$\Delta_r G$ = maximum work

For a reaction, occurring in an electrochemical cell whose electrodes differ in a potential by E_{cell}, the work done when amount of charge nF is pushed along by the potential of the cell is given by nF E_{cell} so that

Maximum work = nF E_{cell}

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Relationship between Cell Potential, Gibbs Energy and Equilibrium Constant

The relation between cell potential ($E^{\ominus}_{cell}$), Gibbs energy change ($\Delta G^{\ominus}$) and equilibrium constant can be easily understood as:

$$\Delta G^{\ominus} = -nF\,E^{\ominus}_{cell}$$

But $E^{\ominus}_{cell} = \frac{2.303}{nF} RT \log K_c$

$$\therefore \quad \Delta G^{\ominus} = -nF \times \frac{2.303}{nF} RT \log K_c$$

$$= -2.303\,RT \log K_c$$

or $$= -RT\,ln\,K_c$$

$(2.303 \log X = ln\ X)$

So, if we know the standard free energy change or e.m.f. of the cell, equilibrium constant can be calculated.

Important Note

It may be noted that $E^{\ominus}$ is an intensive property but $\Delta_r G^{\ominus}$ is an extensive property and the value depends upon n. For example, for the reaction :

$$Zn + Cu^{2+}(aq) \rightarrow Zn^{2+}(aq) + Cu(s)$$

$$\Delta_r G^{\ominus} = -2F\,E^{\ominus}_{cell}$$

But when we write the reaction as:

$$2Zn(s) + 2Cu^{2+}(aq) \rightarrow 2Zn^{2+}(aq) + 2Cu(s)$$

$$\Delta_r G^{\ominus} = -4F\,E^{\ominus}_{cell}$$

where F is the Faraday constant (the charge on one mole of electrons) and n is the number of moles of electrons transferred in them. When voltaic cell operates, work is done on the surroundings, as electrical energy flows through the external circuit. Such work by convention is taken as negative.

Thus,

$$\Delta_r G^{\ominus} = w_{max} = -nF\,E^{\ominus}_{cell}$$

In order to compare cell voltage, we use standard cell potential, $E^{\ominus}_{cell}$. Therefore,

$$\boxed{\Delta_r G^{\ominus} = -nF\,E^{\ominus}_{cell}}$$

where $\Delta_r G^{\ominus}$ is the standard Gibbs energy for the reaction.

If the activity of all the reacting species is unity, then $E = E^{\ominus}$ and we have

$$\Delta_r G^{\ominus} = -nF\,E^{\ominus}$$

Thus, from the measurement of $E^{\ominus}$ we can calculate an important thermodynamic property. From the temperature dependence of $E^{\ominus}$ we can also calculate $\Delta_r H^{\ominus}$ and $\Delta_r S^{\ominus}$.

From the standard Gibbs energy, we can also calculate equilibrium constant by the equation :

$$\Delta_r G^{\ominus} = -RT\,ln K.$$

Significance. The above equation helps us to predict the feasibility of the cell reaction. For a cell reaction to be spontaneous, $\Delta_r G$ must be negative. This means that E must be positive for a spontaneous cell reaction.

Summary of relationship among E°_{cell}, ΔG° and K and spontaneity of a redox reaction

E°_{cell}	ΔG°	K	Redox reaction
Positive	–ve	> 1	favours formation of products
0	0	= 1	reactants and products are equally favoured
Negative	+ve	< 1	favours formation of reactants

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❑ **Example 41.**

Calculate $\Delta_r G^{\circ}$ for the reaction:

$Mg(s) + Cu^{2+}(aq) \longrightarrow Mg^{2+}(aq) + Cu(s)$

Given $E^{\circ}_{cell} = 2.71$ V, 1 F = 96500 C mol^{-1} *(A.I.S.B. 2014)*

Solution. $\Delta_r G^{\circ} = -nF\,E^{\circ}_{cell}$

E°_{cell} = 2.71 V, 1 F = 96500 C mol^{-1}, $n = 2$

$\Delta_r G^{\circ}$ = –2 × 96500 C mol^{-1} × 2.71 V

= –523030 J mol^{-1} (1 CV = 1 J)

or = **–523.030 kJ mol^{-1}**

❑ **Example 42.**

Calculate the maximum work that can be obtained from the Daniell cell :

$Zn \mid Zn^{2+}(aq) \parallel Cu^{2+}(aq) \mid Cu$

Given that $E^{\ominus}_{(Zn^{2+} \mid Zn)} = -0.76$ V and $E^{\ominus}_{(Cu^{2+} \mid Cu)} = 0.34$V. *(Mizoram S.B. 2013, 2018)*

Solution : The maximum work that can be obtained from a cell is equal to free energy change for the cell reaction.

$$Zn(s) + Cu^{2+}(aq) \longrightarrow Cu(s) + Zn^{2+}(aq)$$

$$E^{\ominus}_{cell} = E^{\ominus}\,(\text{cathode}) - E^{\ominus}\,(\text{anode})$$

$$= E^{\ominus}_{(Cu^{2+} \mid Cu)} - E^{\ominus}_{Zn^{2+} \mid Zn)}$$

$$= 0.34 - (-0.76) = 1.10\ V$$

Now, $\Delta G^{\ominus} = -nF\,E^{\ominus}_{cell}$

$E^{\ominus}_{cell}$ = 1.10 V, $n = 2$, F = 96500 C

$\therefore \quad \Delta G^{\ominus} = -(2\ mol) \times (96500\ C\ mol^{-1}) \times (1.10V)$

= – 212,300 CV (1 J = 1C ×V)

= – 212,300 J or **– 212.3 kJ.**

Thus, 212.3 kJ is the maximum work that can be obtained by the operation of this type of cell.

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❑ Example 43.

The zinc / silver oxide cell is used in hearing aids and electric watches.

$$Zn \longrightarrow Zn^{2+} + 2e^- \qquad E^\ominus = -0.76\ V$$

$$Ag_2O + H_2O + 2e^- \longrightarrow 2Ag + 2OH^- \qquad E^\ominus = 0.344\ V$$

(a) Which is oxidised and which is reduced ?

(b) Find $E^\ominus$ of the cell and $\Delta G^\ominus$ in joules.

(CBSE Sample Paper 2011)

Solution : (a) Zn is oxidised and Ag_2O is reduced.

(b) $E^\ominus_{cell} = E^\ominus_{(cathode)} - E^\ominus_{(anode)}$

$E^\ominus_{cell} = E^\ominus_{(Ag_2O\,|\,Ag)} - E^\ominus_{(Zn^{2+}\,|\,Zn)}$

$= 0.344 - (-0.76) = 1.104 V$

Now, $n = 2\,mol, F = 96500\,C\,mol^{-1}, E^\ominus_{cell} = 1.104 V$

$\therefore \quad \Delta G^\ominus = -nF\,E^\ominus_{cell}$

$= -(2\ mol) \times (96500\ C\ mol^{-1}) \times (1.104\ V)$

$= -213072\ CV \qquad (1CV = 1J)$

$= -213072\ J \quad$ or $= -\mathbf{2.13 \times 10^2\ kJ.}$

❑ Example 44.

Calculate the cell emf and ΔG for the cell reaction at 25°C for the cell :

$Zn(s)\,|\,Zn^{2+}\,(0.0004\ M)\,||\,Cd^{2+}\,(0.2\ M)|Cd(s)$

$E^\ominus$ values at 25°C : $Zn^{2+}\,|\,Zn = -0.763V$;

$Cd^{2+}\,|\,Cd = -0.403\ V$

$F = 96500\ C$, $R = 8.314\ J\ K^{-1}\ mol^{-1}$.

(D.S.B. 2000, Hr. S.B. 2005, Pb.S.B. 2013)

Solution : Cell is

$Zn(s)\,|\,Zn^{2+}\,(0.0004\ M)\,||\,Cd^{2+}\,(0.2M)\,|\,Cd(s)$

$Zn(s) + Cd^{2+}(aq) \longrightarrow Zn^{2+}(aq) + Cd(s)$

$E^\ominus_{cell} = E^\ominus_{(Cd^{2+}\,|\,Cd)} - E^\ominus_{(Zn^{2+}\,|\,Zn)}$

$= -0.403 - (-0.763) = 0.36\ V$

According to Nernst equation,

$$E = E^\ominus - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{[Zn^{2+}]}{[Cd^{2+}]}$$

$[Zn^{2+}] = 0.0004\ M, [Cd^{2+}] = 0.2\ M$

$$E = 0.36 - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{0.0004}{0.2}$$

$$= 0.36 - \frac{0.059}{2}\log 2 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$= 0.36 - \frac{0.059}{2} \times (-2.6990)$$

$= 0.36 + 0.08 = 0.44\ V$

Cell *emf* $= 0.44\ V$

Now $\Delta G = -nFE$

$n = 2\ mol, F = 96500\ C, E = 0.44\ V$

$\Delta G = -2 \times 96500 \times 0.44\ CV$

$= 84920\ CV = \mathbf{-84.920\ kJ.}$

❑ Example 45.

The $\Delta G^\ominus$ for the Daniell cell has been found to be –212.3 kJ at 25°C. Calculate the equilibrium constant for the cell reaction.

Solution : $\Delta G^\ominus = -RT\,ln\,K_c$

Here $\Delta G^\ominus = -212.3\ kJ = -212300\ J$, $T = 298\ K$,

$R = 8.314\ JK^{-1}\ mol^{-1}$

$-212300\ J = -(8.314\ JK^{-1}\ mol^{-1}) \times (298\ K)\ ln\ K_c$

or $$ln\ K_c = \frac{212300}{8.314 \times 298} = 85.69$$

or $K_c = \mathbf{1.64 \times 10^{37}.}$

❑ Example 46.

For the cell, $Mg\,|\,Mg^{2+}(aq)\,||\,Ag^+(aq)\,|\,Ag$, calculate the equilibrium constant at 25°C and also the maximum work that can be obtained by operating the cell. $E^\ominus_{(Mg^{2+}\,|\,Mg)} = -2.37\ V$ and $E^\ominus_{(Ag^+\,|\,Ag)} = +0.80\ V$.

Solution : The cell is :

$$Mg\ |\ Mg^{2+}(aq)\ ||\ Ag^+(aq)\ |\ Ag$$

The cell reaction is :

$$Mg(s) + 2Ag^+(aq) \longrightarrow Mg^{2+}(aq) + 2Ag(s)$$

Calculation of $E^\ominus_{cell}$

$E^\ominus_{cell} = E^\ominus$ (cathode) $- E^\ominus$ (anode)

$= E^\ominus(Ag^+\,|\,Ag) - E^\ominus\,(Mg^{2+}\,|\,Mg)$

$= 0.80 - (-2.37) = \mathbf{3.17\ V.}$

Calculation of equilibrium constant

$$\log K_c = \frac{nE_{cell}}{0.059} \text{ at } 298\ K$$

$n = 2, E^\ominus_{cell} = 3.17\ V$

$$\log K_c = \frac{2 \times 3017}{0.059} = 107.457$$

$\therefore \quad K_c = 2.56 \times 10^{107}$

Calculation of maximum work that can be obtained from the cell. The maximum work obtained is equal to $\Delta G^\ominus$ so that

$\Delta G^\ominus = -nF\,E^\ominus_{cell}$

$n = 2, F = 96500\ C, E^\ominus_{cell} = 3.17\ V$

$\therefore \quad \Delta G^\ominus = -2 \times (96500\ C) \times (3.17\ V)$

$= -611800\ CV = -611810\ J$

$(1\ CV = 1\ J)$

$\therefore$ Maximum work obtained $= \mathbf{611.8\ kJ.}$

❑ Example 47.

Estimate the minimum potential difference needed to reduce Al_2O_3 at 500°C. The free energy change for the decomposition reaction :

$$\frac{2}{3}Al_2O_3 \longrightarrow \frac{4}{3}Al + O_2 \quad is \quad \Delta G = +960kJ$$

($F = 96500\ C\ mol^{-1}$) *(D.S.B. 2002)*

Solution : $Al_2O_3\,(2Al^{3+} + 3O^{2-}) \longrightarrow 2Al + \frac{3}{2}O_2$

This reaction involves 6 electrons, $n = 6$

$$\therefore \frac{2}{3}Al_2O_3 \longrightarrow \frac{4}{3}Al + O_2\ ;\ n = \frac{6 \times 2}{3} = 4e^-$$

$\Delta G = -nFE$

$\Delta G = 960 \times 10^3\ J, n = 4, F = 96500\ C\ mol^{-1}$

$\therefore 960 \times 10^3 = -4 \times 96500 \times E$

$$\text{or } E = -\frac{960 \times 10^3}{4 \times 96500} = -2.487\ V$$

$\therefore$ Minimum potential difference needed to reduce $Al_2O_3 = \mathbf{2.487\ V.}$

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❑ **Example 48.**

For the reaction :

$2AgCl\ (s) + H_2\ (g)\ (1atm) \longrightarrow 2Ag(s) + 2H^+\ (0.1M) + 2Cl^-\ (0.1M)$

$\Delta G^\circ = -43600$ J at 25°C

Calculate the *e.m.f.* of the cell. *(A.I.S.B 2018)*

Solution :

$$\Delta G^\circ = -nFE^\circ_{cell}$$

$$-43600 = -2 \times 96500 \times E^\circ_{cell}$$

$$E^\circ_{cell} = \frac{43600}{2 \times 96500} = 0.226\ V$$

$2AgCl\ (s) + H_2\ (g)\ (1\ atm) \longrightarrow 2Ag(s) + 2H^+\ (0.1M) + 2Cl^-\ (0.1M)$

$$E_{cell} = E^\circ_{cell} - \frac{0.059}{2} \log \frac{[H^+]^2[Cl^-]^2}{[H_2(g)]}$$

$$= 0.226 - 0.0295 \log \frac{(0.1)^2 \times (0.1)^2}{1}$$

$$= 0.226 - 0.0295 \times \log 10^{-4}$$

$$= 0.226 - 0.0295 \times (-4)$$

$$= 0.226 + 0.1180 = \mathbf{0.344V}$$

❑ **Example 49.**

Determine the values of equilibrium constant (K_c) and ΔG° for the following reaction :

$Ni(s) + 2Ag^+(aq) \longrightarrow Ni^{2+}(aq) + 2Ag(s)$, $E = 1.05V$

($1F = 96500\ C\ mol^{-1}$) *(D.S.B. 2011)*

Solution :

$$\Delta G^\circ = -nFE^\ominus_{cell}$$

$n = 2$, $E^\ominus_{cell} = 1.05$ V, $F = 96500$ C mol^{-1}

$$\therefore \quad \Delta G^\circ = -(2\ mol) \times (96500\ C\ mol^{-1}) \times (1.05\ V)$$

$$= -202650\ CV$$

$$= -202.650\ kJ \qquad (CV = J)$$

$$\Delta G^\circ = -RT \ln K_c$$

$$\text{or} \quad \ln K_c = -\frac{\Delta G^\circ}{RT} = -\frac{-202.650 \times 10^3}{8.314 \times 298} = 81.79$$

or $K_c = \mathbf{3.32 \times 10^{35}}$.

Practice Problems

46. Calculate $\Delta G^\ominus$ and the equilibrium constant for the cell reaction,

$$Cl_2 + 2I^- \longrightarrow 2Cl^- + I_2$$

Given that $E^\ominus_{(Cl_2, Cl^-)} = 1.36$ V, $E^\ominus_{(I_2, I^-)} = 0.536$ V.

47. The cell in which the following reaction occurs :

$$2\ Fe^{3+}(aq) + 2\ I^-(aq) \longrightarrow 2\ Fe^{2+}(aq) + I_2(s)$$

has $E^0_{cell} = 0.236$ V at 298 K. Calculate the standard Gibbs energy of the cell reaction. (Given : 1 F = 96500 C/mol) (A.I.S.B. 2017)

48. Calculate $\Delta G^\ominus$ and E_{cell} for the cell

$$Al \mid Al^{3+}(0.01M) \parallel Fe^{2+}(0.02\ M) \mid Fe$$

Given that $E^\ominus_{(Al^{3+} \mid Al)} = -1.66$ V and $E^\ominus_{(Fe^{2+} \mid Fe)} = -0.44$V.

49. Calculate the standard cell potential of the galvanic cell in which the following reaction takes place :

$$2Cr\ (s) + 3Cd^{2+}(aq) \longrightarrow 2Cr^{3+}(aq) + 3Cd\ (s)$$

Also calculate the $\Delta_r G^\ominus$ value of the reaction.

[Given $E^\ominus_{(Cr^{3+} \mid Cr)} = -0.74$ V, $E^\ominus_{(Cd^{2+} \mid Cd)} = -0.40$ V and F = 96500 C mol^{-1}] *(A.I.S.B. 2007)*

50. Write the Nernst equation and calculate the value of $\Delta G^\ominus$ for the galvanic cell :

$Cu(s) \mid Cu^{2+}(0.130\ M) \mid\mid Ag^+(1.00 \times 10^{-4}\ M) \mid Ag(s)$

Given $E^\ominus_{Cu^{2+} \mid Cu} = 0.34$ V, $E^\ominus_{Ag^+ \mid Ag} = 0.80$ V *(Hr. S.B. 2005)*

Answers to Practice Problems

46. – 159.0 kJ, 7.35×10^{27}.
47. – 45.548 kJ mol^{-1}.
48. 1.209 V, – 706.38 kJ.
49. 0.34V, – 196.86 kJ mol^{-1}.
50. – 48.250 kJ.

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Problem 9. **For the cell reaction :**

$Sn(s) + Pb^{2+}(aq) \longrightarrow Sn^{2+}(aq) + Pb(s)$

$E^\circ_{Sn^{2+}|Sn} = -0.140, E^\circ_{Pb^{2+}|Pb} = -0.126V$

Calculate the ratio of concentration of Pb^{2+} to Sn^{2+} ion at which the cell reaction be reversed.

Solution For the cell,

$$E^\circ = E^\circ_{Pb^{2+}|Pb} - E^\circ_{Sn^{2+}|Sn} = -0.126 - (-0.140)$$
$$= 0.014V$$

Applying Nernst equation

$$E = E^\circ - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{[Sn^{2+}]}{[Pb^{2+}]}$$

$$= 0.014 + \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{[Pb^{2+}]}{[Sn^{2+}]}$$

At equilibrium, $E = 0$

$$\therefore \quad 0.014 + \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{[Pb^{2+}]}{[Sn^{2+}]} = 0$$

$$\text{or } \log\frac{[Pb^{2+}]}{[Sn^{2+}]} = -\frac{0.014\times 2}{0.059} = -0.474$$

$$\therefore \quad \frac{[Pb^{2+}]}{[Sn^{2+}]} = \text{antilog}(-0.474) = 0.336$$

Thus, the cell reaction will occur till $\frac{[Pb^{2+}]}{[Sn^{2+}]}$ is more than 0.336 V. When $\frac{[Pb^{2+}]}{[Sn^{2+}]}$ becomes less than 0.336 V, E_{cell} will become negative and the reaction will be reversed.

Problem 10. **The reduction potential for the two half cell reactions are:**

$$Cu^{2+} + e^- \longrightarrow Cu^+ \qquad E^\circ = 0.15\ V$$
$$Cu^+ + e^- \longrightarrow Cu \qquad E^\circ = 0.50\ V$$

Calculate reduction potential for the following reaction:

$$Cu^{2+} + 2e^- \longrightarrow Cu$$

Solution This can be solved in terms of their free energy changes.

(*i*) $Cu^{2+} + e^- \longrightarrow Cu^+ \qquad E^\circ_1 = 0.15\ V$

$$\Delta G^\circ_1 = -1 \times F \times 0.15 = -0.15\ F$$

(*ii*) $Cu^+ + e^- \longrightarrow Cu \qquad E^\circ_2 = 0.50\ V$

$$\Delta G^\circ_2 = -1 \times F \times 0.50 = -0.50\ F$$

(*iii*) $Cu^{2+} + 2e^- \longrightarrow Cu \qquad E^\circ_3 = ?$

$$\Delta G^\circ_3 = -2 \times F \times E^\circ_3 = -2E^\circ_3 F$$

Now $\Delta G^\circ_3 = \Delta G^\circ_1 + \Delta G^\circ_2$

$$-2E^\circ_3 F = -0.15\ F - 0.50\ F = -0.65\ F$$

$$\therefore \quad E^\circ_3 = \frac{0.65F}{2F} = \mathbf{0.325\ V}$$

Problem 11. **Consider an electrochemical cell : $A(s)\,|\,A^{n+}(aq, 2M)\,||\,B^{2n+}(aq, 1M)\,|\,B(s)$. The value of ΔH° for the cell reaction is twice that of ΔG° at 300 K. Calculate ΔS° (in $JK^{-1}\ mol^{-1}$) of the cell per mole of B formed at 300 K if the *e.m.f.* of the cell is zero.**
(Given: $ln(2) = 0.7$, R (universal gas constant) = 8.3 $JK^{-1}\ mol^{-1}$. H, S and G are enthalpy, entropy and Gibbs energy, respectively). **(JEE Advance 2018)**

Solution

$$A \longrightarrow A^{n+} + ne^-] \times 2$$
$$B^{2n+} + 2ne^- \longrightarrow B$$
$$2A + B^{2n+} \longrightarrow 2A^{n+} + B$$

$$E = E^\circ - \frac{RT}{nF}\,ln\,\frac{\left[A^{n+}\right]^2}{\left[B^{2n+}\right]}$$

$$E = E^\circ - \frac{RT}{nF}\,ln\,(2)^2$$

or $$0 = E^\circ - \frac{RT}{2nF}\,ln\,4$$

$$E^\circ = \frac{RT}{2nF}\,ln\,4$$

Now $$\Delta G^\circ = -2nFE^\circ = \frac{-2nF\ RT}{2nF}\,ln\,4$$
$$= -RT\,ln\,4$$
$$\Delta G^\circ = \Delta H^\circ - T\Delta S^\circ$$

$$\Delta G^\circ = 2\Delta G^\circ - T\Delta S^\circ$$

or $$T\Delta S^\circ = \Delta G^\circ$$

$$\Delta S^\circ = \frac{\Delta G^\circ}{T} = -\frac{RT}{T}\ln 4 = -R\,ln\,4 = -R \times 2\,ln\,2$$

$$\therefore \quad \Delta S^\circ = -8.3 \times 2 \times 0.7$$
$$= \mathbf{-11.62\ JK^{-1}\ mol^{-1}}$$

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ELECTROLYTIC CELLS AND ELECTROLYSIS

Electrolysis is a ***process of decomposition of an electrolyte by the passage of electricity through its aqueous solution or molten*** **(fused) state** of electric current.

The cells used to carry out electrolysis are electrolytic cells.

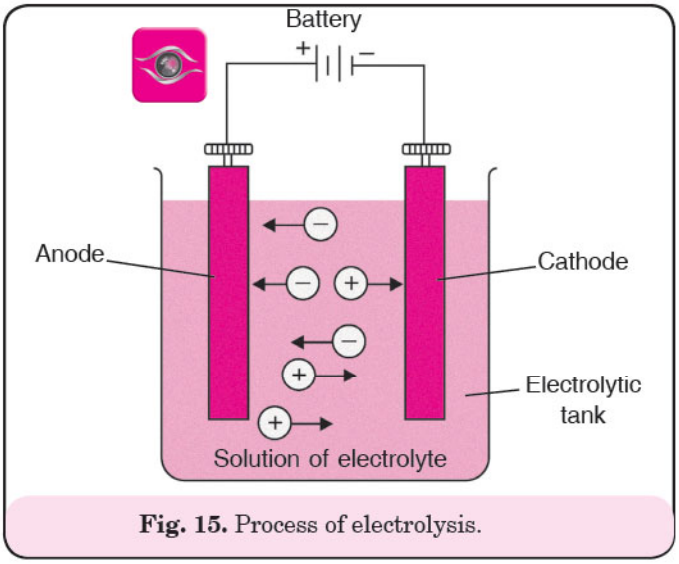


Fig. 15. Process of electrolysis.

Process of electrolysis

The process of electrolysis is carried out by taking the solution of an electrolyte in a suitable vessel. The vessel is called **electrolytic tank** (Fig. 15.) It is made up of either glass or of a material which is a bad conductor of electricity. Two metallic rods or plates are suspended in the electrolytic solution. These are connected to the terminal of a battery with the help of metallic wires. These metallic rods or plates allow the passage of current and are called **electrodes.** The electrode connected to the positive terminal of the battery is called **anode** while the electrode connected to the negative terminal of the battery is called **cathode.**

When an electrolyte is dissolved in water, it splits up into negative and positive ions. The positively charged ions are called **cations** and negatively charged ions are called **anions.** On passing electric current through the solution, the ions are attracted by the oppositely charged electrodes. As a result, cations move towards cathode while anions move towards anode. This movement of ions in solution is known as **electrolytic** or **ionic conduction** and *constitutes flow of current through the solution.*

The anions on reaching the anode give up their electrons (which flow out of the solution). On the other hand, cations take up the electrons from the cathode. Therefore, cations and anions get discharged at the respective electrodes and are converted to neutral particles. This is known as **primary change.** The primary products may be collected as such or they undergo further changes to form molecules or compounds. These are called secondary products and the change is known as **secondary change.**

The process of electrolysis was explained by the theory of ionisation. According to ionic theory, the electrolytes are present as ions in solution and the function of electricity is only to direct these ions to their respective electrodes. The electrolytes can be electrolysed only in the dissolved or molten state.

One of the simplest electrolytic cell consists of two copper rods dipping in an aqueous solution of copper sulphate. When electric current (DC voltage) is applied to the two electrodes, then Cu^{2+} ions discharge at the cathode (negatively charged electrode) and the following reaction takes place :

$$Cu^{2+}(aq) + 2e^- \longrightarrow \underset{\text{(at cathode)}}{Cu(s)}$$

Copper metal is deposited at the cathode.

At the anode, copper is converted to Cu^{2+} ions by the reaction :

$$Cu(s) \longrightarrow Cu^{2+}(aq) + 2e^-$$

Thus, copper is dissolved at the anode. In terms of oxidation and reduction, we can say that copper is oxidised at anode while it is reduced at cathode. This is the basis of an important industrial process in which impure copper is converted into copper of high purity. Many other metals such as Na, Mg, Al, etc are also produced on a large scale by electrochemical reduction of their respective cations where no suitable chemical reducing agents are available for the reduction. This is one of the important method in metallurgy.

For example, sodium and magnesium metals are produced by the electrolysis of their fused chlorides and aluminium is produced by the electrolysis of aluminium oxide in the presence of cryolite (Na_3AlF_6).

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Quantitative Aspects of Electrolysis

Michael Faraday performed a large number of experiments during 1833–34 on electrolysis and summarized the results of his experiments in the form of two laws known as Faraday's laws of electrolysis.

Faraday's laws of electrolysis

1. Faraday's first law of electrolysis. It states that

the amount of any substance deposited or liberated at any electrode is directly proportional to the quantity of electricity passed through the electrolyte (solution or melt).

The amount of any substance obtained gives the amount of chemical reaction which occurs at any electrode during electrolysis.

Thus, if w gram of the substance is deposited on passing Q coulombs of electricity, then

$$w \propto Q \quad \text{or} \quad w = ZQ$$

where Z in a constant of proportionality and is called *electrochemical equivalent.* If a current of I amperes is passed for t seconds, then

$$Q = I \times t$$

so that $w = Z \times Q = Z \times I \times t$

Now, if $Q = 1$ coulomb

or $I = 1$ ampere and $t = 1$ second, then

$w = Z \times 1 \times 1$ or $w = Z$

Hence *electrochemical equivalent* of a substance may be defined

as the mass of the substance deposited when a current of one ampere is passed for one second, i.e., a quantity of electricity equal to one coulomb is passed.

Faraday's second law of electrolysis. It states that

when same quantity of electricity is passed through different electrolytic solutions connected in series, the weights of the substances produced at the electrodes are directly proportional to their chemical equivalent weights.

For example, when same current is passed through two electrolytic solutions, containing copper sulphate ($CuSO_4$) and silver nitrate ($AgNO_3$) connected in series, the weights of copper and silver deposited are :

$$\frac{\text{Weight of Cu deposited}}{\text{Weight of Ag deposited}} = \frac{\text{Eq. wt. of Cu}}{\text{Eq. wt. of Ag}}$$

However, **in modern terms, the term equivalent weight is not used.** The Faraday's laws of electrolysis may be stated in terms of moles of electrons exchanged during an electrochemical change.

*According to **Faraday's law**, the amount of chemical change occurred i.e., the moles of substances deposited or liberated is proportional to the number of moles of electrons exchanged during the oxidation-reduction reactions that occur.*

Therefore, by knowing the amount of electricity passed, we can easily calculate the number of moles of products formed from the appropriate electrode reaction. From the moles of the products formed, we can calculate the masses of the products or their volumes if they are gases.

Therefore, the amount of electricity needed or amount of products formed can be calculated from the equation for the appropriate electrode reaction.

For example, during the passage of electric current through molten NaCl, sodium gets deposited at cathode and chlorine is liberated at anode.

$$NaCl \longrightarrow \underset{\text{(At cathode)}}{Na} + \underset{\text{(At anode)}}{\frac{1}{2}Cl_2}$$

During electrolysis, sodium ions move towards cathode, accept electrons and get deposited as :

$$Na^+(aq) + e^- \longrightarrow Na(s)$$

It is clear that the passage of one electron produces one sodium atom. *The passage of 1 mol of electrons produce 1 mol of sodium (or 23 g).*

The **chemical equivalent weight** is atomic mass divided by the number of electrons required to reduce the cation.

Important Note

During Faraday's times, there were no devices available to supply constant current. Therefore, the quantity of electricity passed was measured by using an apparatus called **coulometer**. Generally, copper and silver coulometers were used and the quantity of electricity passed was calculated from the amount of copper or silver deposited or consumed in the coulometer. From the weight, the quantity of electricity passed through the coulometer could be calculated using Faraday's laws of electrolysis. Nowadays coulometers are not used and we have devices which supply constant current and quantity of electricity can be calculated from the formula:

$$Q = I \times t$$

where I is the current in ampere and t is the time in second during which current was passed. The quantity of electricity, Q will be in coulombs.

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NOTE

It may be noted that earlier, the term equivalent weight was used. This can be easily correlated to mole ratio. For example, for the above experiment, we can say

$$\frac{\text{Weight of silver}}{\text{Weight of copper}} = \frac{\text{Equivalent weight of silver}}{\text{Equivalent weight of copper}}$$

$$\text{and } \frac{\text{Weight of silver}}{\text{Weight of gold}} = \frac{\text{Equivalent weight of silver}}{\text{Equivalent weight of copper}}$$

Now, equivalent weight of metal $= \frac{\text{Molecular Mass}}{\text{Charge on its ions}}$

Thus, when 96500 C of electricity (corresponding to 1 mol of electrons) is passed then amounts of silver, copper and gold deposited will be equal to their equivalent weights *i.e.* ,

For 1 mol of electrons or 96500 C of electricity passed.

Silver deposited = 1 gm equivalent of Ag = 107.87 g or ≡ 1 mol

Copper deposited = 1 gm equivalent of Cu = 31.77 g $\equiv \frac{1\,\text{mol}}{2}$

Gold deposited = 1 gm equivalent of Au = 65.66 g $\equiv \frac{1\,\text{mol}}{3}$

Similarly, at anode, chloride ions give up electrons and produce Cl atoms as:

$$Cl^- - e^- \longrightarrow \frac{1}{2} Cl_2(g)$$

or $$2Cl^- - 2e^- \longrightarrow Cl_2(g)$$

It is clear that *2 mol of electrons produce 1 mol of Cl_2 or 1 mol of electrons produce 1/2 mol of Cl_2 (35.5 g).*

We know that charge on an electron = 1.602×10^{-19} C

Now 1 mole of electrons = 6.022×10^{23} electrons

$\therefore$ Charge on 1 mole of electrons = $6.022 \times 10^{23} \times 1.602 \times 10^{-19}$ C = 96485 C mol^{-1}

The charge on one mole of electrons is called 1 Faraday, F, in honour of Michael Faraday. Thus,

1F = 96485 C or approximately **96500 C.**

Thus, charge on n mol of electrons will be equal to

$$Q = nF$$

Now, the production of 1 mol of sodium or 23.0 g by reduction of sodium ions require 1 mol of electrons. Therefore, amount of charge required,

$$Q = nF = 1 \times 96500 \text{ C} = 96500 \text{ C}$$

Similarly, 1 mol of Cl_2 is obtained by 2 mol of electrons or 2 × 96500 C of charge during electrolysis of NaCl. Similarly, in the reaction :

$$Ag^+ + e^- \longrightarrow Ag(s)$$

One mole of electrons is required for the reduction of 1 mol of silver ions. Therefore, the quantity of electricity required for reduction of 1 mol of Ag^+ ions is 96500 C or 1 Faraday.

Now, 1 mole of copper will be produced by 2 mol of electrons or 2 × 96500 C of charge :

$$Cu^{2+} + 2e^- \longrightarrow Cu$$

Thus, from the knowledge of moles of electrons required during the electrode reaction, the amount of substance deposited or evolved can be calculated. For example, aluminium gets deposited as :

$$\underset{1\text{ mol}}{Al^{3+}} + \underset{3\text{ mol}}{3e^-} \longrightarrow \underset{1\text{ mol}}{Al}$$

Thus, 1 mol of Al will be deposited by 3 mol of electrons or 3 Faraday (or 3 × 96500 C) of electricity.

Similarly, when the same quantity of electricity is passed through different electrolyte solutions, connected in series, the weights of different substances produced at the electrodes can be calculated from the mole ratios of their electrode reactions.

For example, consider an experiment in which same amount of current is passed simultaneously through three aqueous electrolytic solutions connected in series containing aqueous solutions of silver nitrate, copper sulphate and gold chloride as shown in Fig. 16.

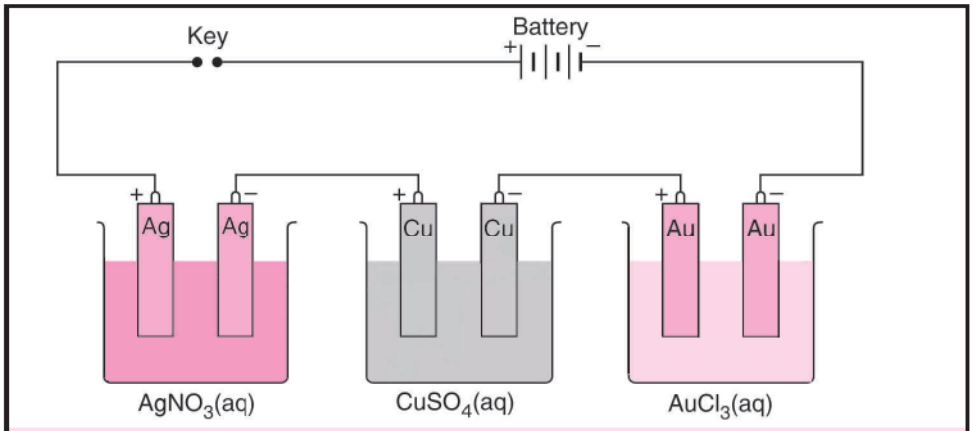


Fig. 16. An electrolysis experiment

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When enough current is passed through the cells to deposit 1 mol of silver (107.87 g), it is observed that amount of copper and gold deposited are also in the ratio of their molecular masses. Using the mole ratio of reduction half cell reaction shows that liberation of 1 mol of Ag has required the passage of 1 mol of electrons (or 96500 C of electricity). Simultaneously with the deposition of 1 mol of silver, it is found that 1/2 mol of copper and 1/3 mol of gold have been produced in their respective cells. The formation of these products is explained on the basis of the stoichiometry of the half cell reactions and the passage of 1 mol of electrons through the solutions.

$$Cu^{2+} + 2e^- \longrightarrow Cu(s)$$

1 mol of Cu is deposited by 2 mol electrons

$\therefore$ 1 mol of electrons deposit = $\frac{1}{2}$ mol Cu

Similarly,

$$Au^{3+} + 3e^- \longrightarrow Au(s)$$

$\therefore$ 1 mol of Au is deposited by 3 mol electrons

$\therefore$ 1 mol of electrons deposit = $\frac{1}{3}$ mol of Au.

Thus, we conclude from these observations :

1 mol of electrons will deposit 1 mol of Ag, $\frac{1}{2}$ mol of Cu and $\frac{1}{3}$ mol of Au.

In general, amount of element deposited (in mol)

$$= \frac{\text{No. of moles of electrons}}{\text{No. of charges on ion of the element}}$$

For example, during electrolysis of $CrCl_3$ (aq), 1 mol of electrons (96500 C of electricity) will deposit:

$$Cr^{3+} + 3e^- \longrightarrow Cr(s)$$

Amount of chromium deposited = $\frac{1}{3}$ mol

Similarly, 2 mol of electrons (2 × 96500 C of electricity) will deposit:

Amount of Cr deposited = $\frac{2}{3}$ mol.

PRODUCTS OF ELECTROLYSIS

We have seen that during electrolysis, the reactions occurring at the electrodes are oxidation and reduction reactions. Therefore, the products of electrolysis can be predicted on the basis of electrode potentials of different reactions. The products of electrolysis depend on the nature of material being electrolysed and the types of electrodes being used. If the electrode is inert such as gold or platinum, it does not take part in the chemical reaction and acts only as a source or sink for electrons. On the other hand, if the electrode is reactive, it takes part in the electrode reaction. Thus, the products of electrolysis may be different for inert and reactive electrodes.

The products of electrolysis mainly depend on the different oxidising and reducing species present in the electrolytic cell and their standard electrode potentials. It may be noted that some electrochemical processes, though feasible, are so slow kinetically that at lower voltages, these donot seem to occur. The slowness of electrode reaction creates electrical resistance at the electrode surface. Therefore, for the occurrence of such reactions (*e.g.*, processes involving liberation of gases) some extra potential or voltage is required than the theoretical value of their standard electrode potential. ***This extra voltage required*** is called **over voltage.**

Let us discuss some examples :

1. Electrolysis of molten sodium chloride. The molten sodium chloride has Na^+ and Cl^- ions,

$$NaCl \rightleftharpoons Na^+ + Cl^-$$

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During electrolysis, it has been observed that sodium metal is deposited at the cathode while chlorine gas is liberated at the anode. When electric current is passed through molten sodium chloride, the chloride ions are attracted towards anode. These ions give up one electron each to the anode and become chlorine atoms. The chlorine atoms are unstable and combine in pairs to form chlorine molecules.

On the other hand, Na^+ ions move towards the cathode, take up one electron each and become neutral atoms. As a result, sodium metal is obtained at the cathode.

The reactions may be expressed as :

At cathode : $Na^+ + e^- \longrightarrow Na$ (reduction)

At anode : $Cl^- - e^- \longrightarrow Cl$ (oxidation)

$Cl + Cl \longrightarrow Cl_2$

Thus, the **overall reaction** is :

$$\underset{\text{(molten)}}{2NaCl} \xrightarrow{\text{Electrolysis}} \underset{\text{(at cathode)}}{2Na} + \underset{\text{(at anode)}}{Cl_2(g)}$$

2. Electrolysis of aqueous sodium chloride. In water, sodium chloride ionises as :

$$NaCl \rightleftharpoons Na^+(aq) + Cl^-(aq)$$

Water also dissociates into ions, though to very slight degree as :

$$H_2O(l) \rightleftharpoons H^+(aq) + OH^-(aq)$$

Thus, the aqueous solution of sodium chloride contains Na^+, H^+, OH^- and Cl^- ions. When electric current is passed through the solution, Cl_2 gas is evolved at the anode and hydrogen is evolved at the cathode. The resulting solution contains Na^+ and OH^- ions.

At cathode, there is a competition for reduction between the following reactions :

$$Na^+(aq) + e^- \longrightarrow Na(s) \qquad E^\ominus = -2.71\ V$$

$$H^+(aq) + e^- \longrightarrow \frac{1}{2}H_2(g) \qquad E^\ominus = 0.00\ V$$

The reaction with higher value of $E^\ominus$ is preferred and therefore, the reaction at the cathode during electrolysis is :

$$H^+(aq) + e^- \longrightarrow \frac{1}{2}H_2(g) \qquad ...(i)$$

But H^+(aq) ions are produced by the dissociation of water as :

$$H_2O(l) \longrightarrow H^+(aq) + OH^-(aq) \qquad ...(ii)$$

Therefore, the net reaction at the cathode may be written as the sum of reactions (*i*) and (*ii*)

$$H_2O(l) + e^- \longrightarrow \frac{1}{2}H_2(g) + OH^-(aq) \qquad ...(iii)$$

On the other hand, at the anode, the following reactions are possible :

$$Cl^-(aq) \longrightarrow \frac{1}{2}Cl_2(g) + e^- \qquad E^\ominus = +1.36\ V$$

$$2H_2O(l) \longrightarrow O_2(g) + 4H^+(aq) + 4e^- \qquad E^\ominus = +1.23\ V$$

The standard reduction potential of water is slightly less and therefore, it has slightly more chances of getting oxidised. However, in concentrated solution of NaCl, oxidation of chloride ions is preferred than water at anode and therefore, Cl_2 gas is liberated. The unexpected result is due to the fact that sometimes higher voltage is required for electrolysis due to *over voltage*.*

*It has been found experimentally that the actual voltage required for the electrolysis is larger than that calculated from standard electrode potentials. This extra voltage is required because the rate of transfer of electrons at the interface of electrode and solution for both the half reactions is slow. The slowness of the electrode reactions create an electrical resistance at the electrode surface. Therefore, some extra voltage is required to overcome the resistance. This extra voltage required is called **over voltage**. The over voltage for the formation of oxygen is much larger than that required for the formation of Cl_2. Therefore, the half reaction at anode is oxidation of Cl^- to Cl_2 gas.

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The reaction occurring at anode is :

$$Cl^-(aq) \longrightarrow \frac{1}{2}Cl_2(g) + e^-$$

Thus, the net reactions during the electrolysis of aqueous sodium chloride solution my be summerized as :

$$NaCl(aq) \xrightarrow{H_2O} Na^+(aq) + Cl^-(aq)$$

At cathode : $H_2O(l) + e^- \longrightarrow \frac{1}{2}H_2(g) + OH^-(aq)$

At anode : $Cl^-(aq) \longrightarrow \frac{1}{2}Cl_2(g) + e^-$

Net reaction :

$$NaCl(aq) + H_2O(l) \longrightarrow Na^+(aq) + OH^-(aq) + \frac{1}{2}H_2(g) + \frac{1}{2}Cl_2(g)$$

Thus, during the electrolysis of aqueous sodium chloride, H_2 gas is liberated at the cathode and Cl_2 gas is liberated at the anode and the solution contains sodium hydroxide.

3. Electrolysis of molten lead bromide using platinum electrodes

In the molten state, $PbBr_2$ exists as

$$PbBr_2 \rightleftharpoons Pb^{2+} + 2Br^-$$

The electrolysis may be carried out by taking solid lead bromide in a silica crucible. Two electrodes of graphite are used (Fig. 17). When a D.C. voltage source is applied, no current is observed. However, when the crucible is heated so that lead bromide metals the current is found to pass. During electrolysis, metallic lead is produced at the cathode while bromine gas is liberated at the anode. When electric current is passed through the molten lead bromide Pb^{2+} ions move towards the cathode while Br^- ions move towards the anode. The folowing reactions occur at the electrodes :

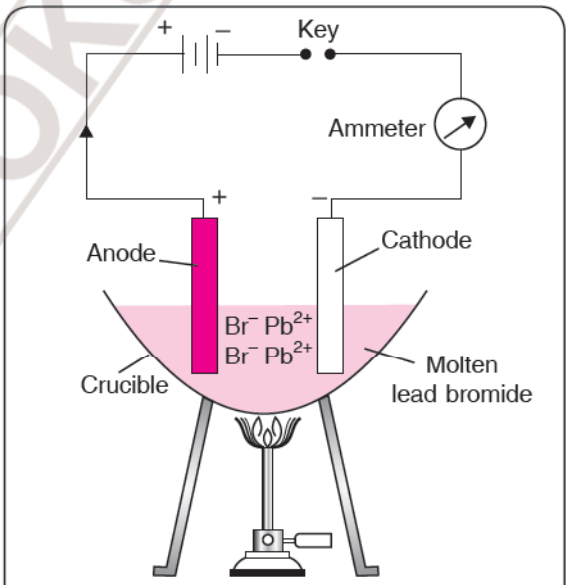


Fig. 17. Electrolysis of molten lead bromide.

At anode :

$$2Br^- \longrightarrow 2Br + 2e^- \quad \text{(oxidation)}$$

$$2Br \longrightarrow Br_2(g)$$

At cathode :

$$Pb^{2+} + 2e^- \longrightarrow Pb \quad \text{(reduction)}$$

Thus, the **overall reaction** is

$$\underset{\text{(molten)}}{PbBr_2} \xrightarrow{\text{Electrolysis}} \underset{\text{(at cathode)}}{Pb} + \underset{\text{(at anode)}}{Br_2(g)}$$

4. Electrolysis of water. Pure water is a poor conductor of electricity. However, water containing a few drops of acid or alkali becomes good conductor. The electrolysis of water may be carried out by taking some water in an electrolytic cell as shown in Fig. 18. Introduce two graphite electrodes into it. Connect these electrodes through an ammeter to a battery. It is observed that ammeter does not show any deflection. This shows that **water is a bad conductor** of electricity. However, when a few drops of dil. H_2SO_4 are added to water, the ammeter shows deflection and electrolysis starts.

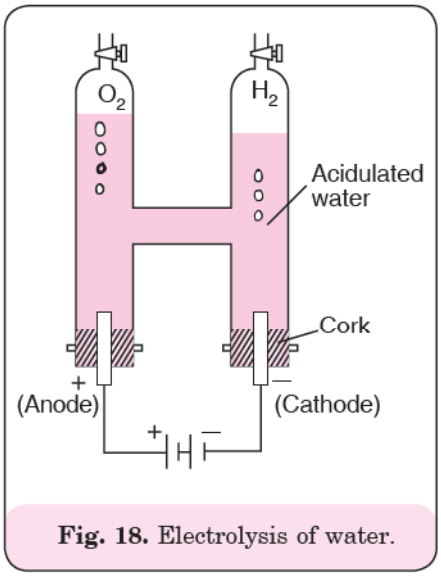


Fig. 18. Electrolysis of water.

Water is only weakly ionized but in the presence of an acid, its degree of ionization increases. Upon passing the electric current, it dissociates as :

$$\underset{\text{(Cathode)}}{H^+(aq)} + \underset{\text{(Anode)}}{OH^-(aq)} \rightleftharpoons H_2O(l)$$

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At cathode :

$$2H^+(aq) + 2e^- \xrightarrow{\text{Reduction}} 2H \text{ or } H_2$$

At anode :

$$OH^-(aq) \xrightarrow{\text{Oxidation}} OH + e^-$$

$$4OH \longrightarrow 2H_2O + O_2$$

It may be noted that in case we add a few drops of dilute H_2SO_4 to water before carrying electrolysis, the SO_4^{2-} ions will also be formed at the anode along with OH^- ions.

$$H_2SO_4(aq) \rightleftharpoons 2H^+(aq) + SO_4^{2-}(aq)$$

In this case, both OH^- and SO_4^{2-} ions move towards anode. However, SO_4^{2-} *ions will not be released since their discharge potential is more as compared to* OH^- *ions.*

The gases oxygen and hydrogen are collected at the anode and cathode respectively. On measuring the volumes, the volume of hydrogen collected is found to be twice the volume of oxygen. This shows that the two elements H and O are present in water in the ratio of 2 : 1 and thus, the formula of the compound is H_2O.

5. Electrolysis of aqueous copper sulphate solution. Copper sulphate and water ionise as

$$CuSO_4(aq) \rightleftharpoons Cu^{2+}(aq) + SO_4^{2-}(aq)$$

$$H_2O(l) \rightleftharpoons H^+(aq) + OH^-(aq)$$

During electrolysis, copper is deposited at the cathode while oxygen is liberated at the anode. The following reactions occur at the elelctrodes :

At anode :

$$2H_2O \longrightarrow 4H^+ + O_2 + 4e^- \qquad \text{(oxidation)}$$

At cathode:

$$Cu^{2+}(aq) + 2e^- \longrightarrow Cu(s)] \times 2 \qquad \text{(reduction)}$$

The overall reaction is :

$$2Cu^{2+}(aq) + 2H_2O \longrightarrow Cu(s) + 4H^+ + O_2(g)$$

or $2Cu^{2+}(aq) + 2SO_4^{2-} + 2H_2O \longrightarrow 2Cu(s) + 4H^+ + 2SO_4^{2-}(aq) + O_2(g)$

It may be noted here that in the above examples, the electrodes used are those which are not attacked by the ions (for example, platinum). However, if the electrodes are attacked by the ions, then the reactions taking place during electrolysis are different. For example, let us consider the *electrolysis of aqueous solution of* $CuSO_4$ *using copper electrodes.*

6. Electrolysis of $CuSO_4$ using copper electrodes. In the electrolysis, copper sulphate and water ionise as :

$$CuSO_4 \rightleftharpoons Cu^{2+} + SO_4^{2-}$$

$$H_2O \rightleftharpoons H^+ + OH^-$$

At cathode : Cu^{2+} ions are deposited at the cathode.

$$Cu^{2+} + 2e^- \longrightarrow \underset{\text{(deposited)}}{Cu}$$

At anode : Unlike electrolysis of $CuSO_4$ using Pt electrodes, no ions are liberated. On the other hand, anode itself undergoes loss of electrons to form Cu^{2+} ions which go into the solution.

$$Cu - 2e^- \longrightarrow Cu^{2+}$$

So, the net result of electrolysis is that copper is deposited at the cathode from the solution and an equivalent amount of copper from the anode dissolves into solution as Cu^{2+} ions.

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7. Electrolysis of sulphuric acid. During the electrolysis of sulphuric acid, hydrogen is liberated at cathode :

At cathode : $H^+ + e^- \longrightarrow \frac{1}{2}H_2$

The following two reactions occur at anode :

$$2H_2O(l) \longrightarrow O_2(g) + 4e^- \qquad E^\ominus = +1.23\ V \quad ...(i)$$

$$2SO_4^{2-}(aq) \longrightarrow S_2O_8^{2-}(aq) + 2e^- \quad E^\ominus = 1.96\ V \quad ...(ii)$$

For dilute solution, reaction (*i*) is preferred and O_2 liberates at anode. But at higher concentration of sulphuric acid, reaction (*ii*) is preferred and solution of peroxodisulphuric acid ($H_2S_2O_8$) is obtained.

Thus, when more than one substances are present in an electrolytic cell during electrolysis, we can make the following generalisations :

1. The ion which has higher reduction potential will be reduced first at the cathode. For example,

(*i*) The ions such as Na^+ ($E^\circ = -2.71$ V), Ca^{2+} ($E^\circ = -2.87$ V), K^+ ($E^\circ = -2.93$ V), Mg^{2+} ($E^\circ = -2.37$ V), Al^{3+} ($E^\circ = -1.66$ V) etc. cannot be reduced in aqueous solution as their reduction potentials are less than water ($E^\circ = -0.83$ V). Water will be reduced preferably and H_2 will be liberated as:

$$2H_2O + 2e^- \longrightarrow H_2(g) + 2OH^-(aq)$$

(*ii*) The ions such as Cu^{2+} ($E^\circ = 0.34$ V), Ag^+ ($E^\circ = 0.80$ V) have larger reduction potential than water and, therefore, are easily reduced and get deposited at the cathode as Cu and Ag respectively.

2. The ion which has lower reduction potential will be oxidised first at the anode. For example,

(*i*) Br^- ($E^\circ = 1.08$ V) and I^- ($E^\circ = 0.77$ V) are preferably oxidised to Br_2 and I_2 respectively in aqueous solution because they have lower reduction potentials than water

$$(\frac{1}{2}O_2(g) + 2H^+ + 2e^- \longrightarrow H_2O, \qquad E^\circ = 1.23\ V).$$

(*ii*) F^- ion ($E^\circ = +2.87$ V) is not oxidised to F_2 in aqueous solution because it has higher reduction potential. In this case, water will be oxidised.

SOLVED EXAMPLES

Example 50.

A solution of $CuSO_4$ is electrolysed for 10 minutes with a current of 1.5 amperes. What is the mass of copper deposited at the cathode ?

N.C.E.R.T. *(Pb. S.B. 2012, Meghalaya S.B. 2017)*

Solution : Current strength (I) = 1.5 A

Time (t) = 10 min = 10×60 = 600 s

Quantity of electricity passed = $I \times t$

$= (1.5\ A) \times (600\ s)$

$= 900\ C \qquad (A\ s = C)$

Copper is deposited as :

$$Cu^{2+} + 2e^- \longrightarrow Cu(s)$$

2 mol of electrons or 2×96500 C of current deposit copper = 63.56 *g*

900 C of current will deposit copper

$$= \frac{63.56}{2 \times 96500} \times 900$$

$$= \mathbf{0.296\ g.}$$

Example 51.

(a) How many moles of electrons are required to

(i) reduce 1 mol of MnO_4^- to Mn^{2+}

(ii) produce 10.0 g of Al from molten Al_2O_3 ?

(b) How many moles of electrons are given by

(i) 8960 C (ii) a current of 1.5 A for 30 s?

(c) How many minutes it would take to reduce 0.20 mol of Cu^{2+} to Cu using a current of 10 A.

Solution : (*a*) Moles of electrons required :

(*i*) $MnO_4^- + 5e^- \longrightarrow Mn^{2+}$

1 mol of MnO_4^- will be reduced by 5 mol of electrons

(*ii*) $Al^{3+} + 3e^- \longrightarrow Al$

3 mol of electrons are required to produce 1 mol or 27 g of Al

$\therefore$ 10 g of Al will be produced by $= \frac{3}{27} \times 10$

$= \mathbf{1.11\ mol\ electrons.}$

(*b*) (*i*) 96500 C of electricity $\equiv$ 1 mol of electrons

8960 C of electricity $= \frac{1}{96500} \times 8960$

$= \mathbf{0.0928\ mol\ electrons.}$

(*ii*) Quantity of electricity,

$Q = I \times t = 1.5 \times 30 = 45C$

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Now, 96500 C of electricity = 1 mol of electrons

$\therefore$ 45 C of electricity $= \frac{1}{96500} \times 45$

$= \mathbf{4.66 \times 10^{-4}\ mol\ electrons.}$

(*c*) $Cu^{2+} + 2e^- \longrightarrow Cu$

2 mol of electrons are required to reduce 1 mol of Cu^{2+}

$\therefore$ 0.20 mol of Cu^{2+} will be reduced by $\frac{2}{1} \times 0.20$

$= 0.40$ mol of electrons

Now, 1 mol of electrons $\equiv$ 96500 C

0.4 mol of electrons $= 96500 \times 0.04 = 38600$ C

$Q = I \times t$

$38600 = 10\ A \times t\ (s)$

or $t = \frac{38600}{10} = 3860$ s

or $= \mathbf{64.3\ min.}$

❑ Example 52.

Calculate how long it will take to deposit 1.0 g of chromium when a current of 1.25 A flows through a solution of chromium (III) sulphate. (Molar mass of Cr = 52).

Solution : $Cr^{3+} + 3e^- \longrightarrow Cr\ (s)$

3 mol or 3 × 96500 C of electricity are needed to deposit 1 mol or 52 g of Cr.

52 g of Cr require current = 3 × 96500C

1 *g* of Cr will require current $= \frac{3 \times 96500}{52}$ C

$= 5567.3$ C

Now, number of coulombs = Current (Ampere) × *t* (seconds)

$\therefore$ Time (*s*) required $= \frac{\text{No. of coulombs}}{\text{Current (Ampere)}}$

$= \frac{5567.3\ C}{1.25\ A}$

$= 4453.8$ s

or $= \mathbf{1.24\ hr.}$

❑ Example 53.

How many coulombs are required to deposit 40.5 g of aluminium when the electrode reaction is :

$Al^{3+} + 3e^- \longrightarrow Al$ *(Nagaland S.B. 2015)*

Solution : $Al^{3+} + 3e^- \longrightarrow Al$

1 mol of Al requires 3 mol of electrons or 3 × 96500 C

1 mol of Al = 27 g

27 g of Al require = 3 × 96500 C

40.5 g of Al require $= \frac{3 \times 96500\ C \times 40.5}{27}$

$= \mathbf{434,250\ C.}$

❑ Example 54.

How many coulombs of electricity are required for

(*i*) *oxidation of 1 mol of* H_2O *to* O_2

(*ii*) *oxidation of 1 mol of FeO to* Fe_2O_3

(*iii*) *reduction of 1 mol of* MnO_4^- *to* Mn^{2+}

(*iv*) *reduction of 1 mol of* Cu^{2+} *to Cu*

(*v*) *reduction of 1 mol of* Al^{3+} *to Al*

Solution : (*i*) **Oxidation of H_2O to O_2**

$2H_2O \rightleftharpoons 4H^+ + O_2 + 4e^-$

Oxidation of 2 mol of H_2O require = 4 × 96500 C

Oxidation of 1 mol of H_2O requires = 2 × 96500 C

$= \mathbf{1.93 \times 10^5\ C.}$

(*ii*) **Oxidation of 1 mol of FeO to Fe_2O_3**

$Fe^{2+} \longrightarrow Fe^{3+} + e^-$

Oxidation of 1 mol of Fe^{2+} require = 1 × 96500 C

$= \mathbf{96500\ C.}$

(*iii*) **Reduction of 1 mol of MnO_4^- to Mn^{2+}**

$MnO_4^- + 8H^+ + 5e^- \longrightarrow Mn^{2+} + 4H_2O$

Reduction of 1 mol of MnO_4^- requires = 5 × 96500 C

$= \mathbf{4.825 \times 10^5\ C.}$

(*iv*) **Reduction of Cu^{2+} to Cu**

$Cu^{2+} + 2e^- \longrightarrow Cu$

Reduction of 1 mol of Cu^{2+} requires = 2 × 96500 C

$= \mathbf{1.93 \times 10^5\ C.}$

(*v*) **Reduction of 1 mol of Al^{3+} to Al**

$Al^{3+} + 3e^- \longrightarrow Al$

Reduction of 1 mol of Al^{3+} requires = 3 × 96500 C

$= \mathbf{2.895 \times 10^5\ C.}$

❑ Example 55.

A solution of $Ni(NO_3)_2$ *was electrolysed between platinum electrodes using a current of 5 amp for 30 min. What is the mass of Ni deposited at the cathode ?*

(Pb. S.B. 2012, Meghalaya S.B. 2013)

Solution : The electrolysis of $Ni(NO_3)_2$ may be represented as :

$Ni(NO_3)_2 \longrightarrow Ni^{2+} + 2NO_3^-$

or $Ni^{2+} + 2e^- \longrightarrow Ni$

Quantity of electricity passed

= Current in amperes (I) × Time in seconds (*t*)

$= 5.0 \times 30 \times 60 = 9000$ C ($t = 30 \times 60$ sec)

2 mol of electrons or 2 × 96500 C of current produce 1 mol or 58.5 g of Ni so that 2 × 96500 C of electricity deposit

Ni = 58.5 g

9000 C of electricity deposit Ni $= \frac{58.5 \times 9000}{2 \times 96500} = \mathbf{2.73\ g.}$

❑ Example 56.

How many hours does it take to reduce 3 mol of Fe^{3+} *to* Fe^{2+} *with 2.0 A current? (F = 96500 C)*

Solution : Reduction of Fe^{3+} to Fe^{2+}

$Fe^{3+} + e^- \longrightarrow Fe^{2+}$

Reduction of 1 mol of Fe^{3+} requires = 96500 C

Reduction of 3 mol of Fe^{3+} require = 3 × 96500 C

$= 2.895 \times 10^5$ C

Now, Quantity of electricity = Current × Time

$2.895 \times 10^5 = 2 \times$ Time

$\therefore$ Time $= \frac{2.895 \times 10^5}{2} = 1.4475 \times 10^5$ s

$= \frac{1.4475 \times 10^5}{60 \times 60} = \mathbf{40.21\ hours.}$

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❑ Example 57.

Three electrolytic cells A, B and C containing electrolytes of zinc sulphate, silver nitrate and copper sulphate respectively were connected in series. A steady current of 1.50 amp was passed through them until 1.45 g of silver were deposited at the cathode of cell B.

(i) How long did the current flow ?

(ii) What weight of copper and zinc get deposited ?

(D.S.B. 2008, Assam S.B. 2013, 2017 Meghalaya S.B. 2014, 2016)

Solution : **Cell B** contains $AgNO_3$ and reaction may be represented as :

$$AgNO_3 \rightleftharpoons Ag^+ + NO_3^-$$

$$Ag^+ + e^- \rightleftharpoons Ag \text{ (At cathode)}$$

According to the equation,

1 mol or 108 g of silver is deposited by 96500 C

$$\text{1.45 g silver is deposited by} = \frac{96500 \times 1.45}{108}$$

$$= \mathbf{1295.6\ C.}$$

Now, $Q = I \times t$

$1295.6 = 1.5 \times t$

or $t = \dfrac{1295.6}{1.5} = 863$ s.

The weights of copper and zinc can be calculated by using Faraday's second law of electrolysis.

In cell A, the electrode reaction is

$$Zn^{2+} + 2e^- \longrightarrow Zn$$

2 mol of electrons or 2 × 96500 C of current produce 1 mol or 65.3 g of Zn so that

$$\text{2} \times \text{96500 C of electricity deposit Zn} = 65.3 \text{ g}$$

$$\text{1295.6 C of electricity deposit Zn} = \frac{65.3}{2 \times 96500} \times 1295.6$$

$$= \mathbf{0.438\ g.}$$

In cell C, the electrode reaction is

2 mol of electrons or 2 × 96500 C of current produce 1 mol or 63.5 g of Cu so that

$$\text{2} \times \text{96500 C of current deposit Cu} = 63.5 \text{ g}$$

$$\text{1295.6 C of current deposit Cu} = \frac{63.5 \times 1295.6}{2 \times 96500}$$

$$= \mathbf{0.426\ g.}$$

❑ Example 58.

In the electrolysis of acidulated water, it is desired to obtain hydrogen at the rate of 1cc per second at STP conditions. What should be the current passed ?

Solution :

$$2H^+ + 2e^- \longrightarrow H_2$$

1 mol of H_2 or 22400 cc of H_2 at STP requires = 2 × 96500 C

$$\therefore \text{ 1cc of } H_2 \text{ at N.T.P. requires} = \frac{2 \times 96500}{22400} = 8.616 \text{ C}$$

Now, $Q = I \times t$

$$I = \frac{Q}{t} = \frac{8.616}{1s}$$

$$= \mathbf{8.616\ ampere.}$$

❑ Example 59.

Predict the products of electrolysis of an aqueous solution of $CuBr_2$.

Solution : The probable reactions at cathode are :

(*i*) $Cu^{2+}(aq) + 2e^- \longrightarrow Cu(s)$, $E^\ominus = 0.34$ V

(*ii*) $2H_2O(l) + 2e^- \longrightarrow H_2(g) + 2OH^-(aq)$, $E^\ominus = -0.83$ V

Since the reduction potential of Cu^{2+} ions is higher than that of water, *copper will be reduced preferably at cathode.*

The probable reactions at anode are :

$$2Br^-(aq) \longrightarrow Br_2(g) + 2e^- \qquad E^\ominus = 1.08 \text{ V}$$

$$H_2O(l) \longrightarrow \frac{1}{2} O_2(g) + 2H^+ + 2e^- \quad E^\ominus = 1.23 \text{ V}$$

Since the reduction potential of Br^- is less than water, *it will be readily oxidised to Br_2 at anode.* Therefore, the reactions are:

At cathode : $Cu^{2+}(aq) + 2e^- \longrightarrow Cu(s)$

At anode : $2Br^-(aq) \rightarrow Br_2(g) + 2e^-$

❑ Example 60.

Two electrolytic cells containing silver nitrate solution and dilute sulphuric acid solution were connected in series. A steady current of 2.5 amp was passed through them till 1.078 g of silver was deposited.

[Ag = 107.8 g mol^{-1}, 1F = 96500 C]

(i) How much electricity was consumed ?

(ii) What was the weight of oxygen gas liberated ?

(C.B.S.E. Sample Paper 2011)

Solution : (*i*) In first cell, silver is deposited at cathode as

$Ag^+(aq) + e^- \longrightarrow Ag(s)$

107.8 g of Ag require electricity = 96500 C

1.078 g of Ag require electricity = **965 C**

(*ii*) O_2 gas liberated at anode of first cell and second cell according to the equation :

$2H_2O(l) \longrightarrow 4H^+(aq) + 4e^- + O_2(g)$

4 × 96500 C electricity = 1 mol of O_2 at each cell

= 32 g of O_2 at each cell

$$\text{965 C of electricity} = \frac{32}{4 \times 96500} \times 965 = 0.08 \text{ g } O_2 \text{ at each cell}$$

Total amount of O_2 at anode of both cells = 2 × 0.08 = **0.16 g**.

❑ Example 61.

How many moles of mercury will be produced by electrolysing 1.0 M $Hg(NO_3)_2$ solution with a current of 2.00 A for 3 hours ?

[$Hg(NO_3)_2$ = 200.6 g mol^{-1}] *(A.I.S.B. 2011)*

Solution : $Hg^{2+} + 2e^- \longrightarrow Hg$

Quantity of electricity passed = $I \times t$ (sec.)

$= 2.0 \text{ A} \times 3.0 \times 60 \times 60$

$= 21600$ C

2 × 96500 C of electricity produce mercury = 1 mol

21600 C of electricity will produce mercury

$$= \frac{1}{2 \times 96500} \times 21600$$

$$= \mathbf{0.112\ mol.}$$

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Practice Problems

51. Calculate the mass of Ag deposited at cathode when a current of 2 amperes was passed through a solution of $AgNO_3$ for 15 minutes.
(Given : Molar mass of Ag = 108 g mol^{-1}, 1F = 96500 C mol^{-1}) *(D.S.B. 2017)*

52. When a current of 0.75 A is passed through a $CuSO_4$ solution for 25 min, 0.369 g of copper is deposited. Calculate the atomic mass of copper.

53. How many grams of chlorine can be produced by the electrolysis of molten NaCl with a current of 1.00 A for 15 minutes?

54. How many coulombs of electricity are required for the following processes :
(*i*) oxidation of 1 mol of FeO to Fe_2O_3
(*ii*) oxidation of 1 mol of H_2O_2 to O_2
(*iii*) reduction of 1 mol of F_2 to $2F^-$?

55. The same quantity of electrical charge that deposited 0.583 g of silver was passed through a solution of gold salt and 0.355 g of gold was formed. What is the oxidation state of gold in this salt ?

56. How many hours does it require to reduce 3 mol of Fe^{3+} to Fe^{2+} by passing 2.00 A current ?

57. What current in amperes is required to produce 50.0 ml of O_2 gas measured at STP by electrolysis of water for a period of 3 hrs ?

58. How much electricity in terms of Faradays is required to produce ?
(*i*) 10.0 g of Ca from molten $CaCl_2$
(*ii*) 81 g of Al from molten Al_2O_3

59. Silver is electrodeposited on a metallic vessel of surface area 800 cm^2 by passing a current of 0.2 ampere for 3 hours. Calculate the thickness of silver deposited, given its density is 10.47 g/cc. (At. wt. of Ag = 107.92).

60. How much electricity in terms of Faraday is required to produce 40 g of Al from molten Al_2O_3? (Atomic mass of Al = 27) *(Hr. S.B. 2011)*

Answers to Practice Problems

51. 2.014 g.
52. 63.3 u.
53. 0.331 g.
54. (*i*) 96500 C
(*ii*) 193000 C
(*iii*) 193000 C.
55. +3
56. 40.21 hr.
57. 0.0798 A.
58. (*i*) 0.5 F (*ii*) 9.0 F
59. 2.89×10^{-4} cm.
60. 4.44 F.

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Advanced Level PROBLEMS *Accelerate Your Potential*

Problem 12. Silver is electrodeposited on a metallic vessel of total surface area 900 cm^2 by passing a current of 0.5 ampere for two hours. Calculate the thickness of silver deposited (given density of silver = 10.5 g cm^{-3}, atomic mass of silver = 108 amu, F = 96500 C mol^{-1}). *(A.I.S.B. 2006)*

Solution Silver is deposited as

$$Ag^+ + e^- \longrightarrow Ag$$

Quantity of electricity passed, $Q = I \times t$

$I = 0.5$ amp., $t = 2 \times 60 \times 60$ s

$\therefore \quad Q = 0.5 \times 2 \times 60 \times 60 = 3600$ C

96500 C of electricity deposited = 108 g Ag

$$3600 \text{ C of electricity deposited Ag} = \frac{108}{96500} \times 3600$$

$$= 4.029 \text{ g}$$

Let the thickness of silver deposited = x cm

Weight = Volume × Density

= Area × Thickness × Density

$$4.029 = 900 \times x \times 10.59$$

or $$x = \frac{4.029}{900 \times 10.59} = \mathbf{4.23 \times 10^{-4}\ cm.}$$

Problem 13. Chromium metal can be plated out from an acidic solution containing CrO_3 according to the following reaction :

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$$CrO_3\,(aq) + 6\,H^+\,(aq) + 6e^- \longrightarrow Cr\,(s) + 3H_2O$$

Calculate (*i*) how many grams of chromium will be plated out by 24,000 coulombs and (*ii*) how long will it take to plate out 1.5 g of chromium using 12.5 amp current ? (Atomic mass of Cr = 52).

Solution $CrO_3\,(aq) + 6H^+\,(aq) + 6e^- \longrightarrow Cr(s) + 3H_2O$

Since 6 mole of electrons are required to deposit 1 mol of Cr,

(*i*) 6×96500 C of electricity deposit Cr = 52 g

24,000 C of electricity will deposit Cr

$$= \frac{52}{96500 \times 6} \times 24{,}000 = \mathbf{2.1554\ g}$$

(*ii*) Amount of electricity needed to plate out 1 mol Cr (52 g) = 96500×6 C

Amount of electricity required to deposit 1.5 g of Cr

$$= \frac{96500 \times 6}{52} \times 1.5 = 16071.9\ \text{C}$$

Time for which electricity is to be passed,

$$Q = I \times t$$

$$16071.9 = 12.5 \times t$$

$$\therefore \quad t = \frac{16071.9}{12.5} = 1330.15$$

$$s = \mathbf{22.27\ min.}$$

Problem 14. An aqueous solution of an unknown salt of palladium is electrolysed by a current of 3.0 A passing for 1 hr. During electrolysis, 2.977 g of palladium ions are reduced at the cathode. What is the charge on the palladium ions in solutions ?

Solution Quantity of electricity passed,

$$Q = I \times t$$

$$= 3.0 \times 1.0 \times 60 \times 60 = 10800\ \text{C}$$

Now, palladium ions are reduced at cathode as

Pd^{n+} + ne^- ⟶ Pd

1 mol n-mol 1 mol (106.4 g)

n mol of electrons or $n \times 96500$ C produce 106.4 g of palladium.

96500 nC of current reduce palladium ions = 106.4 g

10800 C of current reduce palladium ions

$$= \frac{106.4\ g}{96500\ n} \times 10800$$

But amount of palladium ions reduced = 2.977 g

$$\therefore \quad \frac{106.4}{96500\ n} \times 10800 = 2.977$$

or $$n = \frac{106.4 \times 10800}{96500 \times 2.977} = 4.0$$

$\therefore$ Palladium ions are Pd^{4+} or charge on palladium is **+4.**

Problem 15. A current of 1.5 A is passed through 500 mL of 0.25 M solution of zinc sulphate for 1 hr with a current efficiency of 90%. Calculate the final molarity of Zn^{2+} assuming volume to be constant.

Solution Quantity of electricity passed, $Q = I \times t$

$$I = 1.5 \times \frac{90}{100},\ t = 1 \times 60 \times 60 = 3600\ s$$

$$Q = 1.5 \times \frac{90}{100} \times 3600$$

$$= 4860\ \text{C}$$

$$\text{Faraday of electricity passed} = \frac{4860}{96500} = 0.050\ \text{F}$$

Now $Zn^{2+} + 2e^- \longrightarrow Zn$

2F of electricity convert 1 mol of Zn^{2+} to Zn.

$$\text{0.05 F of electricity will convert } Zn^{2+} \text{ to Zn} = \frac{1}{2} \times 0.05$$

$$= 0.025\ \text{mol}$$

$$\text{Initial moles of } Zn^{2+} \text{ in 500 mL solution} = \frac{0.25}{1000} \times 500$$

$$= 0.125\ \text{mol}$$

Moles of Zn^{2+} ions left in the solution = 0.125 – 0.025

$$= 0.10\ \text{mol}$$

$$\therefore \quad \text{Final molarity of } Zn^{2+} \text{ solution} = \frac{0.1}{500} \times 1000$$

$$= \mathbf{0.2\ M}$$

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Electrochemical cell
Cathode is +ve (Reduction)
Anode is –ve (Oxidation)

Electrolytic cell
Cathode is –ve (Reduction)
Anode is +ve (Oxidation)

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GALVANIC CELL AND ELECTROLYTIC CELL

The main points of differences are summed up below :

Electrochemical cell	Electrolytic cell
1. It is a device which converts chemical energy into electrical energy.	It is a device which converts electrical energy into chemical energy.
2. In this case, the redox reaction is spontaneous and is responsible for the production of electrical energy.	The redox reaction is non-spontaneous and electrical energy is supplied to make the reaction to occur (*i.e.*, chemical change to take place).
3. The two half cells are set up in different containers and are connected through salt bridge or porous partition.	Both the electrodes are placed in the solution or molten electrolyte in the same container.
4. In electrochemical cell, anode is negative and cathode is positive electrode.	In electrolytic cell, anode is positive and cathode is negative electrode.
5. Oxidation occurs at negative electrode and reduction occurs at positive electrode.	Oxidation occurs at positive electrode and reduction occurs at negative electrode.
6. The electrons move from anode to cathode in external circuit.	The electrons are supplied by the external battery and enter through cathode and come out through anode.

REMEMBER

	Electro chemical cell	Electrolytic cell
Cathode		
Sign	+ve	–ve
Function	electron accepting (reduction)	cation attracting or cation reduced
Anode		
Sign	–ve	+ve
Function	electron supplying (oxidation)	anion attracting or anion oxidised

SOME COMMERCIAL CELLS : BATTERIES

One of the main uses of galvanic cells is the generation of portable electrical energy. These cells are also popularly known as batteries. The term battery is generally used for two or more galvanic cells connected in series. Thus, a **battery** *is an arrangement of electrochemical cells that can be used as a source of direct electric current at a constant voltage.* The basis of an electrochemical cell is an oxidation-reduction reaction. However, for practical purposes there are some limitations to the use of redox reactions.

A useful battery should also fulfil the following requirements :

(*i*) It should be light and compact so that it can be easily transported.
(*ii*) It should have reasonably long life both when it is being used and when it is not used.
(*iii*) The voltage of the battery should not vary appreciably during its use.

Types of commercial cells. There are mainly two types of commercial cells :

(*i*) Primary batteries or cells
(*ii*) Secondary batteries or cells.

(*i*) **Primary batteries or cells.** In these cells, the electrode reactions cannot be reversed by an external electric energy source. In these cells, reactions occur only once and after use they become dead. Therefore, they are **not chargeable.** Some common examples are dry cell, mercury cell.

(*ii*) **Secondary batteries or cells.** In the secondary cells, the reactions can be reversed by an external electric energy source. Therefore, these cells can be **recharged** by passing electric current and used again and again. These are also called **storage cells.** Examples of secondary cells are : lead storage battery and nickel-cadmium storage cell.

Let us discuss some examples :

A. Primary Cells

1. Dry cells. The most familiar commercial cells are dry cells. These are used in torches, toys, flash lights, calculators, tape recorders and many other devices. These are based on Leclanche cell invented by G. Leclanche in 1868. A dry cell is shown in Fig. 19. It consists of a zinc cylinder. This is filled with a moist paste of NH_4Cl and little of $ZnCl_2$. The zinc cylinder acts as a anode. The cathode is a graphite (carbon) rod. The carbon rod is surrounded by a black paste of manganese dioxide (MnO_2) and carbon powder. The zinc case has an outer insulation of cardboard case. During use, the zinc case gets consumed and in the end, it will develop holes which are responsible for leakages. The leak proof cells or dry cells have an iron or steel sheet covering the zinc.

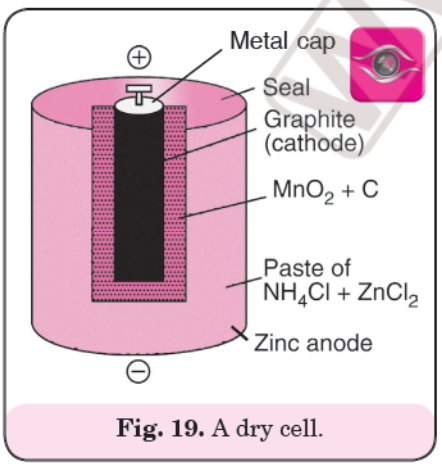


Fig. 19. A dry cell.

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When the cell is working, zinc loses electrons and Zn^{2+} ions dissolve in the electrolyte. The electrons pass around the external circuit and are taken up at cathode. This causes discharge of NH_4^+ ions from the electrolyte. The reactions taking place at the electrodes are :

Anode : $Zn \longrightarrow Zn^{2+} + 2e^-$

Cathode : $2NH_4^+(aq) + 2MnO_2(s) + 2e^- \longrightarrow 2MnO(OH) + 2NH_3$

Overall : $Zn + 2NH_4^+(aq) + 2MnO_2(s) \longrightarrow Zn^{2+} + 2MnO(OH) + 2NH_3$

In the cathode reaction, manganese is reduced from +4 oxidation state to +3 oxidation state. Ammonia formed is not liberated as a gas but it combines with some of the Zn^{2+} ions and Cl^- ions produced from the anode to form complex ion having the formula $[Zn(NH_3)_2Cl_2]$. This also prevents the seal of the cell to crack because of developed pressure.

It gives voltage of approximately 1.2 to 1.5 V. There are many varieties of dry cells such as silver cell or lithium cell.

This dry cell does not have an indefinite life because of acidic conditions due to the presence of NH_4Cl. Due to the action of H^+ ions from NH_4^+, the zinc container (anode) corrodes even when not in use.

$$Zn(s) + 2H^+(aq) \longrightarrow Zn^{2+}(aq) + H_2(g)$$

To avoid this difficulty, a modified form of dry cell called **alkaline dry cell** has been prepared. In alkaline dry cell the electrolyte NaOH or KOH is used in place of NH_4Cl.

2. Mercury cell. A new type of cell which has found use in small electrical circuits such as hearing aids, watches and cameras is the mercury cell. It consists of a zinc-mercury amalgam as anode and a paste of mercury (II) oxide and carbon as the cathode. The electrolyte is a paste of KOH and ZnO. A lining of porous paper keeps the electrolyte separated from the zinc anode. A commercially used mercury cell is shown in Fig. 20. The reactions occurring in the cell are as follows :

Anode : $\underset{\text{(Amalgam)}}{Zn(Hg)} + 2OH^- \longrightarrow ZnO(s) + H_2O + 2e^-$

Cathode : $HgO(s) + H_2O + 2e^- \longrightarrow Hg(l) + 2OH^-$

Overall : $\underset{\text{(Amalgam)}}{Zn(Hg)} + HgO(s) \longrightarrow ZnO(s) + Hg(l)$

In this case, the overall cell reaction does not involve any ion in solution whose concentration can change. Therefore, it has the advantage that its potential remains almost constant throughout its life. This is its special feature. By contrast, the potential of the ordinary dry cell decreases slowly but continuously as it is used. The voltage of mercury cell is approximately **1.35 V.**

B. Secondary Cells

Ordinary cells are not rechargeable. However, there are some cells which can be recharged. These are called accumulators or storage cells. These can be recharged and used again and again as a source of electric current. The most popular example is lead storage cell which is used in automobiles such as cars, buses, trucks, etc.

1. Lead Storage Cell

This is the most commonly used battery in automobiles. Each battery consists of a number of voltaic cells connected in series. Three to six such cells are generally combined to get 6 to 12 volt battery. In each cell, the anode is a grid of lead packed with finely divided spongy lead and the cathode is a grid of lead packed with PbO_2. The electrolyte is aqueous solution of sulphuric acid (38% by mass) having a density 1.30 g mL^{-1} sulphuric acid (Fig. 21). When the lead plates are kept for sometimes, a deposit of lead sulphate is formed on them.

At the anode, lead is oxidised to Pb^{2+} ions and insoluble $PbSO_4$ is formed. At the cathode, PbO_2 is reduced to Pb^{2+} ions and $PbSO_4$ is formed.

REMEMBER

- **Primary cells** in which electrode reactions cannot be reversed by external electric energy source.
  ⇒ **not chargeable.**
- **Secondary cells** in which electrode reactions can be reversed by external electric energy source.
  ⇒ **chargeable**
  are called **batteries**.

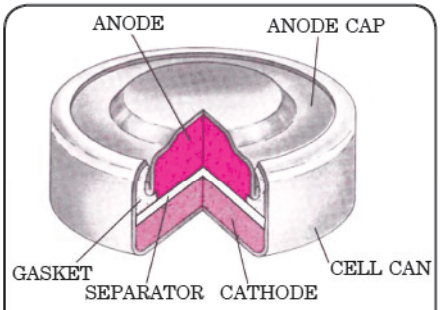


Fig. 20. A commercially used mercury cell.

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❐ ***When a car is running its battery gets charged itself.***

▶ When an engine of an automobile (car) is running, electrical energy is produced in the alternator which keeps on charging the battery.

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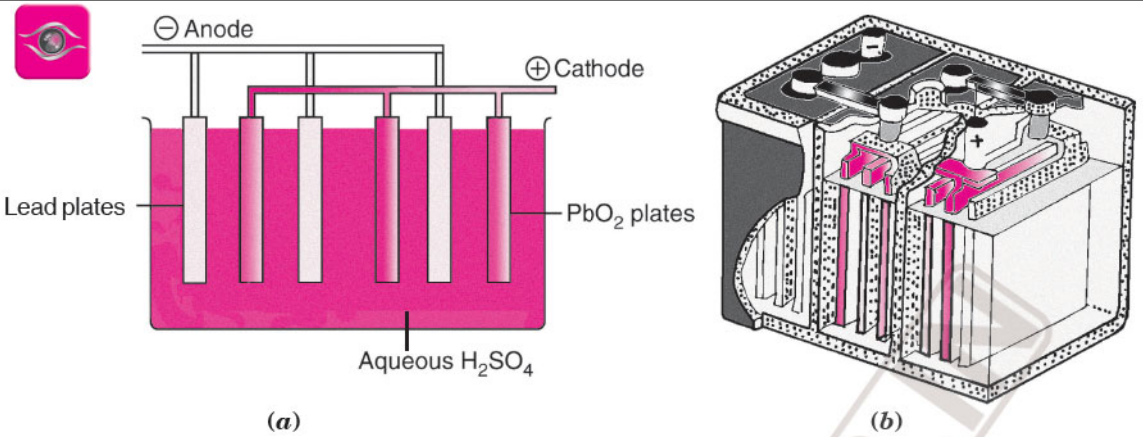


Fig. 21. (*a*) Lead storage battery; (*b*) Lead storage battery (commercial design).

The following reactions take place in the lead storage cell :

At anode. Lead loses two electrons and is oxidised to Pb^{2+} ions

$$Pb(s) \longrightarrow Pb^{2+}(aq) + 2e^-$$

$$Pb^{2+}(aq) + SO_4^{2-}(aq) \longrightarrow PbSO_4(s)$$

The overall anode reaction may be written as :

$$\mathbf{Pb(s) + SO_4^{2-}(aq) \longrightarrow PbSO_4(s) + 2e^-}$$

At cathode. The PbO_2 is reduced as :

$$PbO_2(s) + 4H^+ + 2e^- \longrightarrow Pb^{2+}(aq) + 2H_2O$$

$$Pb^{2+}(aq) + SO_4^{2-}(aq) \longrightarrow PbSO_4(s)$$

The overall cathode reaction is :

$$\mathbf{PbO_2(s) + 4H^+(aq) + SO_4^{2-}(aq) + 2e^- \longrightarrow PbSO_4\,(s) + 2H_2O(l)}$$

Thus, the complete electrode reactions and overall cell reaction are :

Anode :

$$Pb(s) + SO_4^{2-}(aq) \longrightarrow PbSO_4(s) + 2e^-$$

Cathode :

$$PbO_2(s) + 4H^+ + SO_4^{2-} + 2e^- \longrightarrow PbSO_4(s) + 2H_2O$$

Overall :

$$\mathbf{Pb(s) + PbO_2(s) + 2H_2SO_4(aq) \longrightarrow 2PbSO_4(s) + 2H_2O\,(l)}$$

The cell may be represented as :

$$Pb \mid PbSO_4 \parallel H_2SO_4(aq) \mid PbO_2 \mid Pb$$

The potential of the cell depends on the concentration (density) of H_2SO_4. It is clear from the above reactions that during the working of the cell, $PbSO_4$ is formed at each electrode and sulphuric acid is used up. As a result, the concentration of H_2SO_4 decreases and the density of the solution also decreases. When the density of H_2SO_4 falls below 1.2 g mL^{-1}, the battery needs recharging.

Recharging the Battery

The cell can be recharged by passing electric current of a suitable voltage in the opposite direction. The cell works like an electrolytic cell and the electrode reactions get reversed. All the cell reactions that occur during discharge are reversed where H_2SO_4 is generated and its concentration is increased. During charging process, the functions of anode and cathode are reversed. Now PbO_2 electrode is anode (+ve) and Pb is cathode (–ve).

At anode. It is the reverse reaction at cathode during discharge.

$$PbSO_4(s) + 2H_2O(l) \longrightarrow PbO_2(s) + 4H^+(aq) + SO_4^{2-}(aq) + 2e^-$$

At cathode. It is reverse of oxidation at anode during discharge.

$$PbSO_4(s) + 2e^- \longrightarrow Pb(s) + SO_4^{2-}(aq)$$

Lithium Batteries

- These days a large number of batteries are known in which lithium metal is used as an anode and are known as **lithium batteries** and have different cathode and electrolyte. Lithium is a light metal and has low electrode potential and good conductivity. Therefore, lithium is a good material for batteries which provide high potential. These may be primary or secondary.
- Lithium ion batteries are rechargeable and are now becoming very popular for use in lap tops, computers, cell phones, MP-3 players, etc. These provide high voltage in the range 3.6–3.7 V. These cannot be discharged by themselves easily and therefore, can be used for longer periods. These consist of cathode made of lithium cobalt oxide ($LiCoO_2$) and anode made of graphite. The electrolyte used is lithium salt (commonly $LiPF_6$) dissolved in some organic solvent (ethylene carbonate or dimethyl carbonate).

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The net cell reaction is

Anode : $PbSO_4(s) + 2H_2O(l) \longrightarrow PbO_2(s) + 4H^+(aq) + SO_4^{2-}(aq) + 2e^-$

Cathode : $PbSO_4(s) + 2e^- \longrightarrow Pb(s) + SO_4^{2-}(aq)$

Overall $2PbSO_4(s) + 2H_2O(l) \longrightarrow Pb(s) + PbO_2(s) + 4H^+(aq) + 2SO_4^{2-}(aq)$

or $2PbSO_4(s) + 2H_2O(l) \longrightarrow Pb(s) + PbO_2(s) + 2H_2SO_4(aq)$

Such an operation is possible because the $PbSO_4$ formed during discharge is a solid and sticks to the electrodes. Therefore, it can either take or give up electrons during electrolysis. Thus, **the overall reaction is exactly opposite the normal cell reaction.** The reaction shows that H_2SO_4 is regenerated and its density increases. Hence, cell potential increases and the cell is recharged.

It may be noted that storage battery acts as voltaic cell as well as electrolytic cell. For example, when it is used to start the engine of the automobile, it acts as a voltaic cell and produces electric energy. During recharging, it acts as an electrolytic cell.

2. Nickel Cadmium Storage Cell

This is also a rechargeable cell. It has longer life than the lead storage cell but more expensive than lead storage battery. However, it has some advantages because it is smaller and lighter. It can be used in portable and cordless appliances. It consists of a cadmium anode and a metal grid containing NiO_2 acting as a cathode as shown in Fig. 22. The electrolyte in this cell is KOH. The reactions taking place during discharge and charge are :

Anode :

$$Cd(s) + 2OH^- \underset{\text{Charge}}{\overset{\text{Discharge}}{\rightleftharpoons}} CdO(s) + H_2O(l) + 2e^-$$

Cathode :

$$2Ni(OH)_3(s) + 2e^- \underset{\text{Charge}}{\overset{\text{Discharge}}{\rightleftharpoons}} 2Ni(OH)_2(s) + 2OH^-(aq)$$

Overall :

$$Cd(s) + 2Ni(OH)_3(s) \underset{\text{Charge}}{\overset{\text{Discharge}}{\rightleftharpoons}} CdO(s) + 2Ni(OH)_2(s) + H_2O(l)$$

In these reactions, there is no formation of gaseous products. The reaction products generally remain sticking to the electrodes and can be reconverted by recharging the cell. The charging process is similar to lead storage battery.

It produces a potential of about 1.4 V. It has longer life than lead storage cell.

Some **main characteristics** of common cells are :

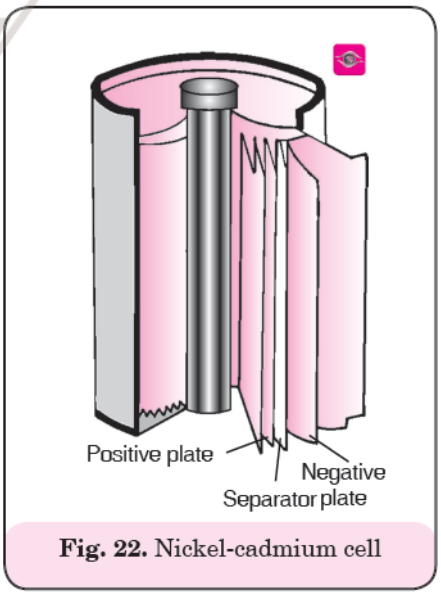


Fig. 22. Nickel-cadmium cell

Cell	Cathode/Anode	Electrolyte	Cell reaction
Dry cell	Graphite/Zinc	MnO_2 + C (touching cathode) $NH_4Cl + ZnCl_2$ (touching anode)	**Anode :** $Zn \longrightarrow Zn^{2+} + 2e^-$ **Cathode :** $MnO_2(s) + NH_4^+(aq) + e^- \longrightarrow MnO(OH) + NH_3] \times 2$ $Zn + 2MnO_2(s) + 2NH_4^+(aq) \longrightarrow Zn^{2+} + 2MnO(OH) + 2NH_3$
Mercury cell	Hg(II) oxide/Zinc	Paste of KOH and ZnO	**Anode :** $Zn(Hg) + 2OH^- \longrightarrow ZnO(s) + H_2O + 2e^-$ **Cathode :** $HgO(s) + H_2O + 2e^- \longrightarrow Hg(l) + 2OH^-$ $Zn(Hg) + HgO(s) \longrightarrow ZnO(s) + Hg(l)$
Lead storage cell	Lead packed with PbO_2 / Lead	38% H_2SO_4 solution	**Anode :** $Pb(s) + SO_4^{2-}(aq) \longrightarrow PbSO_4(s) + 2e^-$ **Cathode :** $PbO_2(s) + SO_4^{2-}(aq) + 4H^+(aq) + 2e^- \longrightarrow PbSO_4(s) + 2H_2O$ $Pb(s) + PbO_2(s) + 2H_2SO_4(aq) \longrightarrow 2PbSO_4(s) + 2H_2O$
Nickel-Cadmium storage cell	NiO_2 / Cd	KOH solution	**Anode :** $Cd(s) + 2OH^- \longrightarrow CdO(s) + H_2O(l) + 2e^-$ **Cathode:** $2Ni(OH)_3(s) + 2e^- \longrightarrow 2Ni(OH)_2(s) + 2OH^-(aq)$ $Cd(s) + 2Ni(OH)_3(s) \longrightarrow CdO(s) + 2Ni(OH)_2(s) + H_2O(l)$

FUEL CELLS

Fuel cells are galvanic cells in which the energy of combustion of fuels like hydrogen, methane, methanol, etc is directly converted into electrical energy.

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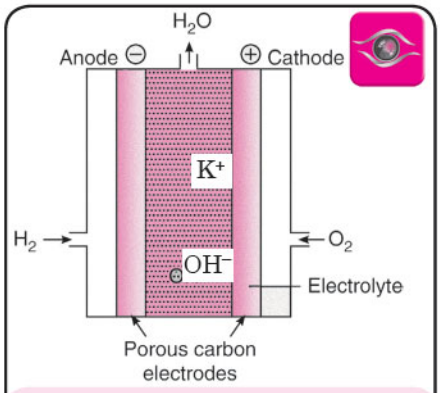


Fig. 23. A simple H_2–O_2 fuel cell.

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Fuel cells are undergoing intensive developments. Fuel cells based on the combustion of hydrocarbons such as CH_4, C_2H_6, C_3H_8, etc. in the presence of catalysts have been designed. Many varieties of fuel cells are possible and in some the electrolyte is a solid polymer membrane or a ceramic. Depending upon the different types of electrolytes used, the fuel cells are classified as

(*i*) *alkali fuel cells* [electrolyte is KOH(aq)]

(*ii*) *phosphoric acid fuel cells* [electrolyte is $H_3PO_4(aq)$.

(*iii*) Molten carbonate fuel cells [electrolyte is $K_2CO_3(l)$/ $Li_2CO_3(l)$].

In this, methane is used as a fuel. Recently, a zinc-air fuel cell (ZAFC) is developed in USA as a source of power in automobiles in which zinc metal is used in place of hydrogen gas.

Efficiency of a Fuel Cell

The theoretical efficiency of a fuel cell can be calculated from enthalpy of combustion (ΔH) and useful work done (ΔG) *i.e.*, electricity produced. The thermodynamic efficiency (η) of a fuel cell is

$$\text{Efficiency } (\eta) = \frac{\Delta G}{\Delta H} \times 100$$

For example, ΔH for H_2–O_2 fuel cell has been found to be -285.5 kJ mol^{-1} and theoretical voltage of the cell has been found to be 1.23 V.

$$\Delta G \text{ (fuel cell)} = -nFE^\circ_{cell}$$
$$= (-2) \times (96500 \text{ C mol}^{-1}) \times (1.23 \text{ V})$$
$$= -237390 \text{ J mol}^{-1}$$
$$= -237.39 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

$$\therefore \eta = \frac{-237.39 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}}{-285.5 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}} \times 100 = \mathbf{83\%}$$

The actual efficiency of the cell is 60–70%

In these cells, the reactants are continuously supplied to the electrodes and the products are continuously removed from the electrolyte compartment. Therefore, these fuel cells differ from the ordinary galvanic cells in that the reactants are not placed in the cell but are continuously supplied to the electrodes from the reservoir. The common example is hydrogen-oxygen fuel cell as described below:

Hydrogen-Oxygen Fuel Cell

In H_2 – O_2 fuel cell, hydrogen gas is used as fuel and oxygen gas acts as the oxidising agent. The energy of combustion of H_2 is converted into electrical energy.

The cell consists of porous carbon electrodes immersed in concentrated aqueous sodium hydroxide or potassium hydroxide solution. Catalysts like finely divided platinum or palladium metal are incorporated into the electrodes for increasing the rate of electrode reactions. Hydrogen and oxygen are bubbled through porous electrodes into the NaOH or KOH solution (Fig. 23). Hydrogen (the fuel) is fed into the anode compartment where it is oxidised. The oxygen is fed into cathode compartment where it is reduced. The diffusion rates of the gases into the cell are carefully regulated to get maximum efficiency. The net reaction is the same as burning of hydrogen and oxygen to form water.

Anode : $2[H_2(g) + 2OH^-(aq) \longrightarrow 2H_2O(l) + 2e^-]$

Cathode : $O_2(g) + 2H_2O(l) + 4e^- \longrightarrow 4OH^-(aq)$

Overall : $2H_2(g) + O_2(g) \longrightarrow 2H_2O(l)$

The theoretical voltage of an ideal H_2 – O_2 fuel cell at standard conditions of 1 atm pressure and 298 K temperature is 1.23 V. However, the typical operating voltage is about 0.6 – 0.7 V for high performance fuel cells. This cell runs continuously as long as the reactants are fed. These fuel cells are more efficient than conventionally used methods of generating electricity on a large scale by burning hydrogen, carbon, fuels because these fuel cells convert the energy of the fuel directly into electricity.

This cell has been used for providing electric power in the Apollo space programme. Fuel cells offer great promises for energy conversion in future. The **important advantages of fuel cells over ordinary batteries are:**

(*i*) **High efficiency.** The fuel cells convert the energy of a fuel directly into electricity and therefore, they are more efficient than the conventional methods of generating electricity on a large scale by burning hydrogen, carbon fuels. Though we expect 100% efficiency in fuel cells, so far 60 – 70% efficiency has been attained. The conventional methods of production of electrical energy involve combustion of a fuel to liberate heat which is then used to produce electricity. The efficiency of these methods is only about 40%.

(*ii*) **Continuous source of energy.** There is no electrode material to be replaced as in ordinary battery. The fuel can be fed continuously to produce power. For this reason, H_2 – O_2 fuel cells have been used in space crafts.

(*iii*) **Pollution free working.** There are no objectionable by-products and, therefore, they do not cause pollution problems.

Another common fuel cell is propane-oxygen cell. The half cell reactions are:

Anode : $C_3H_8(g) + 6H_2O(l) \longrightarrow 3CO_2(g) + 20H^+ + 20\ e^-$

Cathode : $5O_2(g) + 20H^+(aq) + 20\ e^- \longrightarrow 10H_2O(l)$

Overall : $C_3H_8(g) + 5O_2(g) \longrightarrow 3CO_2(g) + 4H_2O(l)$

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Since fuel cells are efficient and free from pollution, attempts are being made to get better commercially practical fuel cells.

CORROSION

When metals are exposed to atmospheric conditions, they react with air or water in the environment to form undesirable compounds (usually oxides). This process is called **corrosion.** Almost all metals *except the least active metals such as gold, platinum and palladium are attacked by environment i.e.,* undergo corrosion. For example, silver tarnishes, copper develops a green coating, lead or stainless steel lose their lustre due to corrosion. Corrosion causes enormous damage to buildings, bridges, ships and many other articles made of iron. Thus,

corrosion is a *process of deterioration of a metal as a result of its reaction with air or water (environment) surrounding it.*

In case of iron, corrosion is called **rusting.** Chemically, rust is hydrated form of ferric oxide, $Fe_2O_3 . xH_2O$. Rusting of iron is generally caused by moisture, carbon dioxide and oxygen present in air. It has been observed that rusting takes place only when iron is in contact with moist air. *Iron does not rust in dry air and in vacuum.*

Factors which affect corrosion. The main factors which affect corrosion are :

(*i*) **Position of metals in e.m.f. series.** The reactivity of metal depends upon its position in the electrochemical series. More the reactivity of metal, the more will be the possibility of the metal getting corroded.

(*ii*) **Presence of impurities in metals.** The impurities help in setting up voltaic cells, which increase the speed of corrosion.

(*iii*) **Presence of electrolytes.** Presence of electrolytes in water also increases the rate of corrosion. For example, corrosion of iron in sea water takes place to larger extent than in distilled water.

(*iv*) **Presence of CO_2 in water.** Presence of CO_2 in natural water increases rusting of iron. Water containing CO_2 acts as an electrolyte and increases the flow of electrons from one place to another.

(*v*) **Presence of protective coatings.** When the iron surface is coated with layers of metals more active than iron, then the rate of corrosion is retarded. For example, coating of zinc on iron prevents rusting.

Mechanism of Rusting of Iron

Electrochemical theory of rusting. The phenomenon of corrosion can be explained with the help of electrochemical theory which involves oxidation and reduction reactions. According to electrochemical theory of corrosion, it is believed that non-uniform surface of metal or impurities present in iron behave like small electric cells (called corrosion couples) in the presence of water containing dissolved oxygen or carbon dioxide. A film of moisture with dissolved CO_2 constitutes electrolytic solution covering the metal surface at various places. The schematic representation of mechanism of rusting of iron is shown in Fig. 24.

In the small electrolytic cells, pure iron acts as anode while cathodes are impure portions. The overall rusting involves the following steps :

At a particular spot of an object made up of iron, oxidation takes place and the spot behaves as an anode.

At anode $\quad Fe(s) \longrightarrow Fe^{2+}(aq) + 2e^- \quad ...(4)$

Thus, the metal atoms in the lattice pass into the solution as ferrous (Fe^{2+}) ions, leaving electrons on the metal itself.

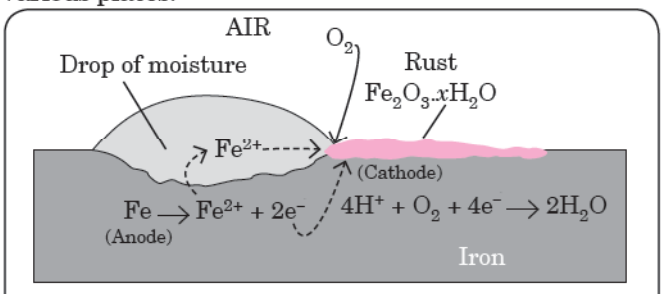


Fig. 24. Schematic representation of mechanism of rusting of iron.

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These electrons go to another spot on the metal and reduce atmospheric oxygen to water in the presence of H^+ ions.

The H^+ ions are obtained either from water or from acidic substances (*e.g.*, CO_2) in water:

$$H_2O \longrightarrow H^+ + OH^- \quad ...(5)$$

or $$CO_2 + H_2O \longrightarrow H_2CO_3 \quad ...(6)$$

$$H_2CO_3 \rightleftharpoons 2H^+ + CO_3^{2-} \quad ...(7)$$

This spot behaves as cathode and the reaction is

$$4H^+ + O_2 + 4e^- \longrightarrow 2H_2O \quad ...(8)$$

The **overall redox reaction** may be written by multiplying reaction at anode Eq. (4) by 2 and adding reaction at cathode Eq. (8) to equalise number of electrons lost and gained *i.e.*,

Oxidation half reaction

$$Fe(s) \longrightarrow Fe^{2+}(aq) + 2e^-] \times 2 \qquad (E^\ominus = -0.44\ V)$$

Reduction half reaction

$$4H^+ + O_2 + 4e^- \longrightarrow 2H_2O \qquad (E^\ominus = 1.23\ V)$$

Overall cell reaction

$$2Fe(s) + 4H^+ + O_2 \longrightarrow 2Fe^{2+}(aq) + 2H_2O \qquad (E^\ominus_{cell} = 1.67\ V)$$

The ferrous ions are oxidised further by dissolved oxygen or atmospheric oxygen from air to form ferric oxide with further production of H^+ ions. The ferric oxide then undergoes hydration and the hydrated form of iron(III) oxide is known as rust:

$$4Fe^{2+}(aq) + O_2(g) + 4H_2O \longrightarrow 2Fe_2O_3 + 8H^+$$

and $$Fe_2O_3 + xH_2O \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Rust}}{Fe_2O_3 . xH_2O}$$

It may be noted that *salt water accelerates corrosion. This is mainly due to the fact that salt water increases the electrical conduction of electrolyte solution formed on the metal surface. Therefore, rusting becomes more serious problem where salt water is present.*

Prevention of Corrosion

The prevention of corrosion is very important and essential. It not only saves money but also helps in preventing serious accidents such as a bridge collapse or a failue of a key component due to corrosion. This can be prevented or retarded by the methods given below :

1. Barrier protection. This is one of the simplest methods to prevent rusting of iron. In this method, a barrier is placed between iron and atmospheric air. The barrier protection can be achieved by any of the following methods :

(*i*) the surface is coated with paint or some chemicals (*e.g.*, bisphenol).

(*ii*) the surface is protected by applying a thin film of oil or grease.

(*iii*) the metal is electroplated with metals like tin, nickel, zinc, chromium, aluminium, etc.

For example, many vehicles such as cycles, motors, cars made from iron sheets are protected from rusting by paints. Many iron articles are electroplated with coating of other metals. The electroplating is carried not only for achieving brightness but also to protect from corrosion.

2. Sacrificial protection. In this method, iron is protected from rusting by covering it with a layer of a metal more active than iron. This prevents loss of electrons from iron. The active metal loses electrons in preference to iron and goes into ionic state. Therefore, the covering metal is consumed with time, but as long as it is present on the surface of iron, the latter is not rusted. This type of process in which rusting of iron is protected is called **sacrificial protection.**

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Zinc is commonly used for covering iron surfaces. *The process of covering iron with zinc is* called **galvanization.** The galvanized iron materials maintain their lustre due to the coating of invisible layer of basic zinc carbonate, $ZnCO_3$. $Zn(OH)_2$ on the zinc film. If some scratches occur on the protective zinc film on coated iron, even then iron will not be rusted. This is due to the fact that because of scratches, both zinc and iron get exposed to oxidation but zinc undergoes oxidation in preference to iron. This is so because the reduction potential of zinc is less than the reduction potential of iron.

$$Zn^{2+}(aq) + 2e^- \rightleftharpoons Zn(s)\ ;\ E^\ominus = -0.76\ V$$
$$Fe^{2+} + 2e^- \rightleftharpoons Fe(s)\ ;\ E^\ominus = -0.44\ V$$

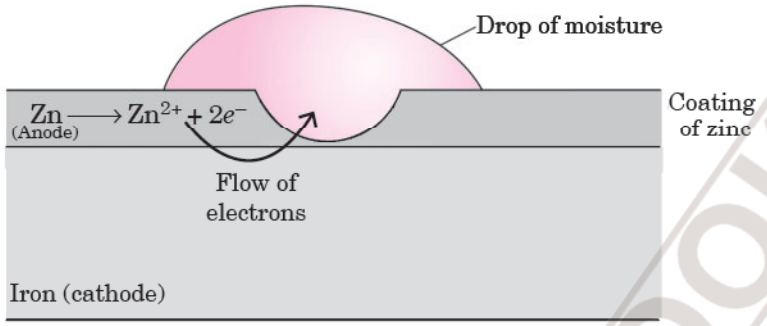


Fig. 25. Protection of rusting of iron with a film of zinc. Rusting will not occur even when iron surface is exposed.

Therefore, zinc undergoes oxidation in preference to iron.

However, it may be noted that in the case of tin plating, *i.e.*, tin coating on iron, the film will be effective as long as it is intact. When scratches occur at the coating surface both the metals are exposed to oxygen and iron is preferably oxidised and is rusted. This is due to the fact the reduction potential of tin is more than that of iron.

$$Sn^{2+}(aq) + 2e^- \rightleftharpoons Sn(s);\quad E^\ominus = -0.14\ V$$
$$Fe^{2+} + 2e^- \rightleftharpoons Fe(s);\quad E^\ominus = -0.44\ V$$

Thus, iron will be oxidised in preference to tin.

3. Electrical protection. This method is used for protecting iron articles which are in contact with water such as underground water pipes. The article of iron is connected with more active metals like magnesium or zinc (Fig. 26). The active metal has lower reduction potential than iron and will lose electrons in preference to iron. For example, magnesium has lower reduction potential than iron :

$$Mg^{2+}(aq) + 2e^- \longrightarrow Mg(s);\quad E^\ominus = -2.37\ V$$
$$Fe^{2+}(aq) + 2e^- \longrightarrow Fe(s);\quad E^\ominus = -0.44\ V$$

Therefore, magnesium will be oxidised in preference to iron and therefore, it will protect iron from being rusted.

4. Using anti-rust solutions. To retard the corrosion of iron, certain anti-rust solutions are used. For example, solutions of alkaline phosphates and alkaline chromates are generally used as anti-rust solutions. Due to the alkaline nature of these solutions, the H^+ ions are removed from the solutions and rusting is prevented. For example, iron articles are dipped in boiling alkaline sodium phosphate solutions, when a protective insoluble sticking film of iron phosphate is formed.

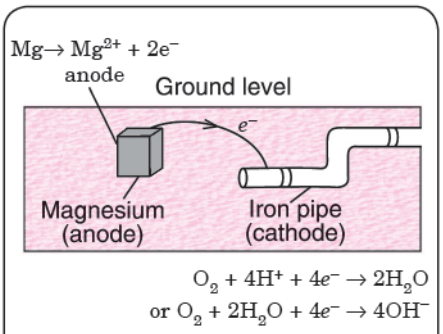


Fig. 26. Protection of rusting of underground iron pipes by electrical protection method.

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Conceptual Questions 2

Q. 1. How many electrons flow through a metallic wire if a current of 0.5 A is passed for 2 hours? (Given : 1F = 96,500 C mol^{-1}) ***(A.I.S.B. 2017)***

Ans.
$$Q = I \times t$$
$$= 0.5 \times 2 \times 60 \times 60$$
$$= 3600 \text{ C}$$
Now, 96500 C = 6.022×10^{23} electrons
$$3600 \text{ C} = \frac{6.022 \times 10^{23} \times 3600}{96500}$$
$$= 2.25 \times 10^{22} \text{ electrons}$$

Q. 2. Write the name of the cell which is generally used in hearing aids. Write the reactions taking place at the anode and the cathode of this cell. ***(A.I.S.B. 2017)***

Ans. Mercury cell

At Anode : $\underset{\text{(Amalgam)}}{Zn\,(Hg)} + 2OH^- \longrightarrow ZnO + H_2O + 2e^-$

At Cathode : $HgO + H_2O + 2e^- \longrightarrow Hg\,(l) + 2OH^-$

Q. 3. Write the name of the cell which is generally used in transistors. Write the reactions taking place at the anode and the cathode of this cell. ***(A.I.S.B. 2017)***

Ans. Dry cell

Anode : $Zn\,(s) \longrightarrow Zn^{2+} + 2e^-$

Cathode : $MnO_2 + NH_4^+ + e^- \longrightarrow MnO(OH) + NH_3$

Q. 4. Write the name of the cell which is generally used in inverters. Write the reactions taking place at the anode and the cathode of this cell. ***(A.I.S.B. 2017)***

Ans. Lead storage battery

Anode : $Pb\,(s) + SO_4^{2-}\,(aq) \longrightarrow PbSO_4\,(s) + 2e^-$

Cathode : $PbO_2 + SO_4^{2-}\,(aq) + 4H^+ + 2e^- \longrightarrow PbSO_4(s) + 2H_2O(l)$

Q. 5. From the given cells:
Lead storage cell, Mercury cell, Fuel cell and Dry cell
Answer the following:
(*i*) Which cell is used in hearing aids?
(*ii*) Which cell was used in Apollo Space Programme?
(*iii*) Which cell is used in automobiles and inverters?
(*iv*) Which cell does not have long life? ***(D.S.B. 2016)***

Ans. (*i*) Mercury cell
(*ii*) Fuel cell
(*iii*) Lead storage cell
(*iv*) Dry cell

Q. 6. What happens if external potential applied becomes greater than E°_{cell} of electrochemical cell? ***(A.I.S.B. 2016)***

Ans. If E°_{cell} (external) is greater than E°_{cell}, the cell starts acting as an electrolytic cell. In this case, electrical energy is used to carry out non-spontaneous chemical reaction.

Q. 7. Using the E° values of A and B, predict which one is better for coating the surface of iron [$E^\circ(Fe^{2+}/Fe$ = –0.44V] to prevent corrosion and why?
Given : E° ($A^{2+}|A$) = –2.37 V and E° ($B^{2+}|B$) = –0.14 V ***(A.I.S.B. 2016)***

Ans. 'A' will prevent iron from rusting. So, we can coat the iron surface with metal A because it has more negative value.

Q. 8. Given that the standard electrode potentials (E°) of metals are :
$K^+|K$ = – 2.93V, $Ag^+|Ag$ = 0.80V, $Cu^{2+}|Cu$ = 0.34V, $Mg^{2+}|Mg$ = – 2.37V, Cr^{3+}/Cr = – 0.74V and $Fe^{2+}|Fe$ = – 0.44V. ***(A.I.S.B. 2010)***
Arrange the metals in the increasing order of their reducing power.

Ans. $Ag^+|Ag < Cu^{2+}|Cu < Fe^{2+}|Fe < Cr^{3+}|Cr < Mg^{2+}/Mg < K^+|K$.

Q. 9. What is change in free energy for (*a*) galvanic cell and (*b*) electrolytic cell ?

Ans. (*a*) For a galvanic cell, free energy decreases *i.e.*, $\Delta G < 0$
(*b*) For electrolytic cell, free energy increases *i.e.*, $\Delta G > 0$.

Q. 10. Is it safe to stir 1 M $AgNO_3$ solution with a copper spoon ? Given $E^\ominus$ $Ag^+|Ag$ = 0.80 V, $E^\ominus_{Cu^{2+}|Cu}$ = 0.34 V. Explain. ***(Pb.S.B. 2004)***

Ans. No, copper spoon will dissolve as Cu^{2+} ions because copper has more tendency to get oxidised than silver.

Q. 11. Can Fe^{3+} oxidise Br^- to Br_2 under standard conditions ?
$E^\ominus_{Fe^{3+}|Fe^{2+}}$ = 0.771 V, $E^\ominus_{Br2|Br^-}$ = 1.09 V.

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Ans. No, because for the reaction,

$$Fe^{3+} + Br^- \longrightarrow Fe^{2+} + \frac{1}{2} Br_2$$

$E^\ominus = 0.771 - 1.09 = -0.319$ V is negative.

Q. 12. Two metals A and B have reduction potential values – 0.76 V and + 0.34 V respectively. Which of these will liberate H_2 from dil H_2SO_4 ?

Ans. Metal having higher oxidation potential (or lower reduction potential) will liberate H_2 from H_2SO_4. Thus, A will liberate H_2 from H_2SO_4.

Q. 13. Can tin coating on iron act as sacrificial anode in protecting iron against corrosion ?

Ans. No, because tin is less readily oxidised in comparison to iron ($E^\ominus_{Fe^{2+}|Fe} = -0.44$ V, $E^\ominus_{Sn^{2+}|Sn} = -0.14$ V). Tin protects iron only as a cover.

Q. 14. What is role of $ZnCl_2$ in a dry cell ?

Ans. $ZnCl_2$ combines with NH_3 produced to form the complex $[Zn(NH_3)_2Cl_2]$, otherwise the pressure developed due to NH_3 would crack the seal of the cell.

Q. 15. When the silver electrode having reduction potential 0.80 V is attached to NHE, will it act as anode or cathode ?

Ans. It will act as cathode.

Q. 16. Name the cell which were used in Apollo space programme.

Ans. Hydrogen-oxygen fuel cell.

Q. 17. How does concentration of sulphuric acid change in lead storage battery when current is drawn from it ?

Ans. Concentration of sulphuric acid decreases.

Q. 18. What is the effect of carbon dioxide in water on corrosion ?

Ans. The presence of carbon dioxide in water increases rusting of iron. Water containing CO_2 acts as an electrolyte and increases the flow of electrons from one place to another.

Q. 19. Why is it not possible to measure the voltage of an isolated half reaction ?

Ans. It is not possible to measure the voltage of an isolated half reaction because neither the oxidation nor the reduction can occur by itself. Therefore, we can only calculate the relative electrode potential by connecting it to some standard electrode.

Q. 20. Why does a dry cell become dead after a long time, even if it has not been used ?

Ans. A dry cell becomes dead after a long time because the acidic NH_4Cl corrodes the zinc container.

Q. 21. Why does the cell potential of mercury cell remains constant throughout its life? ***(A.I.S.B. 2015)***

Ans. This is because the overall cell reaction does not involve any ion in the solution whose concentration changes during its life time.

Q. 22. Why is the equilibrium constant K related to only E°_{cell} and not E_{cell} ? ***(D.S.B. 2003)***

Ans. This is because at equilibrium, $E_{cell} = 0$.

Q. 23. How can you increase the reduction potential of an electrode ?

Ans. By increasing the concentration of the ions.

Q. 24. The E° values of MnO_4^-, Ce^{4+} and Cl_2 are 1.507, 1.61 and 1.358 V respectively. Arrange these in order of increasing strength as oxidising agent.

Ans. $Cl_2 < MnO_4^- < Ce^{4+}$.

Q. 25. E° values for $Fe^{3+}|Fe^{2+}$ and $Ag^+|Ag$ are respectively 0.771 V and 0.800 V. Is the reaction : $Fe^{3+} + Ag \longrightarrow Fe^{2+} + Ag^+$ spontaneous or not ?

Ans. E° for the reaction is $0.771 - 0.800 = -0.029$ V.
Therefore, the reaction is not spontaneous.

Q. 26. The electrode potentials are :

$$O_2 + 4e^- + 4H^+ \longrightarrow 2H_2O \qquad E^\circ = 1.228 \text{ V}$$
$$Ce^{4+} + e^- \longrightarrow Ce^{3+} \qquad E^\circ = 1.60 \text{ V}$$

Will Ce^{4+} oxidize H_2O to O_2 in acidic solution ?

Ans. Ce^{4+} can oxidize water as : $4Ce^{4+} + 2H_2O \longrightarrow O_2 + 4Ce^{3+} + 4H^+$ ...(*i*)

Let us calculate its E°.

	$Ce^{4+} + e^- \longrightarrow Ce^{3+}$	$E^\circ = 1.60$ V	...(*ii*)
	$O_2 + 4e^- + 4H^+ \longrightarrow 2H_2O$	$E^\circ = 1.228$ V	...(*iii*)
Reversing eqn. (*iii*)	$2H_2O \longrightarrow O_2 + 4e^- + 4H^+$	$E^\circ = -1.228$ V	...(*iv*)
Multiply eqn. (*ii*) by 4	$4Ce^{4+} + 4e^- \longrightarrow 4Ce^{3+}$	$E^\circ = 1.60$ V	...(*v*)
Adding eqn. (*iv*) and (*v*)	$2H_2O + 4Ce^{4+} \longrightarrow O_2 + 4Ce^{3+} + 4H^+$	$E^\circ = 0.372$ V	

Since E° is positive, reaction is spontaneous and so Ce^{4+} will oxidize H_2O to O_2.

Q. 27. What is the chemical formula of rust ? ***(H.P.S.B. 2005)***

Ans. The chemical formula of rust is $Fe_2O_3 . x\ H_2O$.

Q. 28. Can we store copper sulphate in an iron vessel or not? Explain. ***(H.P.S.B. 2005)***

Ans. The reduction potentials of Cu^{2+} | Cu and Fe^{2+} | Fe are + 0.34 V and – 0.44 V respectively. This means Cu^{2+} will be reduced to Cu and iron will be oxidised to Fe^{2+}. In other words, the vessel will dissolve. Therefore, it is not possible to store $CuSO_4$ in an iron vessel.

Q. 29. Is e.m.f. extensive or intensive property ?

Ans. Intensive property.

Q. 30. What is the use of platinum foil in the hydrogen electrode ?

Ans. It is used for inflow and outflow of electrons.

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Hints & Solutions for Practice Problems

❑ 1. $\text{Conductivity}(\kappa) = \dfrac{\text{Cell constant}}{\text{Resistance}}$

$= \dfrac{0.357\ \text{cm}^{-1}}{31.6\ \text{ohm}}$

$= \mathbf{0.0113\ ohm^{-1}\ cm^{-1}}$

$\text{Molar conductivity} = \dfrac{\kappa \times 1000}{M}$

$= \dfrac{0.0113 \times 1000}{0.05}$

$= \mathbf{226\ ohm^{-1}\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}}$

❑ 2. $\Lambda_m = \dfrac{\kappa \times 1000}{M}$

$132.6 = \dfrac{\kappa \times 1000}{0.01}$

or $\kappa = \dfrac{132.6 \times 0.01}{1000} = 1.326 \times 10^{-3}\ \text{ohm}^{-1}\ \text{cm}^{-1}$

Now $\kappa = \dfrac{\text{Cell constant}}{R}$

or cell constant $= \kappa \times R$

$= (1.326 \times 10^{-3}\ \text{ohm}^{-1}\ \text{cm}^{-1}) \times (1412\ \text{ohm})$

$= \mathbf{1.87\ cm^{-1}}$

❑ 3. $\Lambda = \dfrac{\kappa \times 1000}{C}$ or $\kappa = \dfrac{\Lambda \times C}{1000}$

$\kappa = \dfrac{420 \times 0.01}{1000} = 4.2 \times 10^{-3}\ \text{S cm}^{-1}$

$\text{Conductance} = \dfrac{\kappa}{\text{Cell constant}} = \dfrac{4.2 \times 10^{-3}}{0.88}$

$= 4.77 \times 10^{-3}\ \text{ohm}^{-1}$

$\text{Resistance} = \dfrac{1}{4.77 \times 10^{-3}} = \mathbf{209.5\ ohm}$

❑ 4. $\text{Cell constant} = \dfrac{l}{a} = \dfrac{1.6}{3.2} = 0.5\ \text{cm}^{-1}$

$\kappa = \dfrac{1}{25} \times 0.5 = 2.0 \times 10^{-2}\ \text{S cm}^{-1}$

$\Lambda = \dfrac{2.0 \times 10^{-2} \times 1000}{0.5} = \mathbf{40\ S\ cm^2\ equiv^{-}}$

❑ 5. $\text{Cell constant } (G^*) = \dfrac{\kappa}{C} = \dfrac{2.78 \times 10^{-3}}{1/82.5}$

$= \mathbf{0.229\ cm^{-1}}$

❑ 6. $\text{Molarity of solution} = \dfrac{1/208 \times 1000}{200} = 0.0240\ \text{M}$

$\Lambda_m = \dfrac{0.0058 \times 1000}{0.0240} = 241.67\ \text{ohm}^{-1}\text{cm}^2\ \text{mol}^{-1}$

$\text{Normality of solution} = \dfrac{1/104 \times 1000}{200} = 0.0480\ \text{N}$

$\Lambda = \dfrac{0.0058 \times 1000}{0.0480} = \mathbf{120.83\ ohm^{-1}\ cm^2\ equiv^{-1}}$

❑ 7. $\kappa = G \times \dfrac{l}{a}$

$= \dfrac{1}{30} \times \dfrac{1.5}{2.0} = 0.025\ \text{S cm}^{-1}$

$\Lambda_m = \dfrac{\kappa \times 1000}{M}$

$= \dfrac{0.025 \times 1000}{0.5} = \mathbf{50\ ohm^{-1}\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}}$

❑ 8. $\text{Cell constant} = \dfrac{\text{conductivity}}{\text{conductance}} = \dfrac{0.002768}{1/457.3}$

$= 1.266\ \text{cm}^{-1}$

For $CaCl_2$ solution,

$\kappa = \dfrac{1}{202} \times 1.266 = 0.00627\ \text{ohm}^{-1}\ \text{cm}^{-1}$

$\Lambda = \dfrac{\kappa \times 1000}{C} = \dfrac{0.00627 \times 1000}{0.05}$

$= \mathbf{125.4\ ohm^{-1}\ cm^2\ equiv^{-1}}$

❑ 9. $\kappa = G \times G^*$ or $G^* = \dfrac{\kappa}{G}$

where G is conductance and G* is cell constant

$G^* = \dfrac{1.29 \times 10^{-2}\ \text{S cm}^{-1}}{1/85} = 1.0965\ \text{cm}^{-1}$

κ for 0.052 mol L^{-1} solution,

$\kappa = G \times G^*$

$= \dfrac{1}{96} \times 1.0965 = 1.142 \times 10^{-2}\ \text{S cm}^{-1}$

$\Lambda = \dfrac{\kappa \times 1000}{M}$

$= \dfrac{1.142 \times 10^{-2} \times 1000}{0.052}$

$= \mathbf{219.6\ S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}}$

❑ 10. $\text{Cell constant} = 1.29 \times 200 = 258\ \text{m}^{-1}$ or $= 2.58\ \text{cm}^{-1}$

$\kappa = 2.58 \times \dfrac{1}{1100} = 2.345 \times 10^{-2}\ \text{S cm}^{-1}.$

$\Lambda = \dfrac{2.345 \times 10^{-3} \times 1000}{0.02} = 117.25\ \text{S cm}^2\ \text{mol}^{-1}$

or $= \mathbf{1.175 \times 10^{-2}\ Sm^2\ mol^{-1}.}$

❑ 11. $\Lambda_m = \dfrac{\kappa \times 1000}{M}$

$194.5 = \dfrac{\quad}{\quad}$

or $\kappa = \dfrac{194.5 \times 0.05}{1000}$

$= 9.725 \times 10^{-3}\ \text{S cm}^2\ \text{mol}^{-1}.$

Now, $R = \dfrac{1}{\kappa} \times \dfrac{l}{a}$

$= \dfrac{1}{9.725 \times 10^{-3}} \times \dfrac{0.5}{1.50} = 34.27\ \text{ohm}$

$V = IR \text{ or } I = \dfrac{V}{R} = \dfrac{5.0}{34.27} = \mathbf{0.146\ A}$

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❑ **12.** Cell constant = $\kappa \times R$

$= 0.002768 \times 520 = 1.43936\ cm^{-1}$

specific conductivity for salt solution,

κ = Cell constant × conductance

$= 1.43936 \times \frac{1}{300}$

$= 0.00478\ ohm^{-1}\ cm^{-1}$

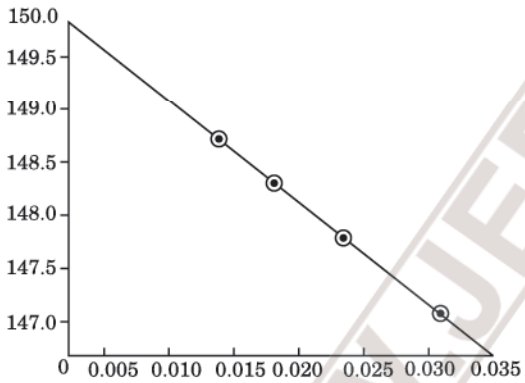
$\Lambda = \frac{0.00478 \times 1000}{1/25}$

$= \mathbf{119.5\ S\ cm^2\ equiv^{-1}}$.

❑ **13.** Taking the square root of concentrations, we get,

C (mol L^{-1})	$C^{1/2}$(mol $L^{-1})^{1/2}$	Λ_m (S cm^2 mol^{-1})
0.000198	0.01407	148.61
0.000309	0.01758	148.29
0.000521	0.02283	147.81
0.000989	0.03145	147.09

Plot of Λ_m and $C^{1/2}$ is given below :



$C^{1/2}$(mol $L^{-1})^{1/2}$

The extrapolation of the staight line to zero concentration (intercept) gives the value of Λ°_m = 150.0 S cm^2 mol^{-1}.

A = – slope = 87.46 S cm^2 mol^{-1} / (mol $L^{-1})^{1/2}$

❑ **14.** $\Lambda^\circ(CH_3COOH) = \lambda^\circ(CH_3COO^-) + \lambda^\circ(H^+)$

$= 40.9 + 349.6$

$= 390.5\ S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}$

$\Lambda = 39.05\ S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}$

$\alpha = \frac{\Lambda^C}{\Lambda^0} = \frac{39.05}{390.5}$

$= \mathbf{0.10}$ or **10%**

❑ **15.** $\Lambda^\infty(AgCl) = \Lambda^\infty(AgNO_3) + \Lambda^\infty(KCl) - \Lambda^\infty(KNO_3)$

$= \mathbf{13.84\ m\ S\ m^2\ mol^{-1}}$

❑ **16.** $\lambda_m^\infty(NO_3^-) = \Lambda^\infty(KNO_3) - \lambda^\infty(K^+)$

$= 145.0 - 73.5 = 71.5\ S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}$

$\lambda^\infty(Li^+) = \Lambda^\infty(LiNO_3) - \lambda^\infty(NO_3^-)$

$= 110.1 - 71.5 = \mathbf{38.6\ S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}}$

❑ **17.** $\Lambda_m = \frac{\kappa \times 1000}{M} = \frac{3.905 \times 10^{-5} \times 1000}{0.001}$

$= 39.05\ S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}$

$CH_3COOH \rightleftharpoons CH_3COO^- + H^+$

$\Lambda_m = \lambda^\circ_{CH_3COO^-} + \lambda^\circ_{H^+}$

$= 40.9 + 349.6 = \mathbf{390.5\ S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}}$

Degree of dissociation,

$\alpha = \frac{\Lambda_m}{\Lambda_m^\circ} = \frac{39.05}{390.5} = \mathbf{0.1}$

❑ **18.** (*i*) $\Lambda^\infty(NH_4OH) = \Lambda^\infty(NH_4Cl) + \Lambda^\infty(NaOH) - \Lambda^\infty(NaCl)$

$= \mathbf{239.2\ ohm^{-1}\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}}$

(*ii*) $\alpha = \frac{9.33}{239.2} = 0.039$ or **3.90%**

$\kappa = \frac{C\alpha^2}{1-\alpha} = \frac{0.01 \times (0.039)^2}{1 - 0.039} = \mathbf{1.58 \times 10^{-5}}$

❑ **19.** $\Lambda = \frac{\kappa \times 1000}{C} = \frac{9.47 \times 10^{-3} \times 1000}{0.1}$

$= 94.7\ S\ cm^2\ equiv^{-1}$

$\Lambda^\infty = \lambda^\infty(Ag^+) + \lambda^\infty(NO_3^-) = 106.5\ S\ cm^2\ equiv^{-1}$

$\alpha = \frac{94.7}{106.5} = 0.89$ or **89%**

❑ **20.** $\Lambda^\circ(HCOOH) = \lambda^\circ(H^+) + \lambda^\circ(HCOO^-)$

$= 40.42\ S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}$

$\alpha = \frac{4.61}{40.42} = 0.114$

$K_a = \frac{C\alpha^2}{1-\alpha} = \frac{0.025 \times (0.114)^2}{(1 - 0.114)} = 3.30 \times 10^{-4}$

$pK_a = -\log K_a = -\log(3.30 \times 10^{-4})$

$= \mathbf{3.4815}$

❑ **21.** $\Lambda^\circ(CaCl_2) = \lambda^\circ(Ca^{2+}) + 2\lambda^\circ(Cl^-)$

$= \mathbf{271.6\ S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}}$

$\Lambda^\circ(MgSO_4) = \lambda^\circ(Mg^{2+}) + \lambda^\circ(SO_4^{2-})$

$= \mathbf{266\ S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}}$

❑ **22.** $\Lambda = \frac{4.95 \times 10^{-5} \times 1000}{1.028 \times 10^{-3}} = 48.15\ S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}$

$\alpha = \frac{48.15}{390.5} = 0.1233$

$K_a = \frac{C\alpha^2}{1-\alpha}$

$= \frac{1.028 \times 10^{-3} \times (0.1233)^2}{1 - 0.123} = \mathbf{1.78 \times 10^{-5}}$.

❑ **23.** $\Lambda^\circ[Ba(OH)_2] = \Lambda^\circ[BaCl_2] + 2\Lambda^\circ[NaOH] - 2\Lambda^\circ[NaCl]$

$= 2.800 \times 10^{-2} + 2(2.481 \times 10^{-2}) - 2(1.265 \times 10^{-2})$

$= \mathbf{5.232 \times 10^{-2}\ S\ m^2\ mol^{-1}}$.

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❑ **24.** $\kappa(BaSO_4) = \kappa(\text{solution}) - \kappa(\text{water})$

$= 3.758 \times 10^{-6} - 1.36 \times 10^{-6}$

$= 2.398 \times 10^{-6}\ \text{ohm}^{-1}\ \text{cm}^{-1}$

$\Lambda_m^\circ = 110 + 136.6 = 246.6\ \text{ohm}^{-1}\ \text{cm}^2\ \text{mol}^{-1}$

Molar mass $= 137 + 32 + 4 \times 16 = 233$

$$\text{Solubility} = \frac{\kappa \times 1000}{\Lambda_m} = \frac{2.398\times10^{-6}\times1000}{246.6}$$

$= 9.724 \times 10^{-6}\ \text{mol L}^{-1}$

or $= 9.724\times10^{-6}\times233 = \mathbf{2.266\times10^{-3}\ g\ L^{-1}}$

❑ **25.** Reduction potential of $Ni^{2+}|Ni$ is more than that of $Fe^{2+}|Fe$. Therefore, nickel will be reduced by iron.

❑ **26.** No, nickel will gradually pass into solution and copper will be precipitated.

❑ **27.** $Sn|Sn^{2+}\|Br_2|Br^-$

$E^\ominus = 1.08 - (-0.14) = \mathbf{1.22\ V}$

❑ **28.** $E^\ominus_{Cell} = E^\ominus_{(Ag^+|Ag)} - E^\ominus_{(Cu^{2+}|Cu)}$

$0.46 = E^\ominus_{(Ag^+|Ag)} - 0.34$

$\therefore \quad E^\ominus_{(Ag^+|Ag)} = \mathbf{0.80\ V}$

❑ **29.** (*i*) $Cr|Cr^{3+}\|Cd^{2+}|Cd$

$E^\ominus = E^\ominus_{(Cathode)} - E^\ominus_{(Anode)}$

$= 0.40 - (-0.74) = \mathbf{0.34\ V}$

(*ii*) $Fe^{2+}|Fe^{3+}\|Ag^+|Ag$

$E^\ominus = E^\ominus_{(Cathode)} - E^\ominus_{(Anode)}$

$= 0.80 - 0.77 = \mathbf{0.03\ V}$

❑ **30.** No, because reduction potential of $Cu^{2+}|Cu$ is less than that of Cl_2.

❑ **31.** Copper ions get reduced to copper.

❑ **32.** In beaker A, Ag^+ will be reduced to Ag because reduction potential of $Ag^+|Ag$ is more than that of copper.

$Ag^+ + e^- \longrightarrow Ag(s)$

❑ **33.** Cell reaction: $Mg(s) + Cu^{2+}(aq) \longrightarrow Mg^{2+}(aq) + Cu(s)$

$$E = E^\circ - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{[Mg^{2+}(aq)]}{\{Cu^{2+}(aq)\}}$$

$$= 2.71 - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{0.1}{0.01}$$

$= 2.71 - 0.0295 \times 1 = \mathbf{2.6805\ V}$

❑ **34.** $Zn(s) + 2Ag^+(aq) \longrightarrow Zn^{2+}(aq) + 2Ag(s)$

$E^\ominus = E^\ominus_{(Ag^+|Ag)} - E^\ominus_{(Zn^{2+}|Zn)}$

$= 0.80 - (-0.76) = 1.56\ V$

$$E = E^\circ - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{[Zn^{2+}]}{[Ag^+]^2}$$

$$1.48 = 1.56 - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{1.0}{[Ag^+]^2}$$

$$1.48 - 1.56 = -\frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{1.0}{[Ag^+]^2}$$

$$-0.08 = -\frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{1.0}{[Ag^+]^2}$$

$$\log\frac{1.0}{[Ag^+]^2} = \frac{2\times0.08}{0.059} = 2.712$$

$$\frac{1.0}{[Ag^+]^2} = 515.2$$

$$[Ag^+]^2 = \frac{1.0}{515.2} = 1.941\times10^{-3}$$

$[Ag^+] = \mathbf{0.044\ M}$

❑ **35.** For the cell reaction

$Sn^{4+} + Zn(s) \longrightarrow Sn^{2+} + Zn^{2+}$

The Nernst equation is

$$E = E^\ominus - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{[Sn^{2+}][Zn^{2+}]}{[Sn^{4+}]}$$

$$= 0.89 - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{(0.5)\times(2.0)}{(1.50)}$$

$$= 0.89 - \frac{0.059}{2}\log 0.667$$

$= 0.89 - (-0.005) = \mathbf{0.895V.}$

❑ **36.** $Mg(s)\ |\ Mg^{2+}(0.130M)\ \|\ Ag^+\ (1.0 \times 10^{-4}M)\ |\ Ag(s)$

The cell reaction is :

$Mg(s) + 2Ag^+(aq) \longrightarrow Mg^{2+}(aq) + 2Ag(s)$

According to Nernst equation,

$$E = E^\ominus - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{[Mg^{2+}]}{[Ag^+]^2}$$

$$2.96 = E^\ominus - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{(0.130)}{(1.0\times10^{-4})^2}$$

$$2.96 = E^\ominus - \frac{0.059}{2}\log(0.130\times10^8)$$

$$2.96 = E^\ominus - \frac{0.059}{2}\times 7.114$$

$2.96 = E^\ominus - 0.2099$

$\therefore \quad E^\ominus = 2.96 + 0.2099 = 3.1699\ V \simeq \mathbf{3.17\ V.}$

❑ **37.** $$E = E^\ominus_{cell} - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{[Zn^{2+}]}{[Fe^{2+}]}$$

$E^\ominus_{cell} = -0.44 - (-0.763) = 0.323V$

$$E = 0.323 - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{0.01}{0.005}$$

$= \mathbf{0.314\ V}$

❑ **38.** $$E = E^\ominus_{cell} - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{[Fe^{2+}]}{[Ag^+]^2}$$

$E^\ominus_{cell} = 0.80 - (-0.44) = 1.24V$

$$E = 1.24 - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{(0.1)}{(0.1)^2}$$

$= \mathbf{1.2105\ V}$

❑ **39.** $2Cr(s) + 3Fe^{2+}(aq) \longrightarrow 2Cr^{3+}(aq) + 3Fe(s)$

$$E = E^\ominus_{cell} - \frac{0.059}{6}\log\frac{[Cr^{3+}]^2}{[Fe^{2+}]^3}$$

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$$E^{\ominus}_{cell} = -0.44 - (-0.74) = 0.30V$$

$$E_{cell} = 0.30 - \frac{0.059}{6}\log\frac{(0.01)^2}{(0.1)^3}$$

$$= \mathbf{0.31\ V}$$

❑ **40.** (*i*) $Cu^{2+}(aq) + 2e^- \longrightarrow Cu(s)$

$$E = E^{\ominus} - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{1}{[Cu^{2+}]}$$

$$= 0.34 - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{1}{0.1}$$

$$= \mathbf{0.3105\ V}$$

(*ii*) For $E = 0$

$$0 = 0.34 - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{1}{[Cu^{2+}]}$$

$$\log\frac{1}{[Cu^{2+}]} = \frac{0.34}{0.0295} = 11.5254$$

$$[Cu^{2+}] = \mathbf{2.98 \times 10^{-12}.}$$

❑ **41.** $$E^{\ominus}_{cell} = \frac{0.059}{n}\log K_c$$

or $$\log K_c = \frac{E^{\ominus}_{cell}}{0.059}$$

$$= \frac{2 \times 0.235}{0.059}$$

$$K_c = \mathbf{9.25 \times 10^7}$$

❑ **42.** $$\log K_c = \frac{2 \times 0.320}{0.059} = 10.847$$

$$K_c = \mathbf{7.04 \times 10^{10}}$$

❑ **43.** $$E^{\ominus}_{cell} = E^{\ominus}_{(Fe^{3+}|Fe^{2+})} - E^{\ominus}_{(Sn^{4+}|Sn^{2+})}$$

$$= 0.771 - 0.150 = 0.621\ V$$

$$\log K_c = \frac{2 \times 0.621}{0.059} = 21.05$$

$$K_c = \mathbf{1.0 \times 10^{21}}$$

❑ **44.** $$E^{\ominus}_{cell} = \frac{0.059}{2}\log K_c$$

$$= \frac{0.059}{2} \times \log 1 \times 10^4 = \mathbf{0.118\ V.}$$

❑ **45.** $$E^{\ominus}_{cell} = E^{\ominus}_{(Cd^{2+}|Cd)} - E^{\ominus}_{(Zn^{2+}|Zn)}$$

$$= 0.403 - (-0.763) = 0.360$$

$$\log K_c = \frac{2E^{\circ}_{cell}}{0.059}$$

$$= \frac{2 \times 0.36}{0.059} = 12.203$$

$$K_c = \mathbf{1.596 \times 10^{12}}$$

❑ **46.** $$E^{\ominus}_{cell} = E^{\ominus}_{(Cl_2,\ Cl^-)} - E^{\ominus}_{(I_2,\ I^-)}$$

$$= 0.824\ V$$

$$\Delta G^{\ominus} = -nFE^{\ominus}_{cell} = -2 \times (96500C\ mol^{-1}) \times (0.824V)$$

$$= \mathbf{-159 \times 10^3\ J}$$

$$\log K_c = \frac{\Delta G^{\ominus}}{2.303RT}$$

$$= \frac{-159 \times 10^3}{2.303 \times 8.314 \times 298} = -27.8661$$

$$K_c = \mathbf{7.35 \times 10^{27}}$$

❑ **47.** $$\Delta_r G^{\circ} = -nFE^{\circ}_{cell}$$

$$\Delta_r G^{\circ} = (2\ mol) \times (96500\,C\,mol^{-1}) \times (0.236\ V)$$

$$= \mathbf{-45.548\ kJ\ mol^{-1}}$$

❑ **48.** $$E_{cell} = E^{\ominus}_{cell} - \frac{0.059}{6}\log\frac{[Al^{3+}]}{[Fe^{2+}]}$$

$$E^{\ominus}_{cell} = -0.44 - (-1.66) = 1.22\ V$$

$$E = 1.22 - \frac{0.059}{6}\log\frac{(1 \times 10^{-2})^2}{(2 \times 10^{-2})^3}$$

$$= \mathbf{1.209\ V}$$

$$\Delta G^{\ominus} = -(6\ mol) \times (96500\ C\ mol^{-1}) \times (1.22V)$$

$$= \mathbf{-706.38\ kJ}$$

❑ **49.** $$E^{\ominus}_{cell} = E^{\ominus}_{(Cd^{2+}|Cd)} - E^{\ominus}_{(Cr^{3+}|Cr)}$$

$$= -0.40 - (-0.74) = \mathbf{+0.34\ V}$$

$$\Delta G^{\ominus} = -nFE^{\ominus}$$

$$= -6 \times (96500C\ mol^{-1}) \times (0.34V)$$

$$= \mathbf{-196.86\ kJ\ mol^{-1}.}$$

❑ **50.** $$E^{\ominus}_{cell} = 0.80 - 0.34 = 0.46\ V$$

$$E = E^{\ominus} - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{[Cu^{2+}]}{[Ag^+]^2}$$

$$= 0.46 - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{(0.130)}{(1.0 \times 10^{-4})^2}$$

$$= 0.25\ V$$

$$\Delta G = -2 \times 96500 \times 0.25$$

$$= \mathbf{-48.250\ kJ}$$

❑ **51.** $I = 2A$, $t = 15\ min = 15 \times 60 = 900\ s$

$Q = I \times t = 2 \times 900 = 1800\ C$

96500 C of electricity deposit Ag = 108 g

1800 C of electricity will deposit Ag $= \frac{108 \times 1800}{96500}$

$$= \mathbf{2.014\ g}$$

❑ **52.** $Cu^{2+}(aq) + 2e^- \longrightarrow Cu\ (s)$

Quantity of electricity passed $= I \times t$

$$= 0.75 \times 25 \times 60$$

$$= 1125\ C$$

1125 C of electricity produces copper = 0.369 g

2 × 96500 C of electricity produce copper

$$= \frac{0.369}{1125} \times 2 \times 96500 = 63.3\ u$$

Atomic mass of Cu = **63.3 u.**

❑ **53.** Quantity of electricity = 1.0 × 15 × 60 = 900 C

2 × 96500 C of electricity produced Cl_2 = 71 g

900 C of electricity will produce

$$Cl_2 = \frac{71}{2 \times 96500} \times 900$$

$$= \mathbf{0.331\ g}$$

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❑ **54.** (*i*) $Fe^{2+} \longrightarrow Fe^{3+} + e^-$ $\therefore$ **96500 C**

(*ii*) $2H_2O_2 \longrightarrow 4H^+ + O_2 + 4e^-$ $\therefore$ **2 × 96500 C**
(for 1 mole of H_2O_2)

(*iii*) $F_2 + 2e^- \longrightarrow 2F^-$ $\therefore$ **2 × 96500 C**

❑ **55.** 0.583 g of Ag is deposited by charge = $\frac{96500}{108} \times 0.583$

= 520.9 C

Now, 197 g of Au is deposited by electric current

= n × 96500 C

(n is the oxidation state of gold)

0.355 g of Au will be deposited by current

= $\frac{n \times 96500}{197} \times 0.355$

$\frac{n \times 96500}{197} \times 0.355 = 520.9$

n = 2.99 or **= + 3**

❑ **56.** $Fe^{3+} + e^- \longrightarrow Fe^{2+}$

3.0 mol of Fe^{3+} will require = 3 × 96500 C

Now, $t = \frac{Q}{I} = \frac{3 \times 96500}{2.0}$

= 144750s or **40.21 hr.**

❑ **57.** $2H_2O \xrightarrow{\text{Electrolysis}} 2H_2 + O_2$ (22.4 L)

22.4 L of O_2 is produced by electricity = 4 × 96500 C

50.0 × 10^{-3} L of O_2 is produced by electricity

= $\frac{4 \times 96500}{22.4} \times 50.0 \times 10^{-3}$

= **861.6 C**

Now, Q = I × t

861.6 = I × 3 × 60 × 60

$\therefore$ I = **0.0798 A**

❑ **58.** (*i*) 40 g of Ca is produced by 2F

$\therefore$ 10 g of Ca will be produced by $\frac{2}{40} \times 10$ = **0.5 F**

(*ii*) 27 g of Al is produced by 3F

81 g of Al will be produced by $\frac{3}{27} \times 81$ = **9 F.**

❑ **59.** $Ag^+ + e^- \longrightarrow Ag$

Quantity of electricity passed = I × t

$\therefore$ Q = 0.20 × 3 × 60 × 60C = 2160C

96500 C of electricity deposit = 107.92 g Ag

2160 C of electricity deposit = $\frac{107.92}{96500} \times 2160$ = 2.42 g

Let the thickness of silver deposited = x cm

Weight = volume × density

= area × thickness × density

($\therefore$ Volume = area × thickness)

2.42 = 800 × x × 10.47

x = 0.000289 or **2.89 × 10^{-4} cm.**

❑ **60.** $Al^{3+} + 3e^- \longrightarrow Al$

1 mol of Al requires 3 mol of electrons or 3F

27 g of Al require = 3F

40g of Al require = $\frac{3}{27}$ × 40 = **4.44F.**

Chapter Summary

Key Terms & Laws

- **Metallic conductors** are the substances which allow the passage of electric current through them without undergoing any chemical change.
- **Electrolytes** are the substances which allow the passage of electric current through them in their molten states or in the form of their aqueous solutions and undergo chemical decomposition.
- **Specific resistance or resistivity.** The resistance of a conductor 1 cm in length and having 1 cm^2 area of cross-section.
- **Specific conductance or conductivity.** It is the conductance of a solution of 1 cm length and having 1 square centimetre as the area of cross-section. Or it is the conductance between the opposite faces of 1 centimetre cube of a conductor.
- **Molar conductance.** It is the conducting power of all the ions produced by dissolving one mole of an electrolyte in solution.
- **Electrochemical cell.** It is the device in which electrical energy is produced from chemical reactions.
- **Electrode potential.** It is a measure of tendency of an electrode in a half cell to lose or gain electrons.
- **Electromotive force or cell potential.** It is the difference between the electrode potentials of two electrodes constituting an electrochemical cell.
- **Electrochemical series.** The arrangement of elements in the order of increasing reduction potential values is called electrochemical series.

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- **Electrolysis.** It is the process of decomposition of an electrolyte by the passage of electricity through its aqueous solution or molten state.
- **Electrolytic cell.** The device which converts electrical energy into chemical energy.
- **Corrosion.** It is a redox reaction which occurs at the surfaces of metals when exposed to atmospheric conditions and form undesirable products (usually oxides).
- **Kohlrausch law.** It states that at infinite dilution when the dissociation is complete, each ion makes a definite contribution towards molar conductance of the electrolyte irrespective of the nature of other ions with which it is associated.
- **Faraday's first law of electrolysis.** It states that the amount of any substance deposited or liberated at any electrode is directly proportional to the quantity of electricity passed through the electrolytic solution.
- **Faraday's second law of electrolysis.** It states the when same quantity of electricity is passed through different electrolytic solutions connected in series, the weights of the substances produced at the electrodes are directly proportional to their chemical equivalent weights.

QUICK CHAPTER ROUND UP

CONDUCTORS

Metallic conductance
▶ movement of electrons

Electrolytic conductance
▶ movement of ions

Ohm's law
$V = IR$

Resistance
Obstruction to flow of current

$R = \rho\frac{l}{a}$

ρ = specific resistance

▶ R : ohm

Specific resistance or resistivity

$\rho = R.\frac{a}{l}$

▶ ρ : ohm cm

Conductance
Reciprocal of resistance

$G = \frac{1}{R}$

▶ G : ohm^{-1} or mho

Specific conductance or conductivity

$\kappa = \frac{1}{\rho}$

▶ κ : $ohm^{-1}\ cm^{-1}$

Molar conductance

$\Lambda_m = \frac{\kappa \times 1000}{M}$

▶ Λ_m : $ohm^{-1}\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}$

Equivalent conductance

$\Lambda_{eq} = \frac{\kappa \times 1000}{C}$

▶ Λ_{eq} : $ohm^{-1}\ cm^2\ equiv^{-1}$

With dilution or decrease in concenration
- Conductivity decreases
- Molar condutance increases

Molar conductance varies as

$\Lambda_m = \Lambda_m^\circ - A\ C^{1/2}$ (Debye-Huckel-Onsager equation

▶ Degree of dissociation of weak electrolytes :

$\alpha = \frac{\Lambda^c}{\Lambda^\circ}$ at concentration C

▶ Kohlrausch law of independent migration of ions :

$\Lambda^\circ(AB) = \lambda^\circ_{A^+} + \lambda^\circ_{B^-}$

or $\Lambda^\circ(A_xB_y) = x\lambda^\circ_{A^+} + y\lambda^\circ_{B^-}$

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Electrochemical Cells

⇒ convert chemical energy into electrical energy
Cathode is +ve (reduction), Anode is –ve (oxidation)

E.M.F of cell = E° (cathode) – E°(anode) = E°(R.H.S.) – E°(L.H.S.)

- For an electrode reaction, Nernst equation is :

$$M^{n+} + ne^- \longrightarrow M(s)$$

$$E = E^\circ - \frac{RT}{nF} ln \frac{1}{[M^{n+}]}$$

- For a cell reaction

$$aA + bB \rightleftharpoons cC + dD$$

Nernst equation is

$$E = E^\circ - \frac{0.059}{n} \log \frac{[C]^c [D]^d}{[A]^a [B]^b}$$

- $E^\circ_{cell} = \frac{2.303\ RT}{nF} \log K$ or $= \frac{0.059}{n} \log K$ at 25°C
- $\Delta G^\circ = -RT\, ln\, K$ or $= -2.303\ RT \log K$

Faraday's laws of Electrolysis

- First law : $w = Z \times Q$ or $w = Z I t$
- Second law : amount of subastance deposited ∝ moles of electrons exchanged during oxidation-reduction reaction

Cells or Batteries

Primary cells
- electrode reactions cannot be reversed
- not chargeable

	Anode	Cathode	Electrolyte
Dry cell :	Zinc	Graphite	MnO_2 + C NH_4Cl + $ZnCl_2$
Mercury cell :	Zinc	Graphite	HgO + KOH

Secondary cells (batteries)
- electrode reactions can be reversed
- chargeable

Lead storage cell
Anode : Lead
Cathode : PbO_2
Electrolyte : Aqueous H_2SO_4

Fuel cell : $H_2 - O_2$ Fuel cell ▶ Energy of combustion → Electrical energy
Porous carbon electrodes immersed in NaOH or KOH solution (Electrolyte).

Electrode reactions

Anode : $2[H_2(g) + 2OH^-(aq) \longrightarrow 2H_2O(l) + 2e^-]$

Cathode : $O_2(g) + 2H_2O(l) + 4e^- \longrightarrow 4OH^-(aq)$

Overall : $2H_2(g) + O_2(g) \longrightarrow 2H_2O(l)$

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CORROSION :

Process of deterioration of a metal as a result of its reaction with air or water (environment) surrounding it

$\Rightarrow$ corrosion of iron $\rightarrow$ **Rusting** ($Fe_2O_3 . xH_2O$)

Redox reactions during rusting

Oxidation half reaction:

$$Fe(s) \longrightarrow Fe^{2+}(aq) + 2e^-] \times 2 \qquad (E^\circ = -0.44\ V)$$

Reduction half reaction

$$4H^+ + O_2 + 4e^- \longrightarrow 2H_2O \qquad (E^\circ = 1.23\ V)$$

Overall cell reaction

$$2Fe(s) + 4H^+ + O_2 \longrightarrow 2Fe^{2+}(aq) + 2H_2O \qquad (E^\circ_{cell} = 1.67\ V)$$

$$4Fe^{2+}(aq) + O_2(g) + 4H_2O \longrightarrow 2Fe_2O_3 + 8H^+$$

and $$Fe_2O_3 + xH_2O \longrightarrow Fe_2O_3 . xH_2O$$

Rust

The process of covering iron with zinc to protect it from rusting is **galvanization**.



NCERT FILE Solved



NCERT In-text Questions

Q.1. How would you determine the standard electrode potential of the system $Mg^{2+}|Mg$?

Ans. The standard electrode potential of $Mg^{2+}|Mg$ system can be measured by connecting the Mg electrode immersed in 1M Mg^{2+} solution with S.H.E. This may be represented as:

$Mg|Mg^{2+}(1M)||H^+(1M)|H_2$, 1 atm, Pt

From the measured potential $E^\ominus_{(Mg^{2+}|Mg)}$ can be calculated

$$E^\circ_{cell} = E^\ominus_{(H^+|H_2)} - E^\ominus_{(Mg^{2+}|Mg)}$$

$$\therefore \quad E^\ominus_{(Mg^{2+}|Mg)} = 0 - E^\circ_{cell}$$

This is similar to the method discussed for $Zn^{2+}|Zn$ system. *(Refer Page 30, Fig 11).*

Q.2. Can you store copper sulphate solution in a zinc pot ?

Ans. No, because zinc is more reactive than copper and it will displace copper from copper sulphate solution as :

$$Zn(s) + CuSO_4(aq) \longrightarrow ZnSO_4(aq) + Cu(s)$$

As a result, zinc will gradually pass into the solution and copper will be precipitated.

Q.3. Consult the table of standard electrode potentials and suggest three substances which can oxidize ferrous ions under suitable conditions.

Ans. The electrode potential of $Fe^{3+}|Fe^{2+}$ is 0.78 V. The substances having electrode potential more than 0.78 V will be reduced and hence act as oxidising agent. For example,

(*i*) acidified $KMnO_4$ (*ii*) acidified $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$ (*iii*) acidified H_2O_2.

Q.4. Calculate the potential of hydrogen electrode in contact with a solution whose pH is 10.

Ans.

$$pH = 10$$

$$[H^+] = 10^{-10}$$

$$E = E^\ominus - \frac{0.059}{1}\log\frac{1}{[H^+]}$$

$$E = 0 - \frac{0.059}{1}\log\frac{1}{10^{-10}}$$

$$E = 0 - 0.059 \times 10$$

$$= \mathbf{-0.59\ V.}$$

Q.5. Calculate the e.m.f of the cell in which the following reaction takes place :

$Ni(s) + 2Ag^+(0.002\ M) \longrightarrow Ni^{2+}(0.160\ M) + 2Ag$

Given that $E^\ominus_{cell} = 1.05$ V

Ans.

$$E_{cell} = E^\ominus_{cell} - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{[Ni^{2+}]}{[Ag^+]^2}$$

$$= 1.05 - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{0.160}{(0.002)^2}$$

$$= 1.05 - \frac{0.059}{2} \times 4.602$$

$$= 1.05 - 0.14 = \mathbf{0.91\ V.}$$

Q.6. The cell in which the following reaction occurs :

$2Fe^{3+}(aq) + 2I^-(aq) \longrightarrow 2Fe^{2+}(aq) + I_2(s)$

has $E^\circ_{cell} = 0.236$ V at 298 K. Calculate the standard Gibbs energy and the equilibrium constant of the cell reaction.

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Ans.
$$E^\circ_{cell} = 0.236 \text{ V}$$
$$\Delta G^\ominus = -nFE^\ominus$$
$$n = 2,\ F = 96500 C$$
$$\Delta G^\ominus = 2 \times (96500 \text{ C}) \times (0.236 \text{ V})$$
$$= -45548 \text{ J or } = -45.55 \text{ kJ}$$
$$\Delta G^\ominus = -2.303 \text{ RT log } K_c$$
or
$$\log K_c = -\frac{\Delta G^\ominus}{2.303 \text{ RT}}$$
$$= \frac{-45.55}{2.303 \times 8.314 \times 10^{-3} \times 298}$$
$$= 7.983$$
$$K_c = \text{antilog } (7.983) = \mathbf{9.62 \times 10^7}$$

Q.7. Why does the conductivity of a solution decrease with dilution ?

Ans. Conductivity of an electrolyte solution decreases with dilution because the number of ions per unit volume furnished by an electrolyte decreases with dilution.

Q.8. Suggest a way to determine Λ°_m value of water.

Ans. $\Lambda^\circ_{m\,(H_2O)} = \lambda^\circ_{m\,(H^+)} + \lambda^\circ_{(OH^-)}$

We determine $\Lambda^\circ_{m(HCl)}$, $\Lambda^\circ_{m(NaOH)}$, and $\Lambda^\circ_{m\,(NaCl)}$. Then

$$\Lambda^\circ_{m(H_2O)} = \Lambda^\circ_{m(HCl)} + \Lambda^\circ_{m(NaOH)} - \Lambda^\circ_{m\,(NaCl)}$$
$$= \lambda^\circ_{m\,(H^+)} + \lambda^\circ_{m\,(Cl^-)} + \lambda^\circ_{m\,(Na^+)} + \lambda^\circ_{m\,(OH^-)} - \lambda^\circ_{m\,(Na^+)} - \lambda^\circ_{m(Cl^-)}$$
$$= \lambda^\circ_{m\,(H^+)} + \lambda^\circ_{m(OH^-)}$$

Q.9. The molar conductivity of 0.025 mol L^{-1} methanoic acid is 46.1 S cm^2 mol^{-1}. Calculate its degree of dissociation and dissociation constant. Given $\lambda^\circ(H^+) = 349.6$ S cm^2 mol^{-1} and $\lambda^\circ(HCOO^-) = 54.6$ S cm^2 mol^{-1}.

Ans.
$$\Lambda^\circ_{(HCOOH)} = \lambda^\circ_{(H^+)} + \lambda^\circ_{(HCOO^-)}$$
$$= 349.6 + 54.6$$
$$= 404.2 \text{ S cm}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1}$$
$$\alpha = \frac{\Lambda^m_c}{\Lambda^m_0} = \frac{46.1}{404.2} = 0.114$$
$$K_c = \frac{c\alpha^2}{1-\alpha}$$
$$= \frac{0.025 \times (0.114)^2}{1 - 0.114}$$
$$= \mathbf{3.67 \times 10^{-4}}$$

Q.10. If a current of 0.5 ampere flows through a metallic wire for 2 hour, then how many electrons would flow through the wire ?

Ans. Coulombs of electrons = Current × time
$$= 0.5 \text{ A} \times 2 \times 60 \times 60\text{s} = \mathbf{3600C}$$

Now, the current of 1F (96500 C) is equivalent to 1 mole *i.e.*, 6.022×10^{23} electrons.

$\therefore$ 3600 C of current is equivalent to flow of electrons

$$= \frac{6.022 \times 10^{23}}{96500} \times 3600 = \mathbf{2.246 \times 10^{22} \text{ electrons.}}$$

Q.11. Suggest a list of metals that are extracted electrolytically.

Ans. Sodium, potassium, calcium, magnesium, aluminium, etc.

Q.12. Consider the reaction :

$Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 14H^+ + 6e^- \longrightarrow 2Cr^{3+} + 7H_2O$

What is the quantity of electricity in coulombs needed to reduce 1 mol of $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$?

Ans. 6 mol of electrons are required to reduce 1 mol of $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$

Now 1 mol of electrons = 96500 C

6 mol of electrons = $96500 \times 6 = \mathbf{5.79 \times 10^5 \text{ C}}$

Q.13. Write the chemistry of recharging of the lead storage battery, highlighting all the materials that are involved during discharging.

Ans. A lead storage battery consists of anode of lead, cathode of a grid of lead packed with lead dioxide (PbO_2) and 38% H_2SO_4 solution as electrolyte. The following reactions occur when the battery is in use :

Anode : $Pb(s) + SO_4^{2-}(aq) \longrightarrow PbSO_4(s) + 2e^-$

Cathode :

$PbO_2(s) + SO_4^{2-}(aq) + 4H^+(aq) + 2e^- \longrightarrow PbSO_4(s) + 2H_2O(l)$

Overall reaction :

$Pb(s) + PbO_2(s) + 2H_2SO_4(aq) \longrightarrow 2PbSO_4(s) + 2H_2O(l)$

On charging the battery, the reverse reaction takes place *i.e.*, $PbSO_4$ deposited on the electrodes is converted back into lead and PbO_2 and H_2SO_4 in regenerated.

Q.14. Suggest two materials other than hydrogen that can be used as fuels in fuel cells.

Ans. (*i*) Methane (*ii*) Ethane

Recently zinc metal has been used in place of hydrogen gas in USA to develop a source of power for automobiles.

Q.15. Explain how rusting of iron is envisaged as setting up of an electrochemical cell.

Ans. Water layer present on the surface of iron (particularly during rainy season) dissolves acidic oxides present in air such as CO_2, SO_2, etc to form acids which dissociate to give H^+ ions :

$$H_2O + CO_2 \longrightarrow H_2CO_3 \rightleftharpoons 2H^+ + CO_3^{2-}$$

In the presence of H^+ ions, iron starts losing electrons at a particular spot of iron object to form ferrous ions. Therefore, oxidation takes place and that spot behaves as anode.

$$Fe(s) \longrightarrow Fe^{2+}(aq) + 2e^-$$

The electrons released at anodic spot move through the metal to reach another spot where H^+ ions and the dissolved oxygen take up these electrons and reduction takes place. Hence this spot behaves as cathode

$$O_2(g) + 4H^+(aq) + 4e^- \longrightarrow 2H_2O(l)$$

The overall reaction is :

$$2Fe(s) + O_2(g) + 4H^+(aq) \longrightarrow 2Fe^{2+}(aq) + 2H_2O(l)$$

Thus, an electrochemical cell sets up on the surface. Ferrous ions are further oxidised by atmospheric oxygen to ferric ions which combine with water molecules to form hydrated ferric oxide, $Fe_2O_3 . xH_2O$, which is rust.

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NCERT Textbook Exercises

Q.1. Arrange the following metals in the order in which they displace each other from the solution of their salts

Al, Cu, Fe, Mg and Zn.

Ans. Mg, Al, Zn, Fe, Cu.

Q.2. Given the standard electrode potentials,

K^+/K = –2.93 V, $Ag^+|Ag$ = 0.80 V

$Hg^{2+}|Hg$ = 0.79 V

$Mg^{2+}|Mg$ = –2.37 V, $Cr^{3+}|Cr$ = – 0.74V

Arrange these metals in their increasing order of reducing power.

Ans. $Ag^+|Ag$, $Hg^{2+}|Hg$, $Cr^{3+}|Cr$, $Mg^{2+}|Mg$, $K^+|K$

Q.3. Depict the galvanic cell in which the reaction

$$Zn(s) + 2Ag^+(aq) \longrightarrow Zn^{2+}(aq) + 2\,Ag(s)$$

takes place. Further show :

(*i*) Which of the electrode is negatively charged ?

(*ii*) The carriers of the current in the cell.

(*iii*) Individual reaction at each electrode.

(D.S.B. 2008; A.I.S.B. 2008)

Ans. The cell may be depicted similar to Fig. 6 (Page 23). The cell may be represented as :

$Zn(s)|Zn^{2+}(aq)||Ag^+(aq)|Ag(s)$

(*i*) Zinc electrode (anode)

(*ii*) Current will flow from silver to zinc in the external circuit.

(*iii*) At anode : $Zn(s) \longrightarrow Zn^{2+} + 2e^-$

At cathode : $Ag^+(aq) + e^- \longrightarrow Ag(s)$

Q.4. Calculate the standard cell potentials of galvanic cells in which of the following reactions take place :

(*i*) $2Cr(s) + 3Cd^{2+}(aq) \longrightarrow 2Cr^{3+}(aq) + 3Cd$

(*ii*) $Fe^{2+}(aq) + Ag^+(aq) \longrightarrow Fe^{3+}(aq) + Ag(s)$

Calculate the $\Delta_rG^\ominus$ and equilibrium constant of the reactions.

Ans. (*i*)

$$E^\ominus_{cell} = E^\ominus_{(cathode)} - E^\ominus_{(anode)}$$
$$= -0.40 - (-0.74) = +0.34\ V$$
$$\Delta_rG^\ominus = -nFE^\ominus_{cell}$$
$$= -6 \times 96500 \times 0.34$$
$$= -196860\ CV\ mol^{-1}$$
$$= -196860\ J\ mol^{-1}$$
$$= -196.86\ kJ\ mol^{-1}$$

$$\log K_c = \frac{nE^\ominus_{cell}}{0.059}$$
$$= \frac{6 \times 0.34}{0.059} = 34.576$$
$$K_c = 3.76 \times 10^{34}$$

(*ii*)
$$E^\ominus_{cell} = E^\ominus_{(cathode)} - E^\ominus_{(anode)}$$
$$= 0.80 - 0.77 = +0.03V$$
$$\Delta_rG^\ominus = -nFE^\ominus_{cell}$$
$$= -1 \times 96500 \times 0.03$$
$$= -2896500\ CV\ mol^{-1}$$
$$= -289500\ J\ mol^{-1}$$
$$= -289.5\ kJ\ mol^{-1}$$

$$\log K_c = \frac{nE^\ominus_{cell}}{0.059}$$
$$= \frac{1 \times 0.03}{0.059} = 0.508$$
$$K_c = 3.22$$

Q.5. Write the Nernst equation and calculate emf of the following cells at 298K :

(*i*) $Mg(s)|Mg^{2+}(0.001M)||Cu^{2+}(0.0001M)|Cu(s)$

(*ii*) $Fe(s)|Fe^{2+}(0.001M)||H^+(1M)|H_2(g)(1bar)|Pt(s)$

(*iii*) $Sn(s)|Sn^{2+}(0.050M)H^+(0.020M)H_2(g)(1bar)|Pt(s)$

(*iv*) $Pt(s)|Br_2(1)|Br\,(0.010M)||H^+(0.030M)|H_2(g)$ (1bar) $Pt(s)$

Ans. Parts (*i*), (*ii*) and (*iii*) *Refer Solved Example 32 (page 41)*

(*iv*) $Pt(s)|Br_2(l)|Br^-(0.010M)||H^+(0.030M)|H_2(g)$ (1bar)$|Pt(s)$

$$2Br^- + 2H^+ \longrightarrow Br_2 + H_2$$

$$E = E^\ominus - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{1}{[Br^-]^2[H^+]^2}$$
$$E^\ominus = 0 - 1.08 = -1.08$$

$$\therefore\quad E = -1.08 - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{1}{(0.01)^2\,(0.030)^2}$$
$$= -1.08 - \frac{0.059}{2}\log(1.11 \times 10^7)$$
$$= -1.08 - \frac{0.059}{2} \times 7.0457$$
$$= -1.08 - 0.208$$
$$= \mathbf{-1.288\ V}$$

The given reaction is not feasible. Thus, oxidation will occur at the hydrogen electrode and reduction on the Br_2 electrode and $E^\ominus_{cell} = 1.288$ V.

Q.6. In the button cells widely used in watches and other devices the following reaction takes place :

$Zn(s) + Ag_2O(s) + H_2O(l) \rightarrow Zn^{2+}(aq) + 2Ag(s) + 2OH^-(aq)$

Determine $\Delta_rG^\ominus$ and $E^\ominus$ for the reaction.

(Meghalaya S.B. 2015)

Ans. *Refer Solved Example 43.(page 48)*

Q.7. Define conductivity and molar conductivity for the solution of an electrolyte. Discuss their variation with concentration.

Ans. *Refer Text page 4, 5 and 12.*

Q.8. The conductivity of 0.20 M solution of KCl at 298K is 0.0248 S cm^{-1}. Calculate its molar conductivity.

Ans. *Refer Solved Example 2. (page 10)*

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Q.9. The resistance of a conductivity cell containing 0.001M KCl solution at 298 K is 1500 Ω. What is the cell constant if conductivity of 0.001 M KCl solution at 298 K is 0.146×10^{-3} S cm^{-1}. ?

Ans. Cell constant, $G^* = \frac{\text{Conductivity}}{\text{Conductance}}$

$$\text{Conductance} = \frac{1}{1500}\ \text{S}$$

$$\therefore \quad \text{Cell constant} = \frac{0.146 \times 10^{-3}\ \text{S cm}^{-1}}{1/1500}$$

$$= \mathbf{0.219\ cm^{-1}}$$

Q.10. The conductivity of sodium chloride at 298 K has been determined at different concentrations and the results are given below :

Concentration/M 0.001 0.010 0.020 0.050 0.100

$10^2 \times \kappa$/S m^{-1} 1.237 11.85 23.15 55.53 106.74

Calculate Λ_m for all concentrations and draw a plot between Λ_m and $C^{1/2}$. Find the value of Λ°_m.

Ans. *Refer Solved Example 9. (page 14)*

Q.11. Conductivity of 0.00241M acetic acid is 7.896×10^{-5}S cm^{-1}. Calculate its molar conductivity and if Λ_m° for acetic acid is 390.5 S cm^2 mol^{-1}, what is its dissociation constant ?

Ans.

$$\Lambda^c_m = \frac{\kappa \times 1000}{M}$$

$$= \frac{7.896 \times 10^{-5}\text{S cm}^{-1} \times 1000\ \text{cm}^3\ \text{L}^{-1}}{0.00241\ \text{mol L}^{-1}}$$

$$= 32.76\ \text{S cm}^2\ \text{mol}^{-1}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\Lambda^c_m}{\Lambda^\circ_m}$$

$$= \frac{32.76}{390.5} = 8.39 \times 10^{-2}$$

$$K_a = \frac{C\alpha^2}{1-\alpha} = \frac{0.00241 \times (8.39 \times 10^{-2})^2}{(1 - 8.39 \times 10^{-2})}$$

$$= \mathbf{1.86 \times 10^{-5}}$$

Q.12. How much charge is required for the following reduction of

(*i*) 1 mol of Al^{3+} to Al.

(*ii*) 1 mol of Cu^{2+} to Cu

(*iii*) 1 mol of MnO_4^- to Mn^{2+} ?

Ans. *Refer Solved Example 54. (page 60)*

Q.13. How much electricity in terms of Faraday is required to produce

(*i*) 20.0 g of Ca from molten $CaCl_2$

(*ii*) 40.0 g of Al from molten Al_2O_3 ?

Ans. (*i*) $Ca^{2+} + 2e^- \longrightarrow Ca$

1 mol of Ca *i.e.,* 40 g require electricity = 2F

$$20\ \text{g of Ca will require electricity} = \frac{2 \times 20}{40}\text{F}$$

$$= \mathbf{1F}$$

(*ii*) $Al^{3+} + 3e^- \longrightarrow Al$

1 mol of Al = 27 g

$$\therefore \quad 27\ \text{g of Al require electricity} = 3\text{F}$$

$$40\ \text{g of Al will require electricity} = \frac{3}{27} \times 40\text{F}$$

$$= \mathbf{4.4F}$$

Q.14. How much electricity is required in coulomb for the oxidation of

(*i*) 1 mol of H_2O to O_2

(*ii*) 1 mol of FeO to Fe_2O_3 ?

Ans. *Refer Solved Example 54. (page 60)*

Q.15. A solution of $Ni(NO_3)_2$ is electrolysed between platinum electrodes using a current of 5 amperes for 20 minutes. What mass of Ni is deposited at the cathode ?

Ans. *Refer Solved Example 54. (page 60)*

Q16. Three electrolytic cells A, B, C containing solution of $ZnSO_4$, $AgNO_3$ and $CuSO_4$, respectively are connected in series. A steady current of 1.5 amperes was passed through them until 1.45 g of silver deposited at the cathode of cell B. How long did the current flow? What mass of copper and of zinc were deposited ?

Ans. *Refer Solved Example 57. (page 61)*

Q.17. Predict if the reaction between the following is feasible :

(*i*) Fe^{3+} (*aq*) and I^- (*aq*)

(*ii*) Ag^+ (*aq*) and Cu (*s*)

(*iii*) Fe^{3+} (*aq*) and Br^- (*aq*)

(*iv*) Ag(*s*) and Fe^{3+}(*aq*)

(*v*) Br_2 (*aq*) and Fe^{2+} (*aq*)

Given standard electrode potentials :

$E^\ominus_{1/2}\ I_2/I^- = 0.54$ V, $E^\ominus_{1/2}\ Cu^{2+}/Cu = 0.34$ V, $E^\ominus_{1/2}\ Br_2/Br^- = 1.09$V, $E^\ominus_{1/2}\ Ag^+ / Ag = 0.80$V and $E^\ominus_{1/2}\ Fe^{3+}/Fe^{2+} = 0.77$V

Ans. (*i*) A reaction is feasible if EMF of the cell is positive.

$Fe^{3+}(aq) + I^-(aq) \longrightarrow Fe^{2+}(aq) + 1/2I_2$

Cell is : $Pt|I_2|I^-(aq)||Fe^{3+}(aq)|Fe^{2+}(aq)|Pt$

$$E^\ominus_{cell} = E^\ominus(Fe^{3+}|Fe^{2+}) - E^\circ(1/2I_2|I^-)$$

$$= 0.77 - 0.54 = 0.23\ \text{V}$$

$\therefore$ Reaction is feasible.

(*ii*) $2Ag^+(aq) + Cu(s) \longrightarrow 2Ag(s) + Cu^{2+}(aq)$

$Cu|Cu^{2+}(aq)||Ag^+(aq)|Ag$

$$E^\ominus_{cell} = E^\ominus(Ag^+|Ag) - E^\ominus(Cu^{2+}|Cu)$$

$$= 0.80 - 0.34$$

$$= 0.46\ \text{V}$$

$\therefore$ Reaction is fesaible.

(*iii*) $Fe^{3+}(aq) + Br^-(aq) \longrightarrow Fe^{2+}(aq) + 1/2Br_2$

$$E^\ominus_{cell} = E^\ominus(Fe^{3+}|Fe^{2+}) - E^\ominus(Br_2|Br^-)$$

$$= 0.77 - 1.09$$

$$= -0.32\text{V}$$

$\therefore$ Reaction is not feasible.

(*iv*) $Ag(s) + Fe^{3+}(aq) \longrightarrow Ag^+(aq) + Fe^{2+}(aq)$

$$E^\ominus_{cell} = E^\ominus(Fe^{3+}|Fe^{2+}) - E^\ominus(Ag^+|Ag)$$

$$= 0.77 - 0.80$$

$$= -0.03\text{V}$$

$\therefore$ Reaction is not feasible.

(*v*) $1/2Br_2(aq) + Fe^{2+}(aq) \longrightarrow Br^- + Fe^{3+}(aq)$

$$E^\ominus_{cell} = E^\ominus(Br_2|Br^-) - E^\ominus(Fe^{3+}|Fe^{2+})$$

$$= 1.09 - 0.77$$

$$= 0.32\ \text{V}$$

$\therefore$ Reaction is feasible.

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Q.18. Predict the products of electrolysis in each of the following :

(*i*) An aqueous solution of $AgNO_3$ with silver electrode.

(*ii*) An aqueous solution of $AgNO_3$ with platinum electrodes.

(*iii*) A dilute solution of H_2SO_4 with platinum electrodes.

(*iv*) An aqueous solution of $CuCl_2$ with platinum electrodes.

Ans. (*i*) Electrolysis of aqueous solution of $AgNO_3$ using silver electrodes :

$$AgNO_3(s) + nH_2O \longrightarrow Ag^+(aq) + NO_3^-(aq)$$

$$H_2O \rightleftharpoons H^+ + OH$$

At cathode : Ag^+ ions have lower discharge potential than H^+ ions. Hence Ag^+ ions will be deposited as silver (in preference to H^+ ions).

At anode : Since silver electrode is attacked by NO_3^- ions, Ag anode will dissolve to form Ag^+ ions in the solution.

$$Ag \longrightarrow Ag^+ + e^-$$

(*ii*) **Electrolysis of aqueous solution of $AgNO_3$ using platinum electrodes**

At cathode : Same as above.

At anode : Since silver is not attacked, out of OH^- and NO_3^- ions, OH^- ions have lower discharge potential and hence OH^- ions will be discharged in preference to NO_3^-. The OH^- will decompose to give O_2.

$$OH^-(aq) \longrightarrow OH + e^-$$

$$4OH \longrightarrow 2H_2O(l) + O_2(g)$$

(*iii*) **Electrolysis of H_2SO_4 with Pt electrodes**

$$H_2SO_4(aq) \longrightarrow 2H^+(aq) + SO_4^{2-}(aq)$$

$$H_2O \rightleftharpoons H^+ + OH^-$$

At cathode : $H^+ + e^- \longrightarrow H$

$$H + H \longrightarrow H_2(g)$$

At anode : $OH^- \longrightarrow OH + e^-$

$$4OH \longrightarrow 2H_2O + O_2(g)$$

(*iv*) **Electrolysis of aqueous solution of $CuCl_2$ with platinum electrodes**

$$CuCl_2(s) + (aq) \longrightarrow Cu^{2+}(aq) + 2Cl^-(aq)$$

$$H_2O \longrightarrow H^+ + OH^-$$

At cathode : Cu^{2+} will be reduced in preference to H^+ ions

$$Cu^{2+} + 2e^- \longrightarrow Cu$$

At anode : Cl^- ions will be oxidized in preference to OH^- ions

$$Cl^- \longrightarrow Cl + e^-$$

$$Cl + Cl \longrightarrow Cl_2$$

Thus, copper will be deposited on the cathode and Cl_2 will be liberated at anode.



NCERT Exemplar Problems

Subjective Questions

Note: *Objective Questions from Exemplar Problems are given in Competition File, page 114.*

Short Answer Type Questions

1. Can absolute electrode potential of an electrode be measured?

Ans. No, absolute electrode potential of an electrode cannot be measured.

2. Can $E^\ominus_{cell}$ or $\Delta_r G^\ominus$ for a cell reaction ever be equal to zero?

Ans. No, $\Delta G^\circ = nFE^\circ$, if E° is zero, cell reaction will not occur.

3. Under what condition is $E_{Cell} = 0$ or $\Delta_r G = 0$?

Ans. When the cell reaction reaches equilibrium, $E_{cell} = 0$, so that ΔG is also zero.

4. What does the negative sign in the expression $E^\circ_{Zn^{2+}/Zn} = -0.76$ V mean?

Ans. It means that zinc is more reactive than hydrogen. When zinc electrode is connected to SHE, zinc will get oxidised and H^+ will get reduced.

5. Aqueous copper sulphate solution and aqueous silver nitrate solution are electrolysed by 1 Ampere current for 10 minutes in separate electrolytic cells. Will the mass of copper and silver deposited on the cathode be same or different? Explain your answer.

Ans. Mass of copper and silver deposited on cathode will be different. It depends upon equivalent mass.

6. Depict the galvanic cell in which the cell reaction is $Cu + 2Ag^+ \longrightarrow 2Ag + Cu^{2+}$

Ans. $Cu\,|\,Cu^{2+}\,(aq,1M)\,\|\,Ag^+\,(aq,1M)\,|\,Ag$.

7. Value of standard electrode potential for the oxidation of Cl^- ions is more positive than that of water, even then in the electrolysis of aqueous sodium chloride, why is Cl^- oxidised at anode instead of water?

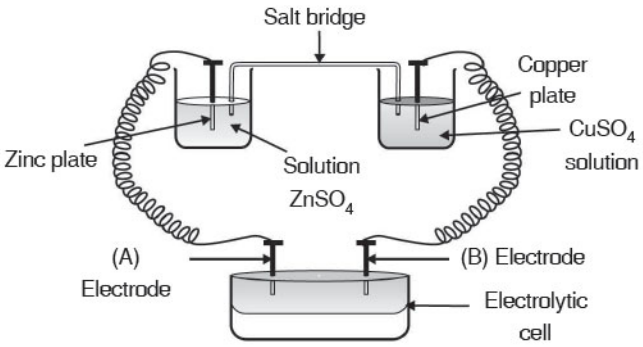
Ans. Under the conditions of electrolysis of aqueous sodium chloride, oxidation of water at anode requires over potential and therefore, Cl^- is oxidised instead of water.

8. What is electrode potential?

Ans The electrical potential difference set up between the metal and its solution is called electrode potential.

9. Consider the following diagram in which an electrochemical cell is coupled to an electrolytic cell. What will be the polarity of electrodes 'A' and 'B' in the electrolytic cell?

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Ans. 'A' will have –ve polarity and 'B' will have +ve polarity.

10. Why is alternating current used for measuring resistance of an electrolytic solution?

Ans. The alternating current is used to prevent electrolysis so that the concentration of ion in the solution remains constant.

11. A galvanic cell has electrical potential of 1.1V. If an opposing potential of 1.1V is applied to this cell, what will happen to the cell reaction and current flowing through the cell?

Ans. When the opposing potential becomes equal to electrical potential, the cell reaction stops and no current flows through the cell. Thus, there is no chemical reaction.

12. How will the pH of brine (aq. NaCl solution) be affected when it is electrolysed?

Ans. Since NaOH is formed during electrolysis, pH of the brine solution will increase

13. Unlike dry cell, the mercury cell has a constant cell potential throughout its life. Why?

Ans. Beacuse ions are not involved in the overall cell reaction of mercury cells.

14. Solutions of two electrolytes 'A' and 'B' are diluted. The Λ_m of 'B' increases 1.5 times while that of A increases 25 times. Which of the two is a strong electrolyte? Justify your answer.

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Ans. Electrolyte B is strong because on dilution Λ_m increases only small.

15. When acidulated water (dil.H_2SO_4 solution) is electrolysed, will the pH of the solution be affected? Justify your answer.

Ans. pH of the solution remains same because $[H^+]$ remains constant.

At anode : $2H_2O \longrightarrow O_2 + 4H^+ + 4e^-$

At cathode : $4H^+ + 4e^- \longrightarrow 2H_2$

16. In an aqueous solution how does specific conductivity of electrolytes change with addition of water?

Ans. On the addition of water, number of ions per unit volume decreases and therefore conductivity decreases.

17. Which reference electrode is used to measure the electrode potential of other electrodes?

Ans. The standard hydrogen electrode is used as a reference electrode whose electrode potential is taken to be zero. The electrode potential of other electrodes is measured with respect to it.

18. Consider a cell given below

$Cu|Cu^{2+}||Cl^-|Cl_2$,Pt

Write the reactions that occur at anode and cathode.

Ans. Anode : $Cu \longrightarrow Cu^{2+} + 2e^-$

Cathode : $Cl_2 + 2e^- \longrightarrow 2Cl^-$

Cu is anode because it is getting oxidised.

Cl_2 is cathode because it is getting reduced.

19. Write the Nernst equation for the cell reaction in the Daniel cell. How will the E_{Cell} be affected when concentration of Zn^{2+} ions is increased?

Ans. The cell reaction for Daniel cell is :

$$Zn + Cu^{2+} \longrightarrow Zn^{2+} + Cu$$

$$E_{Cell} = E^{\ominus}_{Cell} - \frac{0.059}{2} \log \frac{[Zn^{2+}]}{[Cu^{2+}]}$$

E_{Cell} decreases when concentration of Zn^{2+} ions $[Zn^{2+}]$ increases.

20. What advantage do the fuel cells have over primary and secondary batteries?

Ans. Primary batteries contain a limited amount of reactants and are discharged when the reactants have been consumed. Secondary batteries can be recharged but take a long time to recharge. Fuel cell runs continuously as long as the reactants are supplied to it and products are removed continuously.

21. Write the cell reaction of a lead storage battery when it is discharged. How does the density of the electrolyte change when the battery is discharged?

Ans. $Pb + PbO_2 + 2H_2SO_4 \xrightarrow{\text{Discharge}} 2PbSO_4 + 2H_2O$

Density of electrolyte decreases because water is formed and sulphuric acid is consumed as the product during discharge of the battery.

22. Why on dilution the Λ_m of CH_3COOH increases drastically, while that of CH_3COONa increases gradually?

Ans. In the case of CH_3COOH, which is a weak electrolyte, the number of ions increase on dilution due to an increase in degree of dissociation.

$$CH_3COOH + H_2O \rightleftharpoons CH_3COO^- + H_3O^+$$

In the case of strong electrolyte such as CH_3COONa, the number of ions remains the same but the interionic attraction decreases.

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QUICK MEMORY TEST

A. Say True or False

1. An electrochemical cell works only if emf is negative.
2. In an electrolytic cell reduction occurs at cathode.
3. Electrolytic conductance generally decreases with rise in temperature.
4. Greater reduction potential represents greater reducing power of the substance.
5. In Zn-Cu cell, copper acts as a cathode while in Cu-Ag cell, copper acts as anode.
6. Metallic conductance decreases with increase in temperature.
7. Both E°_{cell} and ΔG° for the cell reaction are intensive properties.
8. Reduction potential and oxidation potential for a half cell reaction are numerically equal but of opposite sign.
9. Out of HCl and NaCl, Λ^{∞}_{m} of HCl is higher.
10. $CuSO_4$ solution can be stirred with a silver spoon but $AgNO_3$ solution cannot be stirred with a copper spoon.

B. Complete the missing links

1. In an electrochemical cell, oxidation occurs at ..... and reduction occurs at .....
2. ΔG° is related to e.m.f. (E°) of the cell as .....
3. The units of cell constant are .....
4. In a Leclanche cell, MnO_2 acts as .....
5. Protection of iron by coating with zinc is called .....
6. For the spontaneous electrochemical cell reaction, E° should be .....
7. The electrolyte used in $H_2 - O_2$ fuel cell is .....
8. In Leclanche dry cell, the cathode is .....
9. In electrolytic cell, reduction occurs at .....
10. In lead storage cell, the cathode consists of .....
11. The chemical formula of rust is .....
12. The units of molar conductance are .....
13. The equilibrium constant (K_c) and e.m.f. of the cell (E°) are related as .....

C. Choose the correct alternative

1. In an electrochemical cell, reduction will occur at the electrode having *lower / higher* oxidation potential.
2. E°_{cell} is *intensive / extensive* property.
3. Electrolytic conductance *increases / decreases* with decrease in temperature.
4. In a Daniell cell, when $E_{ext} > 1.10$ V, then current flows from *Zn to Cu / Cu to Zn.*
5. E°_{cell} is *directly / inversely* proportional to ΔG°.
6. By passing 96500 C of electricity through aqueous Al_2O_3, the amount of Al produced is *27g / 9g.*
7. In the electrolysis of molten $PbBr_2$, *Br_2 / Pb* is produced at anode.
8. In Leclanche cell, zinc cylinder acts as a *anode / cathode.*
9. Secondary cells are *chargeable / not chargeable.*
10. In mercury cell, zinc acts as *anode / cathode.*
11. Presence of CO_2 in natural water *increases / decreases* rusting of iron.
12. Presence of electrolytes in water *increases / decreases* corrosion of iron.

Answers QUICK MEMORY TEST

A. Say True or False

1. **False.** For spontaneous electrochemical cell reaction emf should be positive.
2. True
3. **False.** Electrolytic conductance increases with rise in temperature.
4. **False.** Greater reduction potential represents greater oxidising power of the substance.
5. True
6. True
7. **False.** E°_{cell} is intensive but ΔG° is extensive.
8. True
9. True
10. True

B. Complete the missing links

1. anode, cathode
2. $\Delta G^{\circ} = -nFE^{\circ}$
3. cm^{-1} or m^{-1}
4. depolarizer
5. galvanization
6. +ve
7. conc. KOH solution
8. carbon (graphite) rod
9. Cathode
10. lead packed with PbO_2
11. $Fe_2O_3 \cdot xH_2O$
12. $ohm^{-1}\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}$
13. $\log K_c = \frac{nE^{\circ}}{0.059}$ at 298 K.

C. Choose the correct alternative

1. lower
2. intensive
3. decreases
4. Zn to Cu
5. directly
6. 9 g
7. Br_2
8. anode
9. chargeable
10. anode
11. increases
12. increases

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HOTS Higher Order Thinking Skills & Advanced Level

QUESTIONS WITH ANSWERS

Q.1. What are the signs of ΔG, K and E°_{cell} for a spontaneous cell reaction ?

Ans. ΔG = –ve, K = +ve, E°_{cell} = +ve

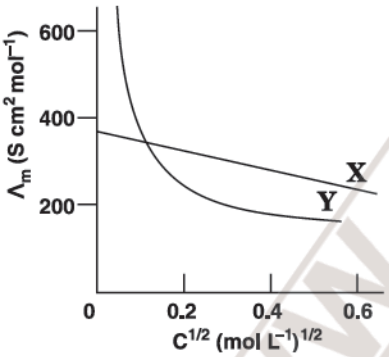
Q.2. Why is a salt bridge or a porous plate not needed in a lead storage battery ?

Ans. The half cells in a cell must be separated only if the oxidizing and reducing agent can migrate to the other half cell. In lead storage cell, the oxidizing agent, PbO_2 and the reducing agent, Pb as well as their oxidation and reduction product $PbSO_4$ are solids. Therefore, there is no need to separate half cells.

Q.3. Blocks of magnesium are often strapped to the steel hulls of ocean going ships. Why ?

Ans. Magnesium prevents the oxidation of steel by transferring the excess of electrons to the steel. Thus, rusting of steel is protected and it is called cathodic protection.

Q.4. The following curve is obtained when molar conductivity, Λ_m is plotted against the square root of concentration, $C^{1/2}$ along y and x-axis respectively for the two electrolytes X and Y.



(*i*) What can you say about the nature of these two electrolytes ?

(*ii*) How do you account for the increase in Λ_m for the electrolytes X and Y with dilution ?

(*iii*) How can you determine Λ_m^∞ for these electrolytes ?

Ans. (*i*) Electrolyte X is a strong electrolyte and Y is a weak electrolyte.

(*ii*) Molar conductivity, Λ_m of X (strong electrolyte) increases slowly with dilution. This is because interionic forces of attraction decrease on dilution, although the number of ions remain the same. As a result ions move more freely and hence Λ_m increases with dilution.

On the other hand, for Y (weak electrolyte) Λ_m increases sharply with dilution. This is because, degree of dissociation increases on dilution resulting in greater number of ions on dilution. Hence Λ_m increases.

(*iii*) For X, Λ_m^∞ can be obtained by extrapolation to zero concentration.

For Y, Λ_m^∞ can be calculated by using Kohlrausch law.

Q.5. Consider the following half cell reactions :

$$Br_2 + 2e^- \longrightarrow 2Br^- \qquad E^\circ = 1.09\ V$$

$$I_2 + 2e^- \longrightarrow 2I^- \qquad E^\circ = 0.54\ V$$

If I_2 and Br_2 are added to solution containing 1 M concentration of I^- and Br^- respectively.

(*i*) Write an equation for the overall cell reaction and E° of the cell.

(*ii*) Write the cell in which the reaction takes place, using Pt as the inert electrolyte for each electrode.

(*iii*) How will the increase in the concentration of Br^- affect E_{cell} ?

Ans. (*i*) $Br_2 + 2I^- \longrightarrow 2Br^- + I_2$

$$E^\ominus = E^\ominus\left(\frac{1}{2}Br_2\,|\,Br^-\right) - E^\circ\left(\frac{1}{2}I_2\,|\,I^-\right)$$

$$= 1.09 - 0.54 = 0.55\ V.$$

(*ii*) $Pt|I_2, I^-(aq)||Br^-(aq), Br_2|Pt$

(*iii*) The value of $E^\ominus$ will be reduced.

Q.6. Tarnished silver contains Ag_2S. Can this tarnish be removed by placing tarnished silver article in an aluminium pan containing an inert electrolyte solution such as NaCl ? The standard electrode potentials for the half cell reactions are :

$$Ag_2S(s) + 2e^- \longrightarrow 2Ag\,(s) + S^{2-}(aq) \qquad E^\circ = -0.71\ V$$

$$Al^{3+} + 3e^- \longrightarrow Al(s) \qquad E^\circ = -1.66\ V$$

Ans. Tarnish due to silver sulphide can be removed if the following cell reaction occurs :

$$Ag_2S + Al \longrightarrow Al^{3+} + 2Ag + S^{2-}$$

E.M.F. of the cell will be

$$E^\ominus = E^\ominus\,(Ag_2S\,|\,2Ag, S^{2-}) - E^\ominus\,(Al^{3+}\,|\,Al)$$

$$= -0.71 - (-1.66) = +0.95V$$

Since E°_{cell} is positive, the reaction will occur and tarnish will be removed.

Q.7. If charge on the electron is 1.60×10^{-19}C and 96500 C deposit 107.9 g of silver from its solution, calculate the value of Avogadro's number. (At. mass of Ag = 107.9 *u*)

Ans. 1 mol = 107.9 g

1 mol of Ag is deposited by 96500 C

If charge of electron is 1.60×10^{-19} C

$$\text{No. of electrons in 1 mol of silver} = \frac{96500\,C}{1.60 \times 10^{-19}\,C}$$

$$= 6.03 \times 10^{23}\,e^-$$

Avogadro number = 6.03×10^{23}.

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Q.8. On the basis of the following data :

$$Co^{3+} + e^- \longrightarrow Co^{2+}; \qquad E^\circ = +1.82\ V$$

$$2H_2O \longrightarrow O_2 + 4H^+ + 4e^-; \qquad E^\circ = +1.23\ V$$

explain why Co^{3+} salts are unstable in water ?

Ans. The potential $(Co^{3+}|Co)$ is large and sufficient to oxidize water. Therefore, Co(III) in aqueous solution has a tendency to change to Co(II). Hence Co(III) is unstable in aqueous solution.

Q.9. Show that for two half reactions having potentials E_1 and E_2 which are combined to give a third half reaction having potential E_3 is

$$E_3 = \frac{n_1E_1 + n_2E_2}{n_3}$$

Ans. Let $\Delta G_1, \Delta G_2$ and ΔG_3 are the free energy changes for the half cell reactions having potentials E_1, E_2 and E_3 respectively, then

$$\Delta G_3 = \Delta G_1 + \Delta G_2$$

Since $\Delta G = -nFE$

or $$-n_3FE_3 = -n_1FE_1 - n_2FE_2$$

Dividing both sides by $-n_3F$

$$E_3 = \frac{n_1E_1 + n_2E_2}{n_3}$$

Q.10. Calculate the reduction potential of a half cell consisting of a platinum electrode immersed in 2.0 M Fe^{2+} and 0.02 M Fe^{3+} solution (E° Fe^{3+} | Fe^{2+} = 0.771 V).

Ans. The electrode reaction is

$$Fe^{3+} + e^- \longrightarrow Fe^{2+}$$

$$E = E^\circ - \frac{0.059}{1}\log\frac{[Fe^{2+}]}{[Fe^{3+}]}$$

$E^\circ = 0.771$ V,

$[Fe^{3+}] = 0.02$ M,

$[Fe^{2+}] = 2.0$ M

$$\therefore \quad E = 0.771 - \frac{0.059}{1}\log\frac{(2.0)}{(0.02)}$$

$$= 0.771 - 0.059\log 100$$

$$= 0.771 - 0.118 = \mathbf{0.653\ V}$$

Q.11. The standard reduction potential for the half cell: $NO_3^-(aq) + 2H^+(aq) + e^- \longrightarrow NO_2 + H_2O$ is 0.78 V.

(*i*) Calculate the reduction potential at 8 M H^+.

(*ii*) What will be the reduction potential of the half cell in a neutral solution ? Assume all other species to be at unit concentration.

Ans. (*i*) The half cell reaction :

$$NO_3^-(aq) + 2H^+(aq) + e^- \longrightarrow NO_2 + H_2O$$

According to Nernst equation,

$$E = E^\ominus - \frac{0.059}{1}\log\frac{[NO_2][H_2O]}{[NO_3^-][H^+]^2}$$

$$E = 0.78 - 0.059\log\frac{1}{(8)^2}$$

$$= 0.78 - 0.1062 = \mathbf{0.8862\ V}$$

(*ii*) In neutral solution, $[H^+] = 10^{-7}$ M

$$\therefore \quad E = 0.78 - \frac{0.059}{1}\log\frac{1}{(10^{-7})^2}$$

$$= 0.78 - 0.059 \times 14 = 0.78 - 0.826$$

$$= \mathbf{-0.046\ V}$$

Q. 12. How many grams of silver could be plated out on a serving tray by electrolysis of a solution containing silver in + 1 oxidation state for a period of 8.0 hours at a current of 8.46 amperes? What is the area of the tray if the thickness of the silver plating is 0.0025 cm ? Density of silver is 10.5 g/cm^3.

Ans. Quantity of electricity passed

$$= 8.46 \times 8 \times 60 \times 60\ C$$

$$\text{Amount of silver deposited} = \frac{107.8}{96500} \times 8.46 \times 8 \times 60 \times 60$$

$$= 272.18\ g$$

$$\text{Volume of silver} = \frac{272.18}{10.5} = 25.92\ cc$$

$$\text{Area of tray} = \frac{25.92}{0.00254} = \mathbf{1.02 \times 10^4\ cm^2}$$

Q. 13. What pressure of H_2 would be required to make the e.m.f. of the hydrogen electrode zero in pure water at 25°C ?

Ans. The cell reaction is :

$$2H^+(aq) + 2e^- \rightleftharpoons H_2(g)$$

According to Nernst equation,

$$E = E^\circ - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{p(H_2)}{[H^+]^2}$$

Since $E = 0$, $[H^+] = 10^{-7}$ M (pure water)

$$0 = 0 - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{p(H_2)}{(10^{-7})^2}$$

$$0 = -\frac{0.059}{2}\log p(H_2) + \frac{0.059}{2}\log 10^{-14}$$

$$\therefore \quad \log p(H_2) = \log 10^{-14}$$

$$\therefore \quad p(H_2) = \mathbf{10^{-14}\ atm.}$$

Q. 14. Conductivity of a saturated solution of $Co_2[Fe(CN)_6]$ is 2.06×10^{-6} ohm^{-1} cm^{-1} and that of water used is 4.0×10^{-7} ohm^{-1} cm^{-1}. Calculate the solubility and solubility product of $Co_2[Fe(CN)_6]$ in water at 25°C. [Ionic molar conductivities: Co^{2+} = 86.0, $[Fe(CN)_6]^{4-}$ = 444.0 ohm^{-1} cm^2 mol^{-1}]

Ans. Since conductivity is additive property,

$$\kappa(\text{complex salt}) = \kappa(\text{solution}) - \kappa(\text{water})$$

$$= 2.06 \times 10^{-6} - 4.0 \times 10^{-7}$$

$$= 16.6 \times 10^{-7}\ \text{ohm}^{-1}\ \text{cm}^{-1}$$

$$\Lambda_m(\text{complex salt}) = 2 \times \lambda_m(Co^{2+}) + \lambda_m([Fe(CN)_6]^{4-})$$

$$= 2 \times 86 + 444.0 = 616\ \text{ohm}^{-1}\ \text{cm}^2\ \text{mol}^{-1}$$

$$\Lambda_m = \frac{\kappa \times 1000}{M}$$

where M is the solubility of saturated solution

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$$616 = \frac{16.6\times10^{-7}\times1000}{M}$$

or $$M = \frac{16.6\times10^{-7}\times1000}{616} = 2.69\times10^{-6}\ \text{mol L}^{-1}$$

$$Co_2[Fe(CN)_6] \rightleftharpoons 2\,Co^{2+} + [Fe(CN)_6]^{4-}$$

If s is the solubility

$$[Co^{2+}] = 2s,\quad [Fe(CN)_6]^{4-} = s$$
$$K_{sp} = (2s)^2(s) = 4s^3$$
$$= 4\times(2.69\times10^{-6})^3 = \mathbf{7.79\times10^{-17}\ mol^3\ L^{-3}}$$



Revision Exercises

Very Short Answer Questions *carrying 1 mark*

1. Write Nernst equation for the following cell reaction :
$$2Al(s) + 3Fe^{2+}(aq) \longrightarrow 2Al^{3+}(aq) + 3Fe(s)$$
2. State Kohlrausch law of electrical conductance of an electrolyte at infinite dilution.
3. Write the overall cell reaction for lead storage battery.
4. How is cell potential related to the free energy change ? State meaning of each term used.
5. Can we store $CuSO_4$ solution in an iron vessel ?
6. What is salt bridge? *(Nagaland S.B. 2018)*
7. How is $\Delta_r G$ related to e.m.f. of the cell ?
8. How does the concentration of sulphuric acid change in lead storage battery when current is drawn from it ?
9. How many coulombs are required for the reduction of 1 mol of Al^{3+} to Al ?
10. Define molar conductivity. *(Nagaland S.B. 2016)*
11. Why a dry cell becomes dead after a long time even if it has not been used? *(Hr. S.B. 2002)*
12. What is the basis of obtaining electrical energy in fuel cells ? *(D.S.B. 1998)*
13. Give an example of a fuel cell. *(D.S.B. 2002)*
14. What are the units of molar conductivity ? *(H.P.S.B. 2009)*
15. Write the product obtained at anode on electrolysis of concentrated sulphuric acid using platinum electrodes.
16. Express the relation between conductivity and molar conductivity of a solution held in a cell. *(D.S.B. 2011)*
17. Express the relation among the conductivity of a solution in the cell, the cell constant and the resistance of the solution in the cell. *(D.S.B. 2011)*
18. Which cell was used in Apollo Space programme ? What was the product used for ? *(Pb.S.B. 2012)*
19. What is the amount of electricity required to deposit one mole of aluminium from a solution of $AlCl_3$? *(Pb.S.B. 2012)*
20. How can you increase the reduction potential of an electrode? *(Pb.S.B. 2012)*
21. What is the amount of electricity required to deposit one mole of zinc from the solution of $ZnSO_4$? *(Pb.S.B. 2012)*
22. What is the reference electrode in determining the standard electrode potential ? *(Pb.S.B. 2012)*
23. What is the effect of decreasing concentration on the molar conductivity of weak electrolyte ? *(Pb.S.B. 2012)*
24. The products of electrolysis of aqueous NaCl at the respective electrodes are:
Cathode : H_2
Anode : Cl_2 and not O_2. Explain.
(C.B.S.E. Sample Paper 2017-18)
25. Can we keep $CuSO_4$ solution in a zinc container? (Given that $E^\circ_{(Cu2+|Cu)} = +0.34V$, $E^\circ_{(Zn2+|Zn)} = -0.76V$ *(Meghalaya S.B. 2014)*
26. Name one substance other than hydrogen that can be used for constructing fuel cell. *(Assam S.B. 2016)*

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27. Write Nernst equation for a single electrode potential. *(A.I.S.B. 2003)*
28. How does electrical resistivity of metallic conductors vary with temperature? *(A.I.S.B. 2006)*
29. What is molar conductivity? *(A.I.S.B. 2010)*

MCQs. from State Boards' Examinations

30. For redox reaction to proceed in a cell, the e.m.f. must be
(a) positive (b) negative
(c) fixed (d) zero *(H.P.S.B. 2013)*
31. The units of conductivity are
(a) $ohm^{-1}\ cm^{-1}$ (b) $ohm^{-1}\ cm^2$
(c) ohm^{-1} (d) $ohm^{-2}\ cm^2\ equiv^{-1}$
(H.P.S.B. 2013)
32. The metal used for galvanization of iron is
(a) zinc (b) magnesium
(c) copper (d) aluminium
(H.P. S.B. 2013, 2014)
33. Which of the following statements is false?
(a) Oxidation and reduction half-reactions occur at electrodes in electrochemical cells.
(b) All voltaic (galvanic) cells involve the use of electricity to initiate non-spontaneous chemical reactions.
(c) Reduction occurs at the cathode.
(d) Oxidation occurs at the anode.*(H.P. S.B., 2013, 2014)*
34. The tendency of the electrodes made up of Cu, Zn and Ag to release electrons when dipped in their respective salt solutions decreases in the order:
(a) Zn > Ag > Cu (b) Cu > Zn > Ag
(c) Zn > Cu > Ag (d) Ag > Cu > Zn
(H.P. S.B. 2015)
35. The units of cell constant are:
(a) $ohm^{-1}\ cm^{-1}$ (b) cm
(c) ohm^{-1} cm (d) cm^{-1}
(H.P. S.B. 2015, 2016, Hr. S.B. 2015, 2018)

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36. In a galvanic cell, which one of the following statement is not correct?
(*a*) Anode is negatively charged
(*b*) Cathode is positively charged
(*c*) Reduction takes place at the anode
(*d*) Reduction takes place at the cathode(*H.P. S.B. 2017*)

37. Conductance of an electrolytic solution depends on
(*a*) nature of electrolyte
(*b*) power of AC source
(*c*) distance between two electrodes
(*d*) none of the above. (*Hr. S.B. 2017*)

38. For the given cell :
$Mg|Mg^{2+}||Cu^{2+}|Cu$
(*a*) Mg acts as cathode (*b*) Cu acts as cathode
(*c*) Mg is oxidising agent (*d*) None of these
(*Hr. S.B. 2017*)

39. The units of molar conductivity are :
(*a*) $ohm^{-1}\ m^2\ mol^{-1}$ (*b*) $ohm\ m^2\ mol^{-1}$
(*c*) $ohm^{-1}\ m^2\ mol$ (*d*) $ohm^{-2}\ m^2\ mol^{-1}$
(*Hr. S.B. 2018*)

40. The electrode potential of SHE is fixed as
(*a*) 0.34 V (*b*) –0.44 V
(*c*) 0 V (*d*) –0.76 V (*H.P. S.B. 2018*)

41. Number of Faradays (F) required to reduce 1 mole of MnO_4^- into Mn^{2+} are
(*a*) 5F (*b*) 2F
(*c*) 1F (*d*) 7F (*Hr. S.B. 2018*)

Short Answer Questions *carrying 2 or 3 marks*

1. Define conductivity and molar conductivity for the solution of an electrolyte. Discuss their variation with temperature.

2. How will you distinguish between :
(*i*) Metallic conduction and electrolytic conductance ?
(*ii*) Strong and weak electrolytes ?

3. How is molar conductivity related to concentration of an electrolyte ? How will you explain weak and a strong electrolyte based on their conductivity values ?

4. What are the factors which affect the conductivity of an electrolyte solution ? Illustrate with examples.

5. (*a*) Explain normal or standard hydrogen electrode.
(*b*) How much amount of substance is deposited by passing one Faraday of electricity? (*Pb.S.B. 2018*)

6. (*a*) Explain lead-storage cell.
(*b*) Define primary cell.
Or
(*a*) Explain electrochemical theory of rusting of iron.
(*b*) Define fuel cell. (*H.P.S.B. 2018*)

7. Why do we get different products at cathode during the electrolysis of molten NaCl and aqueous sodium chloride ?

8. (*a*) Explain Ni– Cd storage cell.
(*b*) Define secondary cells.
Or
(*a*) Define Faraday's first law.
(*b*) Differentiate between primary and secondary cells.
(*H.P.S.B. 2018*)

9. Can we use aluminium or copper for cathode protection of iron ? Explain giving reasons.

10. Define Kohlrausch's law. How does it help in (*i*) calculation of Λ° for a weak electrolyte and (*ii*) degree of dissociation of a weak electrolyte ? (*Jammu S.Z. 2018*)

11. (*a*) Discuss second law of Faraday of electrolysis. (*Hr.S.B. 2018*)
(*b*) What is corrosion ? Give two methods to prevent it. (*Hr.S.B. 2018*)
(*c*) Expain Kohlrausch law with a suitable example. (*Hr.S.B. 2018*)

12. (*a*) What is a Galvanic cell ? Give the function of salt bridge.
(*b*) Can a zinc spoon be used to stir a solution of copper sulphate ? Support your answer with reason.
$E^\ominus_{(Zn^{2+}|Zn)} = -0.76V, E^\ominus_{(Cu^{2+}|Cu)} = +0.34V$
Or
What are weak electrolytes ? Give the product formed in the electrolysis of molten $PbBr_2$. (*Hr. S.B. 2010*)

13. (*a*) Why does an alkaline medium inhibit the rusting of iron ?
(*b*) Why does a dry cell become dead after a long time even if it has not been used ?
(*c*) Why is zinc better than tin in protecting iron from corrosion ? (*CBSE Sample Paper 2011*)

14. What are fuel cells ? Discuss H_2–O_2 fuel cell. List two advantages of fuel cells. (*H.P. S.B. 2012, 2015*)

15. (*a*) State the law which helps to determine the limiting molar conductivity of weak electrolyte.
(*b*) Calculate limiting molar conductivity of $CaSO_4$, limiting molar conductivities of calcium and sulphate ions are 119.0 and 106.0 S $cm^2\ mol^{-1}$ respectively. (*C.B.S.E. Sample Paper 2012*)

16. (*a*) (*i*) Give two points of differences between emf and potential difference.
(*ii*) Calculate the standard electrode potential of $Ni^{2+}|Ni$ electrode if the cell potential of the cell:
$Ni(s)|Ni^{2+}(0.01\ M)||Cu^{2+}(0.1\ M)|Cu(s)$ is 0.59V.
Given that $E^\ominus_{(Cu^{2+}|Cu)} = +0.34\ V$
Or
(*b*) (*i*) Write two points of differences between galvanic cell and electrolytic cell.
(*ii*) Calculate the maximum work that can be obtained from Daniel cell.
$Zn|Zn^{2+}(aq)||Cu^{2+}(aq)||Cu$
Given : $E^\ominus_{(Zn^{2+}|Zn)} = -0.76\ V$ and $E^\ominus_{(Cu^{2+}|Cu)} = 0.34V$
(*Mizoram S.B. 2013*)

17. (*a*) State Faraday's laws of electrolysis.
(*b*) How much copper will be deposited at cathode of an electrolytic cell containing Cu^{2+} ions by the passage of 2 ampere current for 60 minutes? (*Jharkhand S.B. 2013,2016*)

18. Define molar conductivity of an electrolytic solution. How does molar conductivity vary with concentration for a weak electrolyte ? (*Assam S.B. 2015*)

19. (*a*) (*i*) What are the functions of salt bridge in a galvanic cell?
(*ii*) The molar conductivity at infinite dilution of $Al_2(SO_4)_3$ is 858 S $cm^2\ mol^{-1}$. Calculate the molar ionic conductivity of Al^{3+} ion given that $\lambda^\circ(SO_4^{2-}) = 160$ S $cm^2\ mol^{-1}$.
Or
(*i*) Write two differences between primary cells and secondary cells.

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(*ii*) Calculate the emf of the following cell at 298 K:

$Fe|Fe^{2+}(0.1M)||Ag^{+}(0.1M)\ Ag$

Given: $E^{\circ}(Fe^{2+}|Fe) = -0.44$ V and $E^{\circ}(Ag^{+}|Ag) = 0.80$ V

($R = 8.31\ JK^{-1}\ mol^{-1}$, $F = 96500\ C\ mol^{-1}$)

(Mizoram S.B. 2014)

20. (*a*) Find the equilibrium constant of the following reaction at 298 K :

$Cu(s) + 2Ag^{+}(aq) \rightarrow Cu^{2+}(aq) + 2Ag(s)$; $E^{\circ}_{cell} = 0.46$ V

Identify the cathode and anode in the cell.

(*b*) Three electrolytic cells containing $ZnSO_4$, $AgNO_3$ and $CuSO_4$ were connected in series. A steady current of 1.5 A was allowed to pass through them till 1.45 g of Ag is deposited. How long did the current flow? What weight of Cu and Zn were deposited? (Atomic mass of Ag = 108, Cu = 63.5 and Zn = 65.3).

(*c*) Can we keep $AgNO_3$ solution in a copper container ?

$[E^{\circ}_{(Cu^{2+}|Cu)} = +0.34\ V,\ E^{\circ}_{(Ag^{+}|Ag)} = +0.80\ V]$

(Meghalaya S.B. 2014)

21. What are primary cells ? Give the construction and working of a dry cell. *(H.P. S.B. 2015)*

22. What are secondary cells ? Explain the working of lead storage battery. *(H.P. S.B. 2015)*

23. What is a secondary battery ? Write the mechanism of recharging of lead storage battery with the help of chemical reaction.

Or

(*a*) Define standard electrode potential.

(*b*) The standard electrode potential for Daniell cell is 1.1V. Calculate the standard Gibbs energy for the reaction:

$Zn(s) + Cu^{2+}(aq) \longrightarrow Zn^{2+}(aq) + Cu(s)$

(Uttarakhand S.B. 2015)

24. (*a*) Draw a neat labeled diagram of H_2 –O_2 fuel cell. Write the reaction which occurs at cathode of the cell

(Karnataka S.B. 2018)

(*b*) Calculate *e.m.f.* of the cell for the reaction.

$Mg(s) + Cu^{2+}(0.0001M) \longrightarrow Mg^{2+}(0.001M) + Cu(s)$

Given that: $E^{\circ}_{Mg^{2+}|Mg} = -2.37V$

$E^{\circ}_{Cu^{2+}|Cu} = +0.34V$

(*c*) (*i*) State Kohlrausch law.

(*ii*) What is meant by limiting molar conductance?

(Karnataka S.B. 2018)

25. (*a*) Explain electrochemical series.

(*b*) Can we store 1 M $CuSO_4$ in Zn vessel or not why?

or

(*a*) Explain the working of a fuel cell.

(*b*) Define Faraday's Second Law.

(H.P.S.B. 2018)

26. (*a*) What are primary cells?

(*b*) Write short note on lead storage battery.

(*c*) For the reaction:

$Ni(s) + 2Ag^{+}(1M) \longrightarrow Ni^{2+}(1M) + 2Ag(s)$

which species get reduced? *(H.P.S.B. 2016)*

27. Write the Nernst equation for the following cell:

$Zn|Zn^{2+}(aq)||Cu^{2+}(aq)|Cu$

Write the reaction occurring at each of the electrode and the net cell reaction. Also determine its cell potential when $[Zn^{2+}(aq) = 1M]$, $[Cu^{2+}(aq)] = 1$ M, $E^{\circ}_{Zn^{2+}|Zn} = -0.76V$ and $E^{\circ}_{Cu^{2+}|Cu} = +0.34$ V.

Or

Explain the recharging of a discharge lead storage battery with electrode reactions. *(Nagaland S.B. 2016)*

28. Which of the following is a secondary cell?

(*i*) Dry cell (*ii*) Leclanche cell

(*iii*) Mercury cell (*iv*) None of these

(*a*) What is the relationship between resistance and conductance?

(*b*) One of the fuel cell uses the reaction of hydrogen and oxygen to form water. Write down the cell reaction taking place in the anode and cathode of that fuel cell.

(Kerela S.B. 2016)

29. Give the Nernst equation for the cell:

$Ni(s)|Ni^{2+}(aq\ 0.1M)||Ag^{+}(aq\ 0.1M)|Ag(s)$

and also find the cell potential.

Given : $E^{\circ}(Ag^{+}|Ag) = 0.80V$, $E^{\circ}(Ni^{2+}|Ni) = -0.25V$

(Meghalaya S.B. 2016)

30. (*a*) Define molar conductivity of an electrolytic solution. Show the variation of molar conductivity of a strong electrolyte with square root of concentration.

(*b*) State Kohlrausch law.

The limiting molar conductances of NaCl, HCl and CH_3COONa are 126.45, 426.16 and 91.0 S cm^2 mol^{-1} respectively at 298K. Calculate limiting molar conductance of acetic acid at 298K. *(Assam S.B. 2017)*

31. (*a*) Describe the construction and working of Normal Hydrogen Electrode.

(*b*) Calculate the standard EMF of a cell involving cell reaction:

$Zn + 2Ag^{+} \longrightarrow Zn^{2+} + 2Ag$

Given : $E_{Zn|Zn^{2+}} = 0.76$ V; $E_{Ag|Ag^{+}} = -0.80$ V

(*c*) Give two differences between metallic and electrolytic conductors. *(Hr. S.B. 2017)*

32. What is electrochemical theory of rusting of iron and give two methods of prevention of rusting of iron?

Or

Write the Nernst equation and calculate the emf of following cell at 298 K.

$Ni|Ni^{2+}(0.01\ M)||Cu^{2+}|Cu\ (0.01\ M)$

Given : $E^{\circ}(Cu^{2+}|Cu) = +0.34V$, $E^{\circ}(Ni^{2+}|Ni) = -0.22V$

(Pb. S.B. 2017)

33. Explain the variation of molar conductivity of strong and weak electrolytes with dilution.

Or

Write the Nernst equation and calculate the emf of following cell at 298 K.

$Mg(s)|Mg^{2+}(0.001\ M)||Cu^{2+}(0.0001\ M)|Cu(s)$

Given : $E^{\circ}_{Mg^{2+}|Mg} = -2.37V$, $E^{\circ}_{Cu^{2+}|Cu} = 0.34V$

(Pb. S.B. 2017)

34. What is corrosion ? What are the factors affecting corrosion?

Or

Write the Nernst equation and calculate the emf of following cell at 298 K.

$Cu(s)|Cu^{2+}(0.130\ M)||Ag^{+}(1.0 \times 10^{-4}\ M)|Ag(s)$

Given : $E^{\circ}(Cu^{2+}|Cu) = +0.34V$, $E^{\circ}(Ag^{+}|Ag) = +0.80V$

(Pb. S.B. 2017)

35. (*a*) Zinc protects iron from corrosion better than tin. Give reason.

(*b*) What are primary cells and secondary cells?

(Manipur S.B. 2017)

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36. (*a*) How many Faradays of electricity is required to liberate 1 mole of copper from copper sulphate solution?

(*b*) Arrange K^+, Zn^{2+}, H^+ and Cu^{2+} ions in order of their tendency to be liberated at the cathode.

[Given : $E^\circ_{(Cu^{2+}|Cu)} = +0.34$ V; $E^\circ_{(H^+|H_2)} = 0.0$V; $E^\circ_{(Zn^{2+}|Zn)} = -0.76$ V; $E^\circ_{(K^+|K)} = -2.93$V]

(*West Bengal S.B. 2018*)

37. (*a*) Why can limiting molar conductivity of CH_3COOH not be determined experimentally ?

(*b*) How many coulombs of charge are required to produce 20.0 g of calcium from calcium chloride ?

(c) What is a salt bridge ? Give two functions of salt bridge.

(*Meghalaya S.B. 2018*)

38. (*a*) What is electrochemical series? Write one of its application. Calculate the e.m.f. of the cell $Cr|Cr^{3+}(0.1M)||Fe^{2+}(0.01M)|Fe$.[($E^\circ_{(Cr^{3+}|Cr)} = -0.75$ V and $E^\circ_{(Fe^{2+}|Fe)} = -0.45$V, log 10 = 1].

(*b*) Write the Nernst equation for the cell:

$Zn|Zn^{2+}(1M)||Cu^{2+}(1M)|Cu$

where $E^\circ_{(Zn^{2+}|Zn)} = -0.76$V; $E^\circ_{(Cu^{2+}|Cu)} = +0.34$V. Write the reaction occurring at each of the electrode and its net cell reaction. Also determine its cell potential.

(*Nagaland S.B. 2018*)

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39. Express the relation among the cell constant, the resistance of the solution in the cell and the conductivity of the solution. How is the conductivity of a solution related to its molar conductivity ? (*A.I.S.B. 2010, 2012*)

40. Given that the standard electrode potentials (E°) of metals are :

$K^+|K = -2.93$ V, $Ag^+|Ag = 0.80$ V, $Cu^{2+}|Cu = 0.34$ V,

$Mg^{2+}|Mg = -2.37$ V, $Cr^{3+}|Cr = -0.74$ V, $Fe^{2+}|Fe = -0.44$ V.

Arrange these metals in an increasing order of their reducing power.

Or

Two half-reactions of an electrochemical cell are given below :

$MnO_4^-(aq) + 8H^+(aq) + 5e^- \rightarrow Mn^{2+}(aq) + 4H_2O(l)$, $E^\ominus = +1.51$ V

$Sn^{2+}(aq) \rightarrow Sn^{4+}(aq) + 2e^-$, $E^\ominus = +0.15$ V

Construct the redox reaction equation from the two Half-reactions and calculate the cell potential from the standard potentials and predict if the reaction is reactant or product favoured. (*A.I.S.B. 2010*)

41. State Kohlrausch law of independent migration of ions. Why does the conductivity of a solution decrease with dilution? (*A.I.S.B. 2014*)

42. (*a*) Calculate $\Delta_r G^\circ$ for the reaction

$Mg(s) + Cu^{2+}(aq) \rightarrow Mg^{2+}(aq) + Cu(s)$

Given : $E^\circ_{cell} = +2.71$ V, 1 F = 96500 C mol^{-1}

(*b*) Name the type of cell which was used in Apollo space programme for providing electrical power. (*A.I.S.B. 2014*)

43. Define the following terms:

(*i*) Fuel cell

(*ii*) Limiting molar conductivity (Λ°_m) (*A.I.S.B. 2014*)

44. Define the following terms:

(*i*) Molar conductivity (Λ_m)

(*ii*) Secondary batteries (*A.I.S.B. 2014*)

45. (*a*) Following reactions occur at cathode during the electrolysis of aqueous sodium chloride solution:

$Na^+(aq) + e^- \longrightarrow Na(s)$ $E^\circ = -2.71$ V

$H^+(aq) + e^- \longrightarrow \frac{1}{2}H_2(g)$ $E^\circ = 0.00$ V

On the basis of their standard reduction electrode potential (E°) values, which reaction is feasible at the cathode and why?

(*b*) Why does the cell potential of mercury cell remain constant throughout its life? (*A.I.S.B. 2015*)

Long Answer Questions *carrying 5 marks*

1. (*a*) Explain Kohlrausch's law of independent migration of ions. Mention one application of the law.

(*b*) With the help of a graph, explain why it is not easy to determine Λ_0 for a weak electrolyte by extrapolating the concentration vs molar conductivity curve as for strong electrolytes ?

2. (*a*) What type of a battery is the lead storage battery ? Write the anode and the cathode reactions and the overall reaction occurring in a lead storage battery when current is drawn from it.

(*b*) In the button cell, widely used in watches, the following reaction takes place :

$Zn_{(s)} + Ag_2O_{(s)} + H_2O_{(l)} \longrightarrow Zn^{2+}_{(aq)} + 2Ag_{(s)} + 2OH^-_{(aq)}$

Determine E° and ΔG° for the reaction.

(Given : $E^\ominus_{(Ag^+|Ag)} = +0.80$ V, $E^\ominus_{(Zn^{2+}|Zn)} = -0.76$ V

Or

(*a*) Define molar conductivity of a solution and explain how molar conductivity changes with change in concentration of solution for a weak and a strong electrolyte.

(*b*) The resistance of a conductivity cell containing 0.001 M KCl solution at 298 K is 1500 Ω. What is the cell constant if the conductivity of 0.001 M KCl solution at 298 K is 0.146×10^{-3} S cm^{-1} ? (*D.S.B. 2012*)

3. You are provided with the following substances: copper rod, zinc rod, salt bridge, two glass beakers, a piece of wire, 1 M $CuSO_4$ solution, 1 M $ZnSO_4$ solution.

(*a*) Represent the cell made using the above materials.

(*b*) (*i*) Write the Nernst equation for the above cell.

(*ii*) Calculate the standard e.m.f. of the cell, if

$E^\circ(Zn^{2+}|Zn) = -0.76$V, $E^\circ(Cu^{2+}|Cu) = +0.34$V

(*Kerala S.B. 2015*)

4. (*a*) Write two points of differences between metallic conductance and electrolytic conductance.

(*b*) State Kohlrausch's law. Molar conductivity at infinite dilution for NH_4Cl, NaOH and NaCl solution at 298K are 110, 100 and 105 S cm^2 mol^{-1} respectively. Calculate the molar conductivity of NH_4OH solution.

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Or

(*a*) What is equivalent conductivity and molar conductivity of an electrolyte in solution?

(*b*) Write the Nernst equation and calculate emf of the following cell at 298K.

$Cu(s) \mid Cu^{2+}(0.130\ M) \parallel Ag^{+}(1.0 \times 10^{-4}\ M) \mid Ag(s)$

Given : $E^{\circ}(Cu^{2+} \mid Cu) = +0.34\ V$, $E^{\circ}(Ag^{+} \mid Ag) = +0.80\ V$

(Mizoram S.B. 2015)

5. (*a*) Define specific conductivity and molar conductivity for the solution of an electrolyte. How do they vary with dilution?

(*b*) Calculate Λ_m° for NH_4OH given that the values of Λ_m° for $Ba(OH)_2$, $BaCl_2$ and NH_4Cl are 523.28, 280.0 and 129.8 S $cm^2\ mol^{-1}$ respectively. *(Meghalaya S.B. 2015)*

6. (*a*) State Faraday's first and second law of electrolysis.

(*b*) Calculate the number of coulombs required to deposit 40.5 g of Al when the electrode reaction is :

$$Al^{3+} + 3e^{-} \longrightarrow Al(s)$$

Or

(*a*) What is electro chemical series ? Write one application of electrochemical series. Calculate the standard electrode potential of $Ni^{2+} \mid Ni$ electrode, if the cell potential of the cell:

$Ni \mid Ni^{2+}(0.01\ M) \parallel Cu^{2+}(0.1M) \mid Cu$, is 0.59V.

[Given $E^{\circ}(Cu^{2+} \mid Cu) = 0.34V$] *(Nagaland S.B. 2015)*

7. (*a*) What is a fuel cell? Write its one advantage over other ordinary cells.

(*b*) A voltaic cell is set up at 25°C with the given half cells: $Ag^{+}(0.001M) \mid Ag$ and $Cu^{2+}(0.10M) \mid Cu$.

What would be the voltage of the cell ($E^{\circ}_{cell} = 0.46V$)?

Or

(*a*) What is meant by 'molar conductivity' of a solution? Describe how for weak and strong electrolytes, molar conductivity changes with concentration of solution. How is such change explained?

(*b*) The molar conductivity of 1.5 M solution of an electrolyte is found to be 138.9 S. $cm^2\ mol^{-1}$. Calculate the conductivity of this solution. *(Tripura S.B. 2016)*

8. (*a*) Represent the galvanic cell based on the cell reaction given below:

$$Cu(s) + 2Ag^{+}(aq) \longrightarrow Cu^{2+}(aq) + 2Ag(s)$$

(*b*) Write the half cell reactions of the above cell.

(c) Λ_m° for NaCl, HCl and NaAc are 126.4, 425.9 and 91.0 S $cm^2\ mol^{-1}$ respectively. Calculate Λ_m° for HAc. *(Kerala S.B. 2016)*

9. (*i*) Explain how salt-bridge maintains the electrical neutrality of the two half cell solutions in a galvanic cell.

(*ii*) The molar conductivities at infinite dilution for CH_3COONa, HCl and NaCl are 91.0, 425.9 and 126.4 S $cm^2\ mol^{-1}$ respectively at 298 K. Calculate the molar conductivities of CH_3COOH at infinite dilution.

Or

(*i*) What is the difference between strong electrolytes and weak electrolytes? Give examples.

(*ii*) Calculate the equilibrium constant for the reaction at 298 K :

$$Cu(s) + 2Ag^{+}(aq) \longrightarrow Cu^{2+}(aq) + 2Ag(s)$$

(Given : $E^{\circ}_{(Ag^{+} \mid Ag)} = 0.80\ V$, $E^{\circ}_{(Cu^{2+} \mid Cu)} = 0.34\ V$)

(Mizoram S.B. 2017)

10. (*a*) Calculate the equilibrium constant of the reaction:

$$Cu(s) + 2Ag^{+}(aq) \longrightarrow Cu^{2+}(aq) + 2Ag(s)$$

(Given : $E^{\circ}_{Cell} = 0.46\ V$)

(*b*) State Faraday's first law of electrolysis. What is the quantity of electricity in coulombs needed to reduce 1 mol of $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$ ion for the following reaction ?

$$Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 14\ H^{+} + 6e^{-} \longrightarrow 2Cr^{3+} + 7H_2O$$

(Given : $1F = 96{,}500\ C\ mol^{-1}$)

(*c*) Why does mercury cell give a constant voltage throughout its life?

Or

(*d*) A solution of $CuSO_4$ is electrolyzed for 10 minutes with a current of 1.5 amperes. What is the mass of copper deposited at the cathode? (Given : Atomic mass of Cu = 63 g mol^{-1}, $1F = 96500\ C\ mol^{-1}$)

(*e*) The molar conductivity of 0.025 mol L^{-1} methanoic acid is 46.1 S $cm^2\ mol^{-1}$. Calculate the degree of dissociation. Given :

$\lambda^{\circ}_{H^{+}} = 349.6\ S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}$

$\lambda^{\circ}_{HCOO^{-}} = 54.6\ S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}$

(*f*) What are secondary cells? *(Meghalaya S.B. 2017)*

11. (*a*) What is the standard electrode potential?

(*b*) The measured e.m.f. of the cell:

$Pt(s) \mid H_{2\ (g,\ 1bar)} \mid H^{+}\ (aq,\ 1M) \parallel Cu^{2+}\ (aq,\ 1M) \mid Cu(s)$ is 0.34V.

What is the standard electrode potential of the half cell corresponding to the reaction ?

$$Cu^{2+}\ (aq,\ 1M) + 2e^{-} \longrightarrow Cu(s)$$

(*c*) Represent the cell in which the following reaction takes place.

$$Mg(s) + 2Ag^{+}\ (0.01M) \longrightarrow Mg^{2+}\ (0.130M) + 2Ag(s)$$

Write the Nernst equation and calculate the emf of the cell at 298 K. Given $E^{\circ}_{cell} = 3.17\ V$. *(Assam S.B. 2018)*

12. (*a*) What are primary batteries ?

(*b*) The cell potential of mercury cell is 1.35 V, and remain constant during its life. Given reason.

(*c*) Write the equations of the reactions involved at each electrode in a $H_2 - O_2$ fuel cell. *(Kerala S.B. 2018)*

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13. (*a*) State two advantages of H_2—O_2 fuel cell over ordinary cell.

(*b*) Silver is electrodeposited on a metallic vessel of total surface area 900 cm^2 by passing a current of 0.5 amp for two hours. Calculate the thickness of silver deposited. (Given density of silver = 10.5 g cm^{-3}, atomic mass of silver = 108 amu, F = 96500 C mol^{-1})

Or

(*a*) Give reason for the following :

(*i*) Rusting of iron is quicker in saline water than in ordinary water.

(*ii*) Aluminium metal cannot be produced by electrolysis of aqueous solution of aluminium salt.

(*b*) Resistance of a conductivity cell filled with 0.1M KCl solution is 100 ohm. If the resistance of same cell when filled with 0.02 M KCl is 520 ohms, calculate the conductivity and molar conductivity of 0.02 M

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KCl solution. Conductivity of 0.1 M KCl solution is $1.29\ S\ m^{-1}$. *(A.I.S.B. 2006)*

14. *(a)* Write the anode and cathode reactions and the overall reaction occurring in a lead storage battery.

(b) A copper silver cell is set up. The copper ion concentration is 0.10 M. The concentration of silver ion is not known. The cell potential when measured was 0.422 V. Determine the concentration of silver ions in the cell.

[Given : $E^\circ_{(Ag^+|Ag)} = +0.80$ V, $E^\circ_{(Cu^{2+}|Cu)} = +0.34$ V] *(A.I.S.B. 2010)*

15. *(a)* What type of battery is lead storage battery? Write the anode and cathode reactions and the overall cell reaction occurring in the operation of a lead storage battery.

(b) Calculate the potential for half cell containing 0.1 M $K_2Cr_2O_7(aq)$, 0.20 M $Cr^{3+}(aq)$ and 1.0×10^{-4} M $H^+(aq)$. The half cell reaction is

$$Cr_2O_7^{2-}(aq) + 14\ H^+(aq) + 6e^- \longrightarrow 2Cr^{3+}(aq) + 7H_2O(l)$$

and the standard electrode potential is given as : $E^\circ = 1.33$ V. *(A.I.S.B. 2011)*

16. *(a)* How many moles of mercury will be produced by electrolysing 1.0 M $Hg(NO_3)_2$ solution with a current of 2.00 A for 3 hours? [$Hg(NO_3)_2 = 200.6\ g\ mol^{-1}$].

(b) A voltaic cell is set up at 25°C with the following half cells :

Al^{3+} (0.001 M) and Ni^{2+} (0.50 M).

Write an equation for the reaction that occurs when the cell generates an electric current and determine the cell potential.

[Given : $E^\circ_{(Ni^{2+}|Ni)} = -0.25$ V, $E^\circ_{(Al^{3+}|Al)} = -1.66$ V] *(A.I.S.B. 2011)*

17. *(a)* Calculate E°_{cell} for the following reaction at 298 K:

$$2Cr(s) + 3Fe^{2+}(0.01\ M) \longrightarrow 2Cr^{3+}(0.01\ M) + 3Fe(s)$$

Given : $E_{cell} = 0.261$ V

(b) Using the E° values of A and B, predict which one is better for coating the surface of iron [$E^\circ\ (Fe^{2+}|Fe) = -0.44$ V] to prevent corrosion and why?

Given : $E^\circ_{(A2+|A)} = -2.37$ V : $E^\circ_{(B2+|B)} = -0.14$ V

(a) The conductivity of 0.001 mol L^{-1} solution of CH_3COOH is $3.905 \times 10^{-5}\ S\ cm^{-1}$. Calculate its molar conductivity and degree of dissociation (α).

Given $\lambda^\circ(H^+) = 349.65\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}$ and $\lambda^\circ(CH_3COO^-) = 40.9\ S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}$.

(b) Define electrochemical cell. What happens if external potential applied becomes greater than E°_{cell} of electrochemical cell? *(A.I.S.B. 2016)*

18. *(a)* Write the cell reaction and calculate the *e.m.f.* of the following cell at 298 K:

$Sn(s)\,|\,Sn^{2+}(0.004\ M)\,||\,H^+(0.020\ M)\,|\,H_2(g)(1\ bar)\,|\,Pt(s)$

(Given : $E^\circ_{Sn^{2+}|Sn} = -0.14$ V)

(b) Give reasons :

(i) On the basis of E° values, O_2 gas should be liberated at anode but it is Cl_2 gas which is liberated in the electrolysis of aqueous NaCl.

(ii) Conductivity of CH_3COOH decreases on dilution.

Or

(a) For the reaction

$$2AgCl(s) + H_2(g)(1\ atm) \longrightarrow 2Ag(s) + 2H^+(0.1\ M) + 2Cl^-(0.1\ M),$$

$\Delta G^\circ = -43600$ J at 25°C

Calculate the e.m.f. of the cell.

[$\log 10^{-n} = -n$]

(b) Define fuel cell and write its two advantages. *(A.I.S.B. 2018)*

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1. At equimolar concentration of Fe^{2+} and Fe^{3+}, what must be the [Ag^+] so that the voltage of the galvanic cell made from $Ag^+|Ag$ and $Fe^{3+}|Fe^{2+}$ electrodes equals zero ? The cell reaction is

$$Fe^{2+} + Ag^+ \rightleftharpoons Fe^{3+} + Ag$$

[**Ans.** 0.335 M]

2. During the discharge of a lead storage battery, the density of sulphuric acid fell down from 1.294 to 1.139 g/ml. Sulphuric acid of density 1.294 g/ml is 39% H_2SO_4 by weight and that of density 1.139 g/ml is 20% H_2SO_4 by weight. The battery holds 3.5 L of acid and the volume remains practically constant during discharge. Calculate the number of ampere-hours for which the battery must have been used. The charging and discharging reactions are :

$$Pb^{2+} + SO_4^{2-} \rightleftharpoons PbSO_4 + 2e^- \text{ (Charging)}$$

$$PbO_2 + 4H^+ + SO_4^{2-} + 2e^- \rightleftharpoons PbSO_4 + 2H_2O \text{ (Discharging)}$$

[**Ans.** 264.9 amp-hr]

3. A current of 4 amp was passed for 1.5 hours through a solution of copper sulphate when 3.2 g of copper was deposited. Calculate the current efficiency. [**Ans.** 45.1%]

4. Calculate equilibrium constant for reaction :

$$Fe(s) + Cd^{2+}(aq) \longrightarrow Fe^{2+}(aq) + Cd(s)$$

Given : $E^\ominus_{(Cd^{2+}|Cd)} = -0.40$V, $E^\ominus_{(Fe^{2+}|Fe)} = -0.44$V

(D.S.B. 2009) [**Ans.** 22.7]

5. A voltaic cell is set up at 25°C with the following half cells:

Al | Al^{3+} (0.001M) and Ni | Ni^{2+} (0.50M)

Calculate the cell voltage

$$\left[E^\ominus_{(Ni^{2+}|Ni)} = -0.25\text{V}, E^\ominus_{(Al^{3+}|Al)} = -1.66\text{V}\right]$$

(D.S.B. 2009, A.I.S.B. 2009) [**Ans.** 1.463 V]

6. Calculate ΔG and E_{cell} for the cell

$Al\,|\,Al^{3+}(0.01\ M)\,||\,Fe^{2+}(0.02\ M)\,|\,Fe$

Given that $E^\ominus_{(Al^{3+}|Al)} = -1.66$ V and

$E^\ominus_{(Fe^{2+}|Fe)} = -0.44$ V *(Pb.S.B. 2013)*

7. Calculate emf of the following cell at 25°C:

$Fe\,|\,Fe^{2+}(0.001\ M)\,||\,H^+(0.01\ M)\,|\,H_2(g)(1\ bar)\,|\,Pt(s)$

$E^\circ(Fe^{2+}|Fe) = -0.44$ V, $E^\circ(H^+|H_2) = 0.00$V

(D.S.B. 2015) [**Ans.** 0.4105]

8. A current of 0.5 ampere is passed for 30 minutes through a voltmeter containing copper sulphate solution. Calculate the mass of copper deposited at the cathode. (At. mass of Cu = 63.0 amu) *(Assam S.B. 2016)*

9. Calculate e.m.f of the following cell at 298 K:

$$2Cr(s) + 3Fe^{2+}(0.1M) \longrightarrow 2Cr^{3+}(0.01M) + 3Fe(s)$$

Given $E^\circ(Cr^{3+}|Cr) = -0.74$ V, $E^\circ(Fe^{2+}|Fe) = -0.44$ V *(D.S.B. 2016)*

10. Calculate the emf of the following cell at 298 K :

$Cr(s)\,|\,Cr^{3+}(0.1\ M)\,|\,|\,Fe^{2-}(0.01\ M)\,|\,Fe(s)$

[Given : $E^\circ_{cell} = 0.30$V] *(C.B.S.E. Sample Paper 2017-18)*

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11. The conductivity of 10^{-3} mol / L acetic acid at 25°C is 4.1×10^{-5} S cm^{-1}. Calculate its degree of dissociation, if Λ°_m for acetic acid at 25°C is 390.5 S cm^2 mol^{-1}.

(C.B.S.E. Sample Paper 2017-18)

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12. A copper-silver cell is set up. The copper ion concentration in it is 0.10 M. The concentration of silver ion is not known. The cell potential measured is 0.422 V. Determine the concentration of silver ion in the cell.

Given : $E^{\ominus}_{(Ag^+|Ag)} = +0.80V$, $E^{\ominus}_{(Cu^{2+}|Cu)} = +0.34$ V.

(A.I.S.B.E. 2009) **[Ans.** 0.0718 M]

13. Calculate the emf of the following cell at 298 K:

Fe(s) | Fe^{2+} (0.001 M) || H^+(1M) | H_2(g), 1 bar, Pt(s)

(Given $E^{\ominus}_{cell} = +0.44V$) *(A.I.S.B. 2012)* **[Ans.** 0.5285 V]

14. The standard electrode potential (E°) for Daniell cell is + 1.1V. Calculate ΔG° for the reaction:

$Zn(s) + Cu^{2+}(aq) \longrightarrow Zn^{2+}(aq) + Cu(s)$

(1 F = 96500 C mol^{-1}) *(A.I. S.B. 2013)* **[Ans.** –212.3 kJ]

15. Calculate the emf of the following cell at 25°C:

Ag(s) | Ag^+ (10^{-3}M) || Cu^{2+} (10^{-1}M) | Cu(s)

Given $E^{\ominus}_{cell} = +0.46V$ and $\log 10^n = n$ *(A.I.S.B. 2013)*

[Ans. 0.3125 V]

16. The conductivity of 0.20M solution of KCl at 298K is 0.025 S cm^{-1}. Calculate its molar conductivity.

(A.I. S.B. 2013, D.S.B.2013) **[Ans.** 125]

17. Calculate emf of the following cell at 25°C:

Sn | Sn^{2+} (0.001 M) || H^+ (0.01 M) | H_2(g) (1 bar) | Pt(s)

$E^{\circ}(Sn^{2+} | Sn) = -0.14$ V, $E^{\circ}(H^+ | H_2) = 0.00$V

(A.I.S.B. 2015) **[Ans.** 0.1105V]

18. The cell in which the following reaction occurs:

$2Fe^{3+}(aq) + 2I^-(aq) \longrightarrow 2Fe^{2+}(aq) + I_2(s)$

has E°_{cell} 0.236 V at 298 K. Calculate the standard Gibbs energy of the cell reaction. (Given : 1F = 96500 C/mol^{-1})

(A.I.S.B. 2017)

Hints & Answers for Revision Exercises

Very Short Answer Questions

1. $E_{cell} = E^{\ominus}_{cell} - \dfrac{2.303RT}{6F} \log \dfrac{[Al^{3+}]^2}{[Fe^{2+}]^3}$

5. No **6.** $Fe_2O_3 . xH_2O$

8. Concentration decreases **9.** 3 × 96500 C

11. Because acidic NH_4Cl corrodes the zinc container.

12. Chemical energy of the fuel is converted to electrical energy.

13. H_2–O_2 cell. **14.** ohm^{-1} cm^2 mol^{-1}

16. $\Lambda_m = \dfrac{\kappa \times 1000}{M}$

17. Conductivity = $\dfrac{\text{Cell constant}}{\text{Resistance}}$

18. Fuel cell **19.** 3 × 96500 C

20. Decreasing conc. of the electrolytic solution

21. 2 × 96500 C

22. Hydrogen electrode

23. Molar conductivity increases **26.** propane

30. (a) **31.** (a) **32.** (a) **33.** (b) **34.** (c) **35.** (d)

36. (c) **37.** (a) **38.** (b) **39.** (a) **40.** (c) **41.** (a)

Numerical Problems

♦ **1.** $Fe^{2+} + Ag^+ \rightleftharpoons Fe^{3+} + Ag$

$$E = E^{\ominus} - \frac{0.059}{1} \log \frac{[Fe^{3+}]}{[Fe^{2+}][Ag^+]}$$

$$E^{\ominus} = E^{\ominus}_{(Ag^+|Ag)} - E^{\ominus}_{(Fe^{3+}|Fe^{2+})}$$

$$= 0.799 - 0.771 = 0.028 \text{ V}$$

For $E^{\ominus} = 0$, $[Fe^{2+}] = [Fe^{3+}]$

$$0 = 0.028 - \frac{0.059}{1} \log \frac{1}{[Ag^+]}$$

$\therefore$ $[Ag^+] = \mathbf{0.335\ M}$

♦ **2.** The charging and discharging reactions are :

$$Pb + SO_4^{2-} \longrightarrow PbSO_4 + 2e^-$$

$$PbO_2 + 4H^+ + SO_4^{2-} + 2e^- \longrightarrow PbSO_4 + 2H_2O$$

Net reaction : $Pb + PbO_2 + 2H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow 2PbSO_4 + 2H_2O$

The reaction indicates that 2 mol of e^- are transferred for the consumption of 2 mol of H_2SO_4.

$\therefore$ 2 mol of H_2SO_4 required electric charge = 2 × 96500 C.

Calculation of moles of H_2SO_4 in 3.5 L solution of density 1.294 g cm^{-3}

$$\text{Mass of } H_2SO_4 \text{ in 1 cm}^3 = 1.294 \times \frac{39}{100} \text{g}$$

$$\text{Mass of } H_2SO_4 \text{ in 3.5 L} = 1.294 \times \frac{39}{100} \times 3.5 \times 1000 \text{ g}$$

$$\text{Moles of } H_2SO_4 \text{ in 3.5 L} = \frac{1.294 \times 39 \times 3.5 \times 1000}{100 \times 98}$$

$$= 18.02 \text{ mol}$$

Calculation of moles of H_2SO_4 in 3.5 L of density 1.139 g cm^3

$$\text{Mass of } H_2SO_4 \text{ in 1 cm}^3 = \frac{1.139 \times 20}{100}$$

$$\text{Mass of } H_2SO_4 \text{ in 3.5 L} = \frac{1.139 \times 20 \times 3.5 \times 1000}{100}$$

$$\text{Moles of } H_2SO_4 = \frac{1.139 \times 20 \times 3.5 \times 1000}{100 \times 98}$$

$$= 8.136 \text{ mol}$$

Moles of H_2SO_4 consumed during discharging

= 18.02 – 8.316 = 9.884 mol

Now, 2 moles of H_2SO_4 correspond to = 2 × 96500C

9.884 mol of H_2SO_4 correspond to

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$$= \frac{2 \times 96500 \times 9.884}{2} = 953806 \text{ C}$$

1 Coulomb = 1 amp . sec.

3600 Coulmb = 1 amp . hr.

$\therefore$ 953806 C $= \frac{1}{3600} \times 953806 =$ **264.9 amp.hr**

♦ **3.** Quantity of electricity passed = 4 × 1.5 × 60
= 21600 C

$Cu^{2+} + 2e^- \longrightarrow Cu$

2 × 96500 C of electricity deposit Cu = 63.5 g

21600 C of electricity will deposit Cu

$$= \frac{63.5}{2 \times 96500} \times 21600 = 7.1 \text{ g}$$

Amount of copper deposited = 3.2 g

$$\text{Efficiency} = \frac{3.2}{7.1} \times 100 = \mathbf{45.1\%}$$

♦ **4.** $E^\circ_{cell} = E^\circ(Cd^{2+}|Cd) - E^\circ(Fe^{2+}|Fe)$

$E^\circ_{cell} = -0.40 - (-0.44) = 0.04V$

$$\log K_c = \frac{nE^\circ_{cell}}{0.059} \text{ at } 25^\circ C$$

$$= \frac{2 \times 0.04}{0.059} = 1.356$$

$K_c =$ **22.7**

♦ **5.** $Al \mid Al^{3+}(0.001M) \parallel Ni^{2+}(0.50M) \mid Ni$

$2Al(s) + 3Ni^{2+}(aq) \longrightarrow 2Al^{3+}(aq) + 3Ni(s)$

$$E = E^\ominus - \frac{0.059}{6} \log \frac{[Al^{3+}]^2}{[Ni^{2+}]^3}$$

$E^\ominus = E^\ominus_{(Ni^{2+}|Ni)} - E^\ominus_{(Al^{3+}|Al)}$

$= -0.25 - (-1.66) = 1.41V$

$$E = 1.41 - \frac{0.059}{6} \log \frac{(0.001)^2}{(0.50)^3}$$

$$= 1.41 - \frac{0.059}{6} \log 8 \times 10^{-6}$$

$= 1.41 + 0.053 =$ **1.463 V**

♦ **6.** $2Al^{3+} + 3Fe \longrightarrow 2Al + 3Fe^{2+}$

$E^\ominus = E^\ominus_{(Fe^{2+}|Fe)} - E^\ominus_{(Al^{3+}|Al)}$

$= -0.44 - (-1.66) = 1.22$ V

$$E = E^\circ - \frac{0.059}{6} \log \frac{[Fe^{2+}]^3}{|Al^{3+}|^2}$$

$$= 1.22 - \frac{0.059}{6} \log \frac{(0.02)^3}{(0.01)^2}$$

$$= 1.22 - \frac{0.059}{6} \log 0.08$$

$= 1.22 - (-0.01) = 1.23$

$\Delta G = -nFE$

$= -6 \times 96500 \times 1.23$

$= -712170 \text{ J mol}^{-1} =$ **712.17 kJ mol^{-1}**

♦ **7.** $Fe(s) + 2H^+(aq) \longrightarrow Fe^{2+}(aq) + H_2(g)$

$E^\circ_{cell} = 0.0 - (-0.44) = 0.44$ V

$$E_{cell} = E^\circ_{cell} - \frac{0.059}{n} \log \frac{[Fe^{2+}]}{[H^+]^2}$$

$$= 0.44 - \frac{0.059}{2} \log \frac{(0.001)}{(0.01)^2}$$

$E = 0.44 - 0.0295 =$ **0.4105 V**

♦ **8.** $Cu^{2+}\ 2e^- \longrightarrow Cu$

Quantity of electricity = 0.5 × 30 × 60
= 900 C

2 × 96500 C of electricity deposit Cu = 63.0g

900 C of electricity will deposit Cu $= \frac{63.0 \times 900}{2 \times 96500}$
= 0.294 g

♦ **9.** $$E = E^\circ - \frac{0.059}{6} \log \frac{[Cr^{3+}]^2}{[Fe^{2+}]^3}$$

$E^\circ = -0.44 - (-0.74) = 0.30$ V

$$E = 0.30 - \frac{0.059}{6} \log \frac{[0.01]^2}{[0.1]^3}$$

$$= 0.30 - \frac{0.059}{6} \log 0.1$$

$= 0.30 - 0.01\ (-1) =$ **0.31 V**

♦ **10.** $2Cr(s) + 3Fe^{2+}(aq) \longrightarrow 3\ Fe(s) + 2Cr^{3+}(aq)$

$$E = E^\circ - \frac{0.059}{6} \log \frac{[Cr^{3+}]^2}{[Fe^{2+}]^3}$$

$$= 0.30 - \frac{0.059}{6} \log \frac{(0.1)^2}{(0.01)^3}$$

$$= 0.30 - \frac{0.059}{6} \times 4 = \mathbf{0.26\ V}$$

♦ **11.** $$\Lambda_m = \frac{K \times 1000}{C}$$

$$= \frac{4.1 \times 10^{-5} \times 1000}{10^{-3}} = 41 \text{ S cm}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\Lambda^c_m}{\Lambda^0_m} = \frac{41}{390.5} = \mathbf{0.105}$$

♦ **12.** $Cu(s) + 2Ag^+(aq) \longrightarrow Cu^{2+}(aq) + 2Ag(s)$

The Nernst equation is

$$E = E^\ominus - \frac{0.059}{2} \log \frac{[Cu^{2+}]}{[Ag^+]^2}$$

$E^\ominus = E^\ominus(Ag^+|Ag) - E^\circ(Cu^{2+}|Cu)$

$= 0.80 - 0.34 = 0.46V$

$$0.422 = 0.46 - \frac{0.059}{2} \log \frac{(0.1)}{[Ag^+]^2}$$

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$$0.422 - 0.46 = -\frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{(0.1)}{[Ag^+]^2}$$

$$\therefore \quad \log\frac{0.1}{[Ag^+]^2} = \frac{0.038\times 2}{0.059} = 1.2881$$

$$\text{or} \quad \frac{0.1}{[Ag^+]^2} = 19.413$$

$$\text{or} \quad [Ag^+]^2 = \frac{0.1}{19.413} = 5.15\times 10^{-3}$$

$$\text{or} \quad [Ag^+] = \mathbf{0.0718\ M}$$

♦ **13.** *Refer Solved Example 32 (ii) (page 41–42).*

♦ **14.** $\Delta G^\circ = -nFE^\circ$

$= -2 \times 96500 \times 1.1 = \mathbf{-212.3\ kJ}$

♦ **15.** $Cu(s) + 2Ag^+(aq) \longrightarrow Cu^{2+}(aq) + 2Ag(s)$

$$E = E^\circ - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{[Cu^{2+}]}{[Ag^+]^2}$$

$$= 0.46 - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{(10^{-1})}{(10^{-3})^2} = \mathbf{0.3125\ V}$$

♦ **16.** $\Lambda_m = \frac{\kappa\times 1000}{M}$

$= \frac{0.025\times 1000}{0.20} = \mathbf{125\ S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}}$

♦ **17.** $Sn + 2H^+(aq) \longrightarrow Sn^{2+} + H_2$

$$E_{cell} = E^\circ_{cell} - \frac{0.059}{n}\log\frac{[Sn^{2+}]}{[H^+]^2}$$

$n = 2$, $[Sn^{2+}] = 0.001$ M, $[H^+] = 0.01$

$E^\circ_{cell} = E^\circ_R - E^\circ_L$

$= 0.00 - (-0.14) = 0.14$

$$E = 0.14 - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{0.001}{(0.01)^2}$$

$$= 0.14 - \frac{0.059}{2}\log 10$$

$= 0.14 - 0.0295 \times 1 = \mathbf{0.1105\ V}$

♦ **18.** *Refer Solved Example 48 (page 50).*

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Additional Useful Information and Objective Questions

ADDITIONAL USEFUL INFORMATION

❑ TYPES OF ELECTRODES

Some common types of electrodes and their reduction potentials are :

A. Metal-metal ion electrodes. These electrodes consist of a pure metal (M) in contact with a solution of its cations (M^{n+}). It is represented as $M^{n+}|M(s)$ e.g., $Zn^{2+}|Zn$, $Cu^{2+}|Cu$, etc. Its electrode reaction is

$M^{n+}(aq) + ne^- \longrightarrow M(s)$ e.g., $Zn^{2+}(aq) + 2e^- \longrightarrow Zn(s)$

and $E(M^{n+}|M) = E^\circ(M^{n+}|M) - \frac{0.059}{n}\log\frac{1}{[M^{n+}]}$

B. Metal-metal insoluble salt electrodes. These are prepared by coating a piece of metal with an insoluble salt of the same metal dipped in a solution containing the anion of the insoluble salt. For example, silver is coated with AgCl and dipped in a solution containing Cl^- ions. It is represented as : $Cl^-|AgCl|Ag$. The electrode reaction is

$AgCl(s) + e^- \longrightarrow Ag(s) + Cl^-$ and

$E(Cl^-|AgCl|Ag) = E^\circ(Cl^-|AgCl|Ag) - \frac{0.059}{1}\log[Cl^-]$

C. Gas electrodes. These consist of an inert metal (usually Au or Pt) in contact with a gas bubbling into a solution containing corresponding anion. For example, the common hydrogen electrode in which H_2 gas is bubbled over platinized platinum electrode dipped in an acid solution. It is represented as $H^+|(H_2, p\ atm)|Pt$. The reaction is

$$H^+(aq) + e^- \longrightarrow \frac{1}{2}H_2(g)$$

$$E = E^\circ - \frac{0.059}{1}\log\frac{(pH_2)^{1/2}}{[H^+]}$$

Other examples are $Cl^-|Cl_2(g), p\ atm)|Pt$,

$$\frac{1}{2}Cl_2(g) + e^- \longrightarrow Cl^-(aq)$$

$^-OH|O_2(g), p\ atm)|Pt$

$$\frac{1}{2}O_2(g) + H_2O(l) + 2e^- \longrightarrow 2OH^-(aq)$$

D. Amalgam electrodes. These consist of metal amalgams dipping in a solution of their ions. For example, lead amalgam dipping in a solution of Pb^{2+} ions. It is represented as $Pb(Hg)|Pb^{2+}$. The reaction is

$$Pb^{2+} + 2e^- \longrightarrow Pb\ (\text{in Hg})$$

$$E = E^\circ - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{1}{[Pb^{2+}]}$$

Other example is zinc amalgam electrode; $Zn(Hg)|Zn^{2+}$.

E. Oxidation-reduction electrodes. These types of electrodes are made by using an inert metal (e.g. Pt) immersed in a solution which contain two ions of the same element in different oxidation states. For example, $Fe^{3+}(aq)|Fe^{2+}(aq)|Pt$, $MnO_4^-(aq)|Mn^{2+}(aq), H^+(aq)|Pt$. The reaction is

$$Fe^{3+}(aq) + e^- \longrightarrow Fe^{2+}(aq)$$

$$E(Fe^{3+}|Fe^{2+}) = E^\circ(Fe^{3+}|Fe^{2+}) - \frac{0.059}{1}\log\frac{[Fe^{2+}]}{[Fe^{3+}]}$$

and

$$MnO_4^-(aq) + 8H^+(aq) + 5e^- \longrightarrow Mn^{2+}(aq) + 4H_2O(l)$$

$$E = E^\circ - \frac{0.059}{5}\log\frac{[Mn^{2+}]}{[MnO_4^-][H^+]}$$

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❑ SOLUBILITY PRODUCT FROM EMF DATA

In a saturated solution of a sparingly soluble salt such as AgCl, equilibrium is represented as

$$AgCl(s) \rightleftharpoons Ag^+(aq) + Cl^-(aq)$$

$$K_{sp} = [Ag^+]\,[Cl^-]$$

Since solubility product is the equilibrium constant, it must be related to e.m.f. of the selected cell having an overall reaction as above. For example, for determining solubility product of AgCl, the cell is

$$Ag\,|\,Ag^+Cl^-\,(sat.),\,AgCl(s)\,|\,Ag$$

At anode : $Ag(s) \longrightarrow Ag^+ + e^-$

At cathode : $AgCl(s) + e^- \longrightarrow Ag + Cl^-$

Overall reaction : $AgCl(s) \rightleftharpoons Ag^+ + Cl^-$

$$E^\circ_{cell} = \frac{2.303\,RT}{nF} \log [Ag^+]\,[Cl^-]$$

$$= \frac{2.303\,RT}{nF} \log K_{sp}$$

Knowing E°_{cell}, K_{sp} can be calculated.

❑ CONDUCTOMETRIC TITRATIONS

The principle of conductometric titrations is that during the titration, one of the ions is replaced by the other. Since the ions differ in their ionic conductances, the conductance of the solution will vary during the course of the titration. The end point may be detected by the break in the titration curves. Let us illustrate by taking some examples :

A. Titration of a strong acid vs strong base (e.g., HCl + NaOH).

$H^+ + Cl^- + Na^+ + OH^- \longrightarrow Na^+ + Cl^- + H_2O$

In the beginning H^+ ions are replaced by slow moving Na^+ ions and therefore, conductance decreases (Fig. *a*). After the end point, Na^+ and OH^- ions increase and hence the conductance increases.

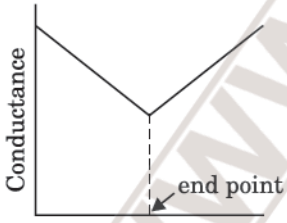


Fig. (*a*)

B. Titration of weak acid vs strong base (e.g., CH_3 COOH + NaOH)

$CH_3COOH + Na^+ + OH^- \longrightarrow CH_3COO^- + Na^+ + H_2O$

After an initial decrease due to the titration of free H^+ ions, the conductance increases because of the net gain of CH_3COO^- and Na^+ ions (as neutralization proceeds). After neutralization, the conductance increases sharply due to excess Na^+ and OH^- ions.

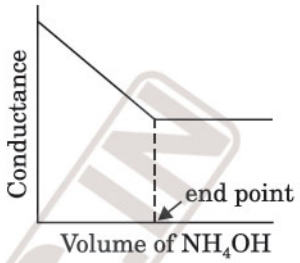


Fig. (*b*)

C. Titration of strong acid vs weak base (e.g., HCl + NH_4OH)

$H^+ + Cl^- + NH_4OH \longrightarrow NH_4^+ + Cl^- + H_2O$

The conductance decreases initially because of the replacement of fast moving H^+ ions by slow moving NH_4^+ ions (Fig. *c*). After neutralization, the further addition of NH_4OH does not make much change.

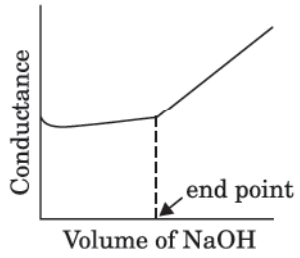


Fig. (*c*)

D. Titration of silver nitrate vs halide ion (e.g., $AgNO_3$ + KCl).

$Ag^+ + NO_3^- + K^+ + Cl^- \longrightarrow K^+ + NO_3^- + AgCl$

Initially conductance remains almost constant because Ag^+ ions are replaced by K^+ ions and both have almost the same mobility. After the end point, it increases because of the addition of more K^+ and Cl^- ions.

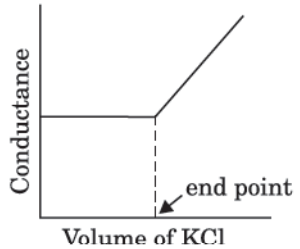


Fig. (*d*)

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OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTIONS

Multiple Choice Questions M. C. Q.

A Topicwise MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS with only one correct answer

Electrolytic Conductance

A1. If the conductivity and conductance of a solution is same then its cell constant is equal to :
(a) 1 (b) 0
(c) 10 (d) 1000.

A2. The units of conductivity are :
(a) ohm^{-1} (b) $ohm^{-1}\ cm^{-1}$
(c) $ohm^{-2}\ cm^2\ equiv^{-1}$ (d) $ohm^{-1}\ cm^2$.

A3. The resistance of 0.1 N solution of acetic acid is 250 ohm, when measured in a cell of cell constant 1.15 cm^{-1}. The equivalent conductance (in $ohm^{-1}\ cm^2$ $equivalent^{-1}$) of 0.1 N acetic acid is
(a) 18.4 (b) 0.023
(c) 46 (d) 9.2

A4. In infinite dilution of aqueous solution of $BaCl_2$, molar conductivity of Ba^{2+} and Cl ions are = 127.32 S cm^2/mol and 76.34 S cm^2/mol respectively. What is Λ_m^∞ for $BaCl_2$ at same dilution ?
(a) 280 S $cm^2\ mol^{-1}$ (b) 330.98 S $cm^2\ mol^{-1}$
(c) 90.98 S $cm^2\ mol^{-1}$ (d) 203.6 S $cm^2\ mol^{-1}$

A5. The specific conductance of 0.1 M NaCl solution is 1.06×10^{-2} $ohm^{-1}\ cm^{-1}$. Its molar conductance in $ohm^{-1}\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}$ is
(a) 1.06×10^2 (b) 1.06×10^3
(c) 1.06×10^4 (d) 53

A6. The limiting molar conductivities $\Lambda°$ for NaCl, KBr and KCl are 126, 152 and 150 S $cm^2\ mol^{-1}$ respectively. The $\Lambda°$ for NaBr is
(a) 278 S $cm^2\ mol^{-1}$ (b) 976 S $cm^2\ mol^{-1}$
(c) 128 S $cm^2\ mol^{-1}$ (d) 302 S $cm^2\ mol^{-1}$

A7. $\lambda(ClCH_2COONa) = 224\ ohm^{-1}\ cm^2\ gm\ eq^{-1}$, $\lambda(NaCl) = 38.2\ ohm^{-1}\ cm^2\ gm\ eq^{-1}$. $\lambda(HCl) = 203\ ohm^{-1}\ cm^2\ gm\ eq^{-1}$, what is the value of $\lambda(ClCH_2COOH)$?
(a) 288.5 $ohm^{-1}\ cm^2\ gm\ eq^{-1}$ (b) 289.5 $ohm^{-1}\ cm^2\ gm\ eq^{-1}$
(c) 388.8 $ohm^{-1}\ cm^2\ gm\ eq^{-1}$ (d) 59.5 $ohm^{-1}\ cm^2\ gm\ eq^{-1}$

A8. The limiting molar conductivities of HCl, CH_3COONa and NaCl are respectively 425, 90 and 125 mho $cm^2\ mol^{-1}$ at 25°C. The molar conductivity of 0.1 M CH_3COOH solution is 7.8 mho $cm^2\ mol^{-1}$ at the same temperature. The degree of dissociation of 0.1 M acetic acid solution at the same temperature is
(a) 0.10 (b) 0.02
(c) 0.15 (d) 0.03

A9. The values of limiting ionic conductance of H^+ and $HCOO^-$ ions are respectively 347 and 53 S $cm^2\ mol^{-1}$ at 298 K. If the molar conductance of 0.025 M methanoic acid at 298 K is 40 S $cm^2\ mol^{-1}$, the dissociation constant of methanoic acid at 298 K is
(a) 1×10^{-5} (b) 2×10^{-5}
(c) 1.5×10^{-4} (d) 2.5×10^{-4}

A10. The ionization constant of a weak electrolyte is 2.5×10^{-5} and molar conductance of its 0.01 M solution is 19.6 S $cm^2\ mol^{-1}$. The molar conductance at infinite dilution ($S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}$) is
(a) 402 (b) 392
(c) 306 (d) 39.2

Electrochemical Cells

A11. Which of the following statements is incorrect about electrochemical cell ?
(a) Electrons are released at anode.
(b) Chemical energy is converted into electrical energy.
(c) Salt bridge maintains the electrical neutrality of the electrolytes.
(d) Cell can work indefinitely.

A12. Point out the correct statement in a cell of zinc and copper :
(a) Zinc acts as cathode and copper as anode.
(b) Zinc acts as anode and copper as cathode.
(c) The standard reduction potential of zinc is more than that of copper.
(d) The flow of electrons is from copper to zinc.

A13. The standard electrode potentials for Pb^{2+} | Pb and Zn^{2+} | Zn are –0.126 V and –0.763 V respectively. The e.m.f. of the cell
$Zn\ |\ Zn^{2+}\ (0.1\ M)\ ||\ Pb^{2+}\ (0.1\ M)\ |\ Pb$ is :
(a) 0.637 V (b) < 0.637 V
(c) > 0.637 V (d) 0.889 V.

A14. A zinc electrode is placed in 0.1 M solution of $ZnSO_4$ at 25°C. Assuming that the salt is dissociated to an extent of 20% at this dilution, the potential of this electrode is ($E° = -0.76V$)
(a) – 0.81 V (b) – 0.79 V
(c) 0.81 V (d) 0.79 V

Answers

A1. (a) **A2.** (b) **A3.** (c) **A4.** (a) **A5.** (a) **A6.** (c) **A7.** (c) **A8.** (b) **A9.** (d) **A10.** (b)
A11. (d) **A12.** (b) **A13.** (a) **A14.** (a)

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A15. For the electrode reaction

$$M^{n+}(aq) + ne^- \longrightarrow M(s)$$

Nernst equation is

(a) $E = E^\circ + \frac{RT}{nF} \log \frac{1}{[M^{n+}]}$

(b) $E^\circ = E^\circ + RT\, ln\, [M^{n+}]$

(c) $E = E^\circ + \frac{RT}{nF}\, ln\, [M^{n+}]$

(d) $\frac{E}{E^\circ} = \frac{RT}{nF}\, ln\, [M^{n+}]$.

A16. E°_{cell} and ΔG° are related as :

(a) $\Delta G^\circ = nF\, E^\circ_{cell}$ (b) $\Delta G = -nF\, E^\circ_{cell}$

(c) $\Delta G^\circ = -nF\, E^\circ_{cell}$ (d) $\Delta G^\circ = nF\, E^\circ_{cell} = 0$.

A17. Which of the following will decrease the voltage of the cell ?

$$Sn(s) + 2Ag^+(aq) \longrightarrow Sn^{2+}(aq) + 2\,Ag(s)$$

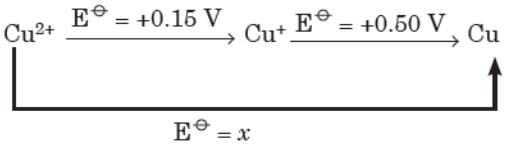
(a) increase in the size of silver rod

(b) increase in the concentration of Sn^{2+} ions

(c) increase in the concentration of Ag^+ ions

(d) None of the above.

A18. In the diagram given below, the value of x is



(a) 0.35 V (b) 0.65 V

(c) 0.325 V (d) –0.65 V

A19. By how much will the potential of a zinc electrode change if the solution of $ZnSO_4$ in which it is immersed is diluted to 10 times at 298 K ?

(a) Decreases by 30 mV (b) Increases by 30 mV

(c) Increases by 60 mV (d) Decreases by 60 mV

A20. The e.m.f. of the cell :

$$Cu(s) \mid Cu^{2+}(1M) \parallel Ag^+(1M) \mid Ag$$

is 0.46 V. The standard reduction potential of $Ag^+ \mid Ag$ is 0.80 V. The standard reduction potential of $Cu^{2+} \mid Cu$ is

(a) – 0.34 V (b) 1.26 V

(c) – 1.26 V (d) 0.34 V

A21. Saturated solution of KNO_3 is used to make salt bridge because

(a) velocity of K^+ is greater than that of NO_3^-

(b) velocity of NO_3^- is greater than that of K^+

(c) velocity of both K^+ and NO_3^- are nearly the same

(d) KNO_3 is highly soluble in water.

A22. Aluminium displaces hydrogen from acids, but copper does not. A galvanic cell prepared by combining $Cu \mid Cu^{2+}$ and $Al \mid Al^{3+}$ has an emf of 2.0 V at 298 K. If the potential of copper electrode is + 0.34 V, that of aluminium electrode is

(a) –2.3 V (b) +2.34 V

(c) – 1.66 V (d) 1.66 V

A23. Standard electrode potentials are :

$Fe^{2+} \mid Fe$ ($E^\circ = -0.44$ V), $Fe^{3+} \mid Fe^{2+}$ ($E^\circ = 0.77$ V)

Fe^{2+}, Fe^{3+} and Fe blocks are kept together, then

(a) Fe^{3+} increases (b) Fe^{3+} decreases

(c) $Fe^{2+} \mid Fe^{3+}$ remains unchanged

(d) Fe^{2+} decreased

A24. The standard reduction potentials for two reactions are given below :

$AgCl(s) + e^- \longrightarrow Ag(s) + Cl^-(aq)$ $E^\circ = 0.22$ V

$Ag^+(aq) + e^- \longrightarrow Ag(s)$ $E^\circ = 0.80$ V

The solubility product of AgCl under standard conditions of temperature (298 K) is given by

(a) 1.6×10^{-5} (b) 1.5×10^{-8}

(c) 3.2×10^{-10} (d) 1.5×10^{-10}

A25. The *e.m.f.* of the following Daniell cell at 298 K is E_1.

$Zn \mid ZnSO_4\,(0.01\ M) \mid\mid CuSO_4\,(1.0) \mid Cu$

When concentration of $ZnSO_4$ is 1.0 M and that of $CuSO_4$ is 0.01 M, the *e.m.f.* changed to E_2. What is the relationship between E_1 and E_2 ?

(a) $E_1 > E_2$ (b) $E_1 < E_2$

(c) $E_1 = E_2$ (d) $E_2 = 0 \neq E_1$

A26. $E^\ominus_{Cu} = 0.34$ V and $E^\ominus_{Zn} = -0.76$ V. A Daniell cell contains 0.1 M $ZnSO_4$ solution and 0.01 M $CuSO_4$ solution at its electrodes. The EMF of the cell is

(a) 1.10 V (b) 1.04 V

(c) 1.16 V (d) 1.07 V

A27. Consider the following $E^\ominus$ values

$E^\ominus (Fe^{3+} \mid Fe^{2+}) = +0.77$ V, $E^\ominus (Sn^{2+} \mid Sn) = -0.14$ V

Under standard conditions, the potential for the reaction :

$Sn(s) + 2Fe^{3+}(aq) \longrightarrow 2Fe^{2+}(aq) + Sn^{2+}(aq)$ is

(a) 0.91 V (b) 1.40 V

(c) 1.68 V (d) 0.63 V

A28. If $E^\circ_{(Fe^{2+} \mid Fe)} = -0.441$ V and $E^\circ_{(Fe^{3+} \mid Fe^{2+})} = 0.771$V, the standard E.M.F. of the reaction :

$Fe + 2Fe^{3+} \longrightarrow 3Fe^{2+}$ will be

(a) 1.653 (b) 1.212 V

(c) 0.111 (d) 0.330 V

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Answers

A15. (c) **A16.** (c) **A17.** (b) **A18.** (c) **A19.** (a) **A20.** (d) **A21.** (c) **A22.** (c) **A23.** (b) **A24.** (d)
A25. (a) **A26.** (d) **A27.** (a) **A28.** (b)

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Electrolysis

A29. Number of coulombs required to deposit 90 g of Al when the electrode reaction

$Al^{3+} + 3e^- \longrightarrow Al$ is :

(a) 9.65×10^4 (b) 8.685×10^5

(c) 9.65×10^5 (d) 6.955.

A30. 10800 C of electricity through the electrolyte deposited 2.977 g of metal with atomic mass 106.4 a.m.u. The valency of metal cation is :

(a) 4 (b) 3

(c) 2 (d) 1

A31. The charge on 1 gram mole ion of N^{3-} is

(a) 6.00×10^5 C (b) 2.89×10^5 C

(c) 3.98×10^5 C (d) 4.89×10^5 C

A32. A current of 3A was passed through a solution of $AuCl_4^-$ ions using gold electrodes and it caused deposition of 1.234 g of Au (Atomic mass of Au = 197). The time for which the current was passed is

(a) 20 min 8*s* (b) 30 min 12*s*

(c) 10 min 4*s* (d) 10 min 40*s*

A33. An electric current is passed through silver voltameter connected to a water voltameter. The cathode of silver voltameter weighed 0.108 g more at the end of electrolysis. The volume of O_2 at STP evolved is

(a) 5.6 cm^3 (b) 550 cm^3

(c) 22.4 cm^3 (d) 11.2 cm^3

A34. Same amount of electric current is passed through solution of $AgNO_3$ and HCl. If 1.08 g of silver is obtained in the first case, the amount of hydrogen liberated at S.T.P. in the second case is :

(a) 112 cm^3 (b) 22400 cm^3

(c) 224 cm^3 (d) 1.008 g

A35. 4.5 g of aluminium (at. mass = 27. a.m.u) is deposited at cathode from Al^{3+} solution by certain quantity of electric charge. The volume of hydrogen produced at STP from H^+ ions in solution by the same quantity of electric charge will be

(a) 44.8 L (b) 22.4 L

(c) 11.2 L (d) 5.6 L

A36. The quantity of electricity needed to separately electrolyse 1 M solution of $ZnSO_4$, $AlCl_3$ and $AgNO_3$ completely is in the ratio of

(a) 2 : 3 : 1 (b) 2 : 1 : 1

(c) 2 : 1 : 3 (d) 2 : 2 : 1

Batteries and Corrosion

A37. When lead storage battery discharges

(a) SO_2 is evolved (b) $PbSO_4$ is consumed

(c) Lead is formed (d) H_2SO_4 is consumed.

A38. In a Leclanche dry cell, anode is :

(a) Graphite rod (b) FeO and $Fe(OH)_2$

(c) Zinc container (d) MnO_2 + C.

A39. Rust is a mixture of

(a) FeO and $Fe(OH)_3$ (b) FeO and $Fe(OH)_2$

(c) Fe_2O_3 and $Fe(OH)_3$ (d) Fe_3O_4 and $Fe(OH)_3$.

A40. Which of the following will be formed when lead storage battery is charged?

(a) Sulphuric acid is consumed

(b) lead is consumed

(c) sulphuric acid is formed

(d) lead sulphate is formed.

A41. For a $H_2 - O_2$ fuel cell, the theoretical voltage has been found to be 1.23V and ΔH to be –285 kJ mol^{-1}. The efficiency of the fuel cell is

(a) 76% (b) 83%

(c) 89% (d) 72%

A42. Which of the following reaction occurs at cathode in $H_2 - O_2$ fuel cell ?

(a) $H^+ + OH^- \longrightarrow H_2O$

(b) $O_2 + 2H_2O + 4e^- \longrightarrow 4\ OH^-$

(c) $2H_2 + O_2 \longrightarrow 2H_2O$

(d) $H_2 + 2OH^- \longrightarrow 2H_2O + 2e^-$

A43. Which of the following reaction occurs at anode during the recharging of lead storage battery ?

(a) $PbSO_4 + 2H_2O \longrightarrow PbO_2 + SO_4^{2-} + 4H^+ + 2e^-$

(b) $Pb + SO_4^{2-} \longrightarrow PbSO_4 + 2e^-$

(c) $PbSO_4 + 2e^- \longrightarrow Pb + SO_4^{2-}$

(d) $PbO_2 + 4H^+ + SO_4^{2-} + 2e^- \longrightarrow PbSO_4 + 2H_2O$

A44. In nickel-cadmium storage cell, the electrolyte is

(a) moist KOH (b) dil H_2SO_4

(c) aqueous NH_4Cl (d) $Ni(OH)_3$ (*aq*)

Answers

A29. (c) **A30.** (a) **A31.** (b) **A32.** (c) **A33.** (a) **A34.** (a) **A35.** (d) **A36.** (a) **A37.** (d) **A38.** (c)
A39. (c) **A40.** (c) **A41.** (b) **A42.** (b) **A43.** (a) **A44.** (a)

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B MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS *from Competitive Examinations*

AIPMT & Other State Boards' Medical Entrance

B1. The efficiency of a fuel cell is given by :

(a) $\frac{\Delta G}{\Delta S}$ (b) $\frac{\Delta G}{\Delta H}$

(c) $\frac{\Delta S}{\Delta G}$ (d) $\frac{\Delta H}{\Delta G}$ *(C.B.S.E.P.M.T. 2007)*

B2. Standard free energies of formation (in kJ/mol) at 298 K are –237.2, –394.4 and –8.2 for $H_2O(l)$, $CO_2(g)$ and pentane (g), respectively. The value of E°_{cell} for the pentane-oxygen fuel cell is :

(a) 2.0968 V (b) 1.0968 V

(c) 0.0968 V (d) 1.968 V *(C.B.S.E. P.M.T. 2008)*

B3. Al_2O_3 is reduced by electrolysis at low potentials and high currents. If 4.0×10^4 amperes of current is passed through molten Al_2O_3 for 6 hours, what mass of aluminium is produced? (Assume 100% current efficiency, atomic mass of Al = 27 g/mol)

(a) 8.1×10^4 g (b) 2.4×10^5 g

(c) 1.3×10^4 g (d) 9.0×10^3 g *(C.B.S.E. PMT 2009)*

B4. The equivalent conductance of M/32 solution of a weak monobasic acid is 8 mho cm^2 and at infinite dilution is 400 mho cm^2. The dissociation constant of this acid is

(a) 1.25×10^{-6} (b) 6.25×10^{-4}

(c) 1.25×10^{-4} (d) 1.25×10^{-5} *(C.B.S.E. PMT 2009)*

B5. For the reduction of silver ions with copper metal the standard cell potential was found to be + 0.46V at 25°C. The value of standard Gibbs energy, ΔG° will be ($F = 96500\ C\ mol^{-1}$) :

(a) – 44.5 kJ (b) – 98.0 kJ

(c) – 89.0 kJ (d) – 89.0 J *(C.B.S.E. P.M.T. 2010)*

B6. An increase in equivalent conductance of a strong electrolyte with dilution is mainly due to :

(a) increase in both *i.e.* number of ions and ionic mobility of ions.

(b) increase in number of ions

(c) increase in ionic mobility of ions

(d) 100% ionization of electrolyte at normal dilution. *(C.B.S.E. P.M.T. 2010)*

B7. Standard electrode potential of three metals X, Y and Z are – 1.2 V, + 0.5 V and – 3.0 V respectively. The reducing power of these metals will be

(a) Y > Z > X (b) Y > X > Z

(c) Z > X > Y (d) X > Y > Z *(CBSE PMT 2011)*

B8. If the E°_{cell} for a given reaction has a negative value, then which of the following gives the correct relationships for the values of ΔG° and K_{eq} ?

(a) $\Delta G^\circ > 0; K_{eq} > 1$ (b) $\Delta G^\circ < 0; K_{eq} > 1$

(c) $\Delta G^\circ < 0; K_{eq} < 1$ (d) $\Delta G^\circ > 0; K_{eq} < 1$ *(CBSE PMT 2011, NEET 2016)*

B9. The electrode potentials for

$Cu^{2+}(aq) + e^- \longrightarrow Cu^+(aq)$

and $Cu^+(aq) + e^- \longrightarrow Cu(s)$

are + 0.15 V and + 0.50 V respectively. The value of $E_{Cu^{2+}|Cu}$ Cu will be

(a) 0.500 V (b) 0.325 V

(c) 0.650 V (d) 0.150 V *(CBSE PMT 2011)*

B10. Standard electrode potential for Sn^{4+}/Sn^{2+} couple is + 0.15 V and that for the Cr^{3+}/Cr couple is – 0.74 V. These two couples in their standard state are connected to make a cell. The cell potential will be

(a) + 1.19 V (b) + 0.89 V

(c) + 0.18 V (d) + 1.83 V *(CBSE PMT 2011)*

B11. Limiting molar conductivity of NH_4OH [i.e. $\Lambda^\circ_{m(NH_4OH)}$] is equal to

(a) $\Lambda^\circ_{m(NH_4Cl)} + \Lambda^\circ_{m(NaCl)} - \Lambda^\circ_{m(NaOH)}$

(b) $\Lambda^\circ_{m(NaOH)} + \Lambda^\circ_{m(NaCl)} - \Lambda^\circ_{m(NH_4Cl)}$

(c) $\Lambda^\circ_{m(NH_4OH)} + \Lambda^\circ_{m(NH_4Cl)} - \Lambda^\circ_{m(HCl)}$

(d) $\Lambda^\circ_{m(NH_4Cl)} + \Lambda^\circ_{m(NaOH)} - \Lambda^\circ_{m(NaCl)}$ *(A.I.P.M.T 2012)*

B12. At 25°C, molar conductance of 0.1 molar aqueous solution of ammonium hydroxide is 9.54 $ohm^{-1}\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}$ and at infinite dilution its molar conductance is 238 $ohm^{-1}\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}$. The degree of ionisation of ammonium hydroxide at the same concentration and temperature is

(a) 4.008% (b) 40.800%

(c) 2.080% (d) 20.800% *(NEET 2013)*

B13. A button cell used in watches function as following.

$Zn(s) + Ag_2O(s) + H_2O(l) \rightleftharpoons 2Ag(s) + Zn^{2+}(aq) + 2OH^-(aq)$

If half cell potentials are

$Zn^{2+}(aq) + 2e^- \longrightarrow 2Zn(s)$; $E^\circ = -0.76V$

$Ag_2O(s) + H_2O(l) + 2e^- \longrightarrow 2Ag(s) + 2OH^-(aq)$, $E^\circ = 0.34$ V

The cell potential will be

(a) 0.84 V (b) 1.34 V

(c) 1.10 V (d) 0.42 V *(NEET 2013)*

Answers

B1. (b) **B2.** (b) **B3.** (a) **B4.** (d) **B5.** (c) **B6.** (c) **B7.** (c) **B8.** (d) **B9.** (b) **B10.** (b)
B11. (d) **B12.** (a) **B13.** (c)

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B14. A hydrogen gas electrode is made by dipping platinum wire in a solution of HCl of pH = 10 and by passing hydrogen gas around the platinum wire at one atm pressure. The oxidation potential of electrode would be?

(*a*) 0.118 V (*b*) 1.18 V

(*c*) 0.059 V (*d*) 0.59 V *(NEET 2013)*

B15. When 0.1 mol MnO_4^{2-} is oxidised, the quantity of electricity required to completely oxidise MnO_4^{2-} to MnO_4^- is

(*a*) 96500 C (*b*) 2 × 96500 C

(*c*) 9650 C (*d*) 96.50 C *(AIPMT 2014)*

B16. The weight of silver (at. wt. = 108) displaced by a quantity of electricity which displaces 5600 mL of O_2 at STP will be

(*a*) 5.4 g (*b*) 10.8 g

(*c*) 54.0 g (*d*) 108.0 g *(AIPMT 2014)*

B17. A device that converts energy of combustion of fuels like hydrogen and methane, directly into electrical energy is known as

(*a*) dynamo (*b*) Ni–Cd cell

(*c*) fuel cell (*d*) electrolytic cell

(AIPMT 2015)

B18. The pressure of H_2 required to make the potential of H_2–electrode zero in pure water at 298 K is

(*a*) 10^{-10} atm (*b*) 10^{-4} atm

(*c*) 10^{-14} atm (*d*) 10^{-12} atm

(NEET 2016)

B19. The molar conductivity of a 0.5 mol dm^{-3} solution of $AgNO_3$ with electrolytic conductivity of 5.76×10^{-3} S cm^{-1} at 298 K in S cm^2 mol^{-1} is

(*a*) 2.88 (*b*) 11.52

(*c*) 0.086 (*d*) 28.8 *(NEET 2016)*

B20. During the electrolysis of molten sodium chloride, the time required to produce 0.10 mol of chlorine gas using a current of 3 amperes is

(*a*) 55 min. (*b*) 110 min.

(*c*) 220 min. (*d*) 330 min.

(NEET 2016)

B21. The number of electrons delivered at the cathode during electrolysis by a current of 1 ampere in 60 seconds is

(*a*) 6×10^{23} (*b*) 6×10^{20}

(*c*) 3.75×10^{20} (*d*) 7.48×10^{23}

(NEET 2016)

B22. Zinc can be coated on iron to produce galvanized iron but the reverse is not possible. It is because

(*a*) zinc is lighter than iron

(*b*) zinc has lower melting point than iron

(*c*) zinc has lower negative electrode potential than iron

(*d*) zinc has higher negative electrode potential than iron

(NEET 2016)

B23. In the electrochemical cell :

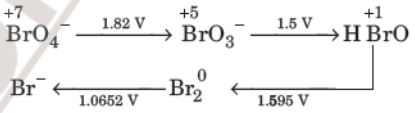
$Zn\,|\,ZnSO_4(0.01\ M)\,||\,CuSO_4(1.0\ M)\,|\,Cu$, the emf of this Daniell cell is E_1. When the concentration of $ZnSO_4$ is changed to 1.0 M and that $CuSO_4$ changed to 0.01 M, the emf changes to E_2. From the following, which one is the relationship between E_1 and E_2?

(Given, RT/F = 0.059)

(*a*) $E_1 < E_2$ (*b*) $E_1 > E_2$

(*c*) $E_2 = 0 \neq E_2$ (*d*) $E_1 = E_2$ *(NEET 2017)*

B24. Consider the change in oxidation state of bromine corresponding to different emf values as shown in the diagram below :



Then the species undergoing disproportionation is:

(*a*) BrO_3^- (*b*) BrO_4^-

(*c*) Br_2 (*d*) HBrO *(NEET 2018)*

B25. The equilibrium constant of the following redox reaction at 298 K is 1×10^8.

$$2Fe^{3+}(aq) + 2I^-(aq) \rightleftharpoons 2Fe^{2+}(aq) + I_2(s)$$

If the standard reduction potential of iodine becoming iodide is +0.54 V, what is the standard reduction potential of $Fe^{3+}\,|\,Fe^{2+}$?

(*a*) + 1.006V (*b*) – 1.006 V

(*c*) + 0.77V (*d*) – 0.77 V

(*e*) – 0.652V *(Kerala P.M.T. 2008)*

B26. A solution of nickel sulphate in which nickel rod is dipped is diluted 10 times. The reduction potential of Ni at 298 K

(*a*) Decreases by 60 mV (*b*) Decreases by 30 mV

(*c*) Decreases by 30 V (*d*) Increases by 30 mV

(*e*) Increases by 30 V *(Kerala P.M.T. 2009)*

B27. When molten magnesium oxide was electrolysed for a certain period, 150 mg of Mg was deposited on the cathode. The volume of oxygen gas in cm^3 at STP conditions liberated at the anode during the same period is (Atomic mass of Mg = 24 g mol^{-1})

(*a*) 140 (*b*) 280

(*c*) 70 (*d*) 120

(*e*) 240 *(Kerala P.M.T. 2014)*

Answers

B14. (*d*) **B15.** (*c*) **B16.** (*d*) **B17.** (*c*) **B18.** (*c*) **B19.** (*b*) **B20.** (*b*) **B21.** (*c*) **B22.** (*d*) **B23.** (*b*)
B24. (*d*) **B25.** (*c*) **B26.** (*b*) **B27.** (*c*)

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B28. Given the data at 25° C :

$Ag + I^- \rightarrow AgI + e^-$ $E° = 0.152$ V

$Ag \rightarrow Ag^+ + e^-$ $E° = -0.800$ V

(2.303 RT/F = 0.059 V)

What is the value of log K_{sp} for AgI ?

(a) +8.612 (b) – 37.83

(c) –16.13 (d) – 8.12 *(A.I.E.E.E. 2006)*

B29. Resistance of a conductivity cell filled with a solution of an electrolyte of concentration 0.1 M is 100Ω. The conductivity of this solution is 1.29 S m^{-1}. Resistance of the same cell when filled with 0.2 M of the same solution is 520 Ω. The molar conductivity of 0.2 M solution of the electrolyte will be

(a) 1240×10^{-4} S m^2 mol^{-1} (b) 1.24×10^{-4} S m^2 mol^{-1}

(c) 12.4×10^{-4} S m^2 mol^{-1} (d) 124×10^{-4} S m^2 mol^{-1}

(A.I.E.E.E. 2006)

B30. The cell $Zn \mid Zn^{2+}(1M) \mid\mid Cu^{2+}(1M) \mid Cu$ ($E°_{cell} = 1.10$ V) was allowed to be completely discharged at 298 K. The relative concentration of Zn^{2+} to $Cu^{2+}\left(\frac{[Zn^{2+}]}{[Cu^{2+}]}\right)$ is :

(a) 37.3 (b) $10^{37.3}$

(c) 9.65×10^4 (d) antilog (24.08)

(A.I.E.E.E. 2007)

B31. Given $E°(Cr^{3+} \mid Cr) = -0.72$ V and $E°(Fe^{2+} \mid Fe) = -0.42$ V. The potential for the cell

$Cr \mid Cr^{3+}(0.1M) \parallel Fe^{2+}(0.01\ M) \mid Fe$ is

(a) – 0.26 V (b) 0.26 V

(c) 0.339 V (d) – 0.339 V *(A.I.E.E.E. 2008)*

B32. Given $E°_{Fe^{3+}|Fe} = -0.36$ V, $E°_{Fe^{2+}|Fe} = -0.439$ V. The value of standard electrode potential for the change,

$Fe^{3+} + e^- \longrightarrow Fe^{2+}$ will be

(a) – 0.072 V (b) 0.385 V

(c) 0.770 V (d) – 0.270 V *(A.I.E.E.E. 2009)*

B33. The Gibbs energy for the decomposition of Al_2O_3 at 500°C is as follows:

$\frac{2}{3}Al_2O_3 \longrightarrow \frac{4}{3}Al + 2O_2$

The potential difference needed for electrolytic reduction of Al_2O_3 at 500°C is at least

(a) 2.5 V (b) 5.0 V

(c) 4.5 V (d) 3.0 V *(A.I.E.E.E. 2010)*

B34. The reduction potential of hydrogen half-cell will be negative if :

(a) $p(H_2) = 2$ atm and $[H^+] = 1.0$ M

(b) $p(H_2) = 2$ atm and $[H^+] = 2.0$ M

(c) $p(H_2) = 1$ atm and $[H^+] = 2.0$ M

(d) $p(H_2) = 1$ atm and $[H^+] = 1.0$ M *(A.I.E.E.E. 2011)*

B35. Resistance of 0.2 M solution of an electrolyte is 50 Ω. The specific conductance of the solution is 1.3 S m^{-1}. If resistance of the 0.4 M solution of the same electrolyte is 260 Ω, its molar conductivity is :

(a) 6.25×10^{-4} S m^2 mol^{-1} (b) 625×10^{-4} S m^2 mol^{-1}

(c) 62.5 S m^2 mol^{-1} (d) 6250 S m^2 mol^{-1}

(A.I.E.E.E. 2011)

B36. The standard reduction potentials for $Zn^{2+} \mid Zn$, $Ni^2 \mid Ni$, and $Fe^{2+} \mid Fe$ are –0.76, –0.23 and –0.44 V respectively. The reaction $X + Y^{2+} \longrightarrow X^{2+} + Y$ will be spontaneous when

(a) X = Ni, Y = Zn (b) X = Fe, Y = Zn

(c) X = Zn, Y = Ni (d) X = Ni, Y = Fe

(A.I.E.E.E 2012, Kerela P.E.T. 2016)

B37. Given

$E°_{Cr^{3+}|Cr} = -0.74$ V ; $E°_{MnO_4^-|Mn^{2+}} = 1.51$ V

$E°_{Cr_2O_7^{2-}|Cr^{3+}} = 1.33$ V; $E°_{Cl|Cl^-} = 1.36$ V

Based on the data given above, strongest oxidising agent will be

(a) MnO_4^- (b) Cl^-

(c) Cr^{3+} (d) Mn^{2+} *(JEE Main 2013)*

B38. Given below are the half-cell reactions:

$Mn^{2+} + 2e^- \rightarrow Mn$; $E° = -1.18$ V

$2(Mn^{3+} + e^- \rightarrow Mn^{2+})$; $E° = +1.51$ V

The E° for $3Mn^{2+} \rightarrow Mn + 2Mn^{3+}$ will be

(a) –0.33 V ; the reaction will occur

(b) –2.69 V ; the reaction will not occur

(c) –2.69 V ; the reaction will occur

(d) –0.33 V ; the reaction will not occur *(JEE Main 2014)*

B39. The equivalent conductance of NaCl at concentration C and at infinite dilution are λ_c and λ_∞, respectively. The correct relationship between λ_c and λ_∞ is given as (where, the constant B is positive)

(a) $\lambda_c = \lambda_\infty + (B)\sqrt{C}$ (b) $\lambda_c = \lambda_\infty + (B)\,C$

(c) $\lambda_c = \lambda_\infty - (B)\,C$ (d) $\lambda_c = \lambda_\infty - (B)\sqrt{C}$

(JEE Main 2014)

B40. Resistance of 0.2 M solution of an electrolyte is 50 Ω. The specific conductance of the solution is 1.4 S m^{-1}. The resistance of 0.5 M solution of the same electrolyte is 280 Ω. The molar conductivity of 0.5 M solution of the electrolyte in S m^2 mol^{-1} is

(a) 5×10^2 (b) 5×10^{-4}

(c) 5×10^{-3} (d) 5×10^3 *(JEE Main 2014)*

Answers

B28. (c) **B29.** (c) **B30.** (b) **B31.** (b) **B32.** (c) **B33.** (a) **B34.** (a) **B35.** (a) **B36.** (c) **B37.** (d)
B38. (b) **B39.** (d) **B40.** (b)

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B41. Two Faradays of electricity are passed through a solution of $CuSO_4$. The mass of copper deposited at the cathode is (at. mass of Cu = 63.5 amu)

(*a*) 2 g (*b*) 127 g
(*c*) 0 g (*d*) 63.5 g *(JEE Main 2015)*

B42. Galvanization is applying a coating of

(*a*) Pb (*b*) Cr
(*c*) Cu (*d*) Zn *(JEE Main 2016)*

B43. Given

$E^\circ_{Cl_2|Cl^-} = 1.36$ V, $E^\circ_{Cr^{3+}|Cr} = -0.74$ V

$E^\circ_{Cr_2O_7^{2-}|Cr^{3+}} = 1.33$ V, $E^\circ_{MnO_4^-|Mn^{2+}} = 1.51$ V.

Among the following, the strongest reducing agent is

(*a*) Cr (*b*) Mn^{2+}
(*c*) Cr^{3+} (*d*) Cl^- *(J.E.E. Main 2017)*

B44. How long (approximate) should water be electrolysed by passing through 100 amperes current so that the oxygen released can completely burn 27.66 g of diborane? (Atomic weight of B = 10.8 u)

(*a*) 6.4 hours (*b*) 0.8 hours
(*c*) 3.2 hours (*d*) 1.6 hours
(J.E.E. Main 2018)

B45. An alloy of Pb-Ag weighing 1.08 g was dissolved in dilute HNO_3 and the volume made to 100 mL. A silver electrode was dipped in the solution and the e.m.f. of the cell set up

$$Pt(s), H_2(g) | H^+(1M) \| Ag^+(aq) | Ag(s)$$

was 0.62 V. If $E^\circ_{cell} = 0.80$ V, what is the percentage of Ag in the alloy ?

(At 25°C, 2.303RT/F = 0.06)

(*a*) 25 (*b*) 2.50
(*c*) 10 (*d*) 1
(*e*) 5 *(Kerala C.E.T. 2007)*

B46. One Faraday of electricity is passed through molten Al_2O_3, aqueous solution of $CuSO_4$ and molten NaCl taken in three different electrolytic cells connected in series. The mole ratio of Al, Cu and Na deposited at the respective cathode is

(*a*) 2 : 3 : 6 (*b*) 6 : 2 : 3
(*c*) 6 : 3 : 2 (*d*) 1 : 2 : 3
(*e*) 3 : 6 : 2 *(Kerala P.E.T. 2010)*

B47. Consider the following four electrodes,

$P = Cu^{2+}(0.0001\ M) | Cu_{(s)}$

$Q = Cu^{2+}(0.1\ M) | Cu_{(s)}$

$R = Cu^{2+}(0.01\ M) | Cu_{(s)}$

$S = Cu^{2+}(0.001\ M) | Cu_{(s)}$

If the standard reduction potential of $Cu^{2+} | Cu$ is + 0.34 V, the reduction potentials in volts of the above electrodes follow the order

(*a*) P > S > R > Q (*b*) S > R > Q > P
(*c*) R > S > Q > P (*d*) P > Q > R > S
(*e*) Q > R > S > P *(Kerala P.E.T. 2010)*

B48. The electrode potential of a hydrogen electrode at pH = 10 is

(*a*) 0.59 V (*b*) 0.00 V
(*c*) – 0.59 V (*d*) – 0.059 V
(W. B. J.E.E. 2010)

B49. E_1, E_2 and E_3 are the emfs of the following three galvanic cells respectively.

(*i*) $Zn(s) | Zn^{2+}(0.1\ M) \| Cu^{2+}(1M) | Cu(s)$
(*ii*) $Zn(s) | Zn^{2+}(1\ M) \| Cu^{2+}(1M) | Cu(s)$
(*iii*) $Zn(s) | Zn^{2+}(1\ M) \| Cu^{2+}(0.1M) | Cu(s)$

Which one of the following is true ?

(*a*) $E_2 > E_1 > E_3$ (*b*) $E_1 > E_2 > E_3$
(*c*) $E_3 > E_1 > E_2$ (*d*) $E_3 > E_2 > E_1$
(Karnataka CET 2011)

B50. The standard redox potentials for the reactions $Mn^{2+} + 2e^- \longrightarrow Mn$ and $Mn^{3+} + e^- \longrightarrow Mn^{2+}$ are – 1.18 V and 1.51 V respectively. What is the redox potential for the reaction $Mn^{3+} + 3e^- \longrightarrow Mn$?

(*a*) 0.33 V (*b*) 1.69 V
(*c*) – 0.28 V (*d*) – 0.85 V
(*e*) 0.85 V *(Kerala PET 2011)*

B51. A current is passed through two cells connected in series. The first cell contains $X(NO_3)_3(aq)$ and the second cell contains $Y(NO_3)_2(aq)$. The relative atomic masses of X and Y are in the ratio 1 : 2. What is the ratio of liberated mass of X to that of Y ?

(*a*) 3 : 2 (*b*) 1 : 2
(*c*) 1 : 3 (*d*) 3 : 1
(*e*) 2 : 1 *(Kerala PET 2011)*

B52. A weak electrolyte having the limiting equivalent conductance of 400 S cm^2 g. equivalent $^{-1}$ at 298 K is 2 % ionized in its 0.1 N solution. The resistance of this solution (in ohms) in an electrolytic cell of cell constant 0.4 cm^{-1} at this temperature is

(*a*) 200 (*b*) 300
(*c*) 400 (*d*) 500
(*e*) 600 *(Kerala P.E.T. 2012)*

Answers

B41. (*d*) **B42.** (*d*) **B43.** (*a*) **B44.** (*c*) **B45.** (*d*) **B46.** (*a*) **B47.** (*e*) **B48.** (*c*) **B49.** (*b*) **B50.** (*c*) **B51.** (*c*) **B52.** (*d*)

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B53. Given that the standard reduction potentials for M^+/M and N^+/N electrodes at 298 K are 0.52 V and 0.25 V respectively. Which of the following is correct in respect of the following electrochemical cell ?

$$M|M^+||N^+|N$$

(*a*) The overall cell reaction is a spontaneous reaction.
(*b*) The standard EMF of the cell is –0.27 V.
(*c*) The standard EMF of the cell is 0.77 V.
(*d*) The standard EMF of the cell is –0.77 V.
(*e*) The standard EMF of the cell is 0.27 V.
(Kerala P.E.T. 2012)

B54. 1M solution each of $Cu(NO_3)_2$, $AgNO_3$, $Hg(NO_3)_2$ and $Mg(NO_3)_2$ is electrolysed using Pt-electrodes. The values of standard reduction electrode potentials in volts are:

$Ag^+ | Ag = +0.80\,V$, $Cu^{2+} | Cu = +0.34\,V$
$Hg_2^{2+} | Hg = +0.79\,V$, $Mg^{2+} | Mg = -2.37\,V$
The sequence of deposition of metals on the cathode will be
(*a*) Mg, Ag, Cu (*b*) Mg, Cu, Ag
(*c*) Ag, Hg, Cu (*d*) Cu, Hg, Ag
(A.M.U. Engg. 2012)

B55. From the following data at 25°C

$Cr^{3+}(aq) + e^- \longrightarrow Cr^{2+}(aq)$, $E^\circ = -0.424\,V$
$Cr^{2+}(aq) + 2e^- \longrightarrow Cr(s)$, $E^\circ = -0.900\,V$
Find E° at 25° C for the reaction:

$$Cr^{3+} + 3e^- \longrightarrow Cr(s)$$

(*a*) – 0.741V (*b*) –1.324 V
(*c*) –0.476 V (*d*) +0.741V *(A.M.U. Engg. 2012)*

B56. Equivalent conductivity at infinite dilution for sodium-potassium oxalate $[(COO^-)_2Na^+K^+]$ will be [given: molar conductivities of oxalate, K^+ and Na^+ ions at infinite dilution are 148.2, 50.1, 73.5 S cm^2 mol^{-1}, respectively]
(*a*) 271.8 S cm^2 eq^{-1} (*b*) 67.95 S cm^2 eq^{-1}
(*c*) 543.6 S cm^2 eq^{-1} (*d*) 135.9 S cm^2 eq^{-1}
(W.B. JEE Engg. 2013)

B57. A current strength of 9.65 amperes is passed through excess fused $AlCl_3$ for 5 hours. How many litres of chlorine will be liberated at STP? (F = 96500 C)
(*a*) 2.016 (*b*) 1.008
(*c*) 11.2 (*d*) 20.16
(*e*) 10.08 *(Kerala P.E.T. 2013)*

B58. At 25°C, the molar conductance of 0.007 M hydrofluoric acid is 150 mho cm^2 mol^{-1} and its Λ°_m = 500 mho cm^2 mol^{-1}. The value of the dissociation constant of the acid at the given concentration at 25°C is
(*a*) 7×10^{-4} M (*b*) 7×10^{-5} M
(*c*) 9×10^{-3} M (*d*) 9×10^{-4} M *(WB JEE 2014)*

B59. The change in potential of the half-cell $Cu^{2+}|Cu$, when aqueous Cu^{2+} solution is diluted 100 times at 298 K ?
(*a*) Increases by 120 mV (*b*) Decreases by 120 mV
(*c*) Increases by 60 mV (*d*) Decreases by 60 mV
(*e*) No change *(Kerala PET 2014)*

B60. Conductivity of a saturated solution of a sparingly soluble salt AB at 298 K is 1.85×10^{-5} S m^{-1}. Solubility product of the salt AB at 298 K is
[Given Λ°_m (AB) = 140×10^{-4} S m^2 mol^{-1}]
(*a*) 5.7×10^{-12} (*b*) 1.32×10^{-12}
(*c*) 7.5×10^{-12} (*d*) 1.74×10^{-12}
(Karnataka CET 2011)

B61. For $Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 14H^+ + 6e^- \longrightarrow 2Cr^{3+} + 7H_2O$
$E^\circ = 1.33$ V. At $[Cr_2O_7^{2-}] = 4.5$ millimole, $[Cr^{3+}] = 15$ millimole, E = 1.067 V. The pH of the solution is nearly
(*a*) 2 (*b*) 3
(*c*) 5 (*d*) 4 *(Karnataka CET 2011)*

B62. In H_2—O_2 fuel cell the reaction occurring at cathode is
(*a*) $O_2(g) + 2H_2O(l) + 4e^- \longrightarrow 4OH^-_{(aq)}$
(*b*) $H^+(aq) + OH^-(aq) \longrightarrow H_2O(l)$
(*c*) $2H_2(g) + O_2(g) \longrightarrow 2H_2O(l)$
(*d*) $H^+ + e^- \longrightarrow \frac{1}{2}H_2$ *(Karnataka CET 2015)*

B63. In the lead - acid battery during charging, the cathode reaction is
(*a*) formation of PbO_2
(*b*) formation of $PbSO_4$
(*c*) reduction of Pb^{2+} to Pb
(*d*) decomposition of Pb at the anode. *(A.M.U. Engg. 2015)*

B64. What pressure of H_2 would be required to make emf of the hydrogen electrode zero in pure water at 25°C ?
(*a*) 10^{-7} atm (*b*) 10^{-14} atm
(*c*) 1 atm (*d*) 0.5 atm *(A.M.U. Engg. 2015)*

B65. How many Faradays are required to reduce 1 mol of Cr_2O_7 to Cr^{3+} in acid medium?
(*a*) 2 (*b*) 3
(*c*) 5 (*d*) 6 *(W.B. J.E.E. 2017)*

B66. By passing electric current, $NaClO_3$ is converted into $NaClO_4$ according to the following equation:

$$NaClO_3 + H_2O \longrightarrow NaClO_4 + H_2$$

How many moles of $NaClO_4$ will be formed when three Faradays of charge is passed through $NaClO_3$?
(*a*) 0.75 (*b*) 3.0
(*c*) 1.5 (*d*) 1.0
(Karnataka C.E.T. 2017)

Answers

B53. (*b*) **B54.** (*c*) **B55.** (*a*) **B56.** (*d*) **B57.** (*d*) **B58.** (*d*) **B59.** (*d*) **B60.** (*d*) **B61.** (*a*) **B62.** (*a*)
B63. (*c*) **B64.** (*c*) **B65.** (*d*) **B66.** (*c*)

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B67. The standard reduction potential at 298 K for the following half cell reactions :

$Zn^{2+}(aq) + 2e^- \longrightarrow Zn(s)$; $E^o = -0.762$ V

$Cr^{3+}(aq) + 3e^- \longrightarrow Cr(s)$; $E^o = 0.740$ V

$2H^+(aq) + 2e^- \longrightarrow H_2(s)$; $E^o = 0.0$ V

$F_2(g) + 2e^- \longrightarrow 2F^-(aq)$; $E^o = 2.87$ V

Which of the following is the strongest reducing agent?

(*a*) Cr(s) (*b*) Zn(s)
(*c*) H_2(g) (*d*) F_2(g)

(Karnataka C.E.T. 2017)

B68. In the electrolysis of aqueous sodium chloride solution, which of the half cell reaction will occur at anode ?

(*a*) $Cl^-(aq) \longrightarrow \frac{1}{2}Cl_2 + e^-$; $E^o_{cell} = 1.36$ volts

(*b*) $2H_2O(l) \longrightarrow O_2 + 4H^+ + 4e^-$; $E^o_{cell} = 1.23$ volts

(*c*) $Na^+(aq) + e^- \longrightarrow Na_{(s)}$; $E^o = -2.71$ volts

(*d*) $H^+(aq) + e^- \longrightarrow \frac{1}{2}H_2$; $E^o_{cell} = 0.00$ volts

(Karnataka C.E.T. 2017)

B69. Consider a fuel cell supplied with 1 mole of H_2 gas and 10 moles of O_2 gas. If fuel cell is operated at 96.5 mA current, how long will it deliver power?
(Assume 1 F = 96500 C/mol of electrons)

(*a*) 1×10^6 s (*b*) 0.5×10^6 s
(*c*) 2×10^6 s (*d*) 4×10^6 s
(*e*) 5×10^6 s *(Kerala P.E.T. 2013)*

B70. Which of the following statements is/are true for an electrochemical cell?

(*a*) Oxidation occurs at the anode only
(*b*) Reduction occurs at the anode only
(*c*) Oxidation occurs at both the anode and cathode
(*d*) Reduction occurs at both the anode and cathode.

(J.K. C.E.T. 2018)

B71. What will be the E_{cell} for the given cell ?
$Zn|Zn^{2+}$ (0. 1M)$||Cu^{2+}$ (0.01 M)$|Cu$
Given : $E^\circ_{Zn^{2+}|Zn} = 0.76$ V and $E^\circ_{Cu^{2+}|Cu} = 0.34$ V.
Also predict whether the reaction is spontaneous or non-spontaneous.

(*a*) 1.07 V and spontaneous
(*b*) –1.13 V and non-spontaneous
(*c*) –1.07 V and non-spontaneous
(*d*) 1.13 V and spontaneous *(J.K. C.E.T. 2018)*

B72. What amount of electricity can deposit 1 mol of Al metal at cathode when passed through molten $AlCl_3$?

(*a*) 0.3 F (*b*) 1 F
(*c*) 3 F (*d*) 1/3 F

(WB J.E.E. 2018)

B73. Given the standard half-cell potentials (E°) of the following as:
$Zn \longrightarrow Zn^{2+} + 2e^-$; $E^\circ = +0.76$ V
$Fe \longrightarrow Fe^{2+} + 2e^-$; $E^\circ = 0.41$ V
Then, the standard e.m.f of the cell with the reaction $Fe^{2+} + Zn \longrightarrow Zn^{2+} + Fe$ is

(*a*) –0.35 V (*b*) + 0.35 V
(*c*) +1.17 V (*d*) –1.17 V

(WB J.E.E. 2018)

B74. At a particular temperature, the ratio of molar conductance to specific conductance of 0.01 M NaCl solution is

(*a*) 10^5 cm^3 mol^{-1} (*b*) 10^3 cm^3 mol^{-1}
(*c*) 10 cm^3 mol^{-1} (*d*) 10^5 cm^2 mol^{-1}

(Karnataka C.E.T. 2018)

B75. For a cell involving two electron change, $E^\circ_{cell} = 0.3$ V at 25°C. The equilibrium constant of the reaction is

(*a*) 10^{-10} (*b*) 3×10^{-2}
(*c*) 10 (*d*) 10^{10}

(Karnataka C.E.T. 2018)

B76. The charge required for the reduction of 1 mol of MnO_4^- to MnO_2 is

(*a*) 1 F (*b*) 3 F
(*c*) 5 F (*d*) 7 F

(Karnataka C.E.T. 2018)

B77. Consider the electrochemical reaction between Ag(*s*) and $Cl_2(g)$ electrodes in 1 litre of 0.1 M KCl aqueous solution. Solubility product of AgCl is 1.8×10^{-10} and F = 96500 C/mol. At 1 μA current, calculate the time required to start observing the AgCl precipitation in the galvanic cell.

(*a*) 173 s (*b*) 346 s
(*c*) 1.25×10^6 s (*d*) 1.25×10^5 s
(*e*) 101 s *(Kerala P.E.T. 2018)*

B78. The voltage of the cell consisting of Li(*s*) and $F_2(g)$ electrodes is 5.92 V at standard condition at 298 K. What is the voltage if the electrolyte consists of 2 M LiF. (ln 2 = 0.693, R = 8.314 J K^{-1} mol^{-1} and F = 96500 C mol^{-1})

(*a*) 5.90 V (*b*) 5.937 V
(*c*) 5.88 V (*d*) 4.9 V
(*e*) 4.8 V *(Kerala P.E.T. 2018)*

Answers

B67. (*b*) **B68.** (*a*) **B69.** (*c*) **B70.** (*a*) **B71.** (*a*) **B72.** (*c*) **B73.** (*b*) **B74.** (*a*) **B75.** (*d*) **B76.** (*b*) **B77.** (*a*) **B78.** (*a*)

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B79. Consider the galvanic cell,
$Pt(s)|H_2$ (1 bar) | HCl (aq) (1 M)|Cl (1 bar)|$Pt(s)$.
After running the cell for sometime, the concentration of the electrolyte is automatically raised to 3 M HCl. Molar conductivity of the 3 M HCl is about 240 S cm^2 mol^{-1} and limiting molar conductivity of HCl is about 420 S cm^2 mol^{-1}. If K_b of water is 0.52 K kg mol^{-1}, calculate the boiling point of the electrolyte at the end of the experiment.

(a) 375.6 K (b) 376.3 K
(c) 378.1 K (d) 380.3 K
(e) 381.6 K *(Kerala P.E.T. 2018)*

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B80. The e.m.f. of the cell :
$Zn|Zn^{2+}(0.01\ M)||Fe^{2+}(0.001\ M)|Fe$ at 298 K is 0.2905. The value of equilibrium constant for the reaction is

(a) $e^{0.32/0.0295}$ (b) $10^{0.32/0.0295}$
(c) $10^{0.26/0.0295}$ (d) $10^{0.32/0.0591}$ *(I.I.T. 2004)*

B81. The rusting of iron takes place as follows :

$$2H^+ + 2e^- + \frac{1}{2}O_2 \longrightarrow H_2O(l) \qquad E^\circ = +1.23V$$

$$Fe^{2+} + 2e^- \longrightarrow Fe(s) \qquad E^\circ = -0.44V$$

Calculate $\Delta G^\ominus$ for the net process

(a) –322 kJ mol^{-1} (b) –161 kJ mol^{-1}
(c) –152 kJ mol^{-1} (d) – 76 kJ mol^{-1} *(I.I.T. 2005)*

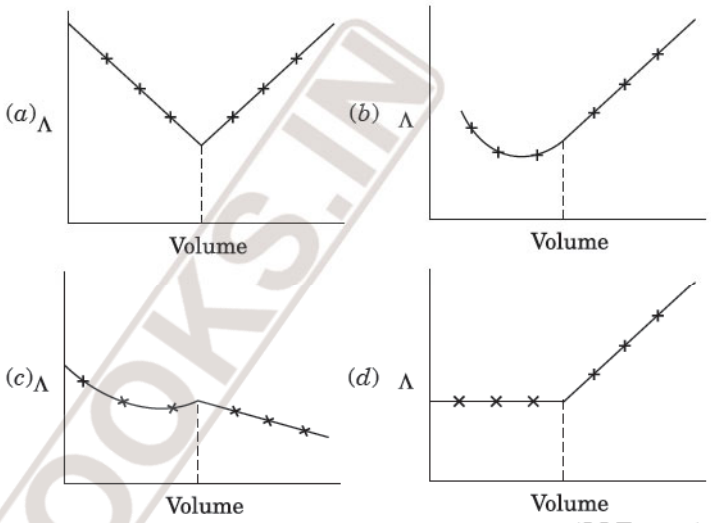
B82. Electrolysis of dilute aqueous NaCl solution was carried out by passing 10 milliampere current. The time required to liberate 0.01 mol of H_2 gas at the cathode is (1 Faraday = 96500 C mol^{-1})

(a) 9.65×10^4 sec (b) 19.3×10^4 sec
(c) 28.95×10^4 sec (d) 38.6×10^4 sec *(I.I.T. 2008)*

B83. Consider the following cell reaction
$2Fe(s) + O_2(g) + 4H^+(aq) \longrightarrow 2Fe^{2+}(aq) + 2H_2O(l)$ $E^\circ = 1.67$ V
At $[Fe^{2+}] = 10^{-3}$ M, $p(O_2) = 0.1$ atm and and pH = 3, the cell potential at 25°C is

(a) 1.47 V (b) 1.77 V
(c) 1.87 V (d) 1.57 V *(I.I.T. 2011)*

B84. $AgNO_3$ (aq) was added to an aqueous KCl solution gradually and the conductivity of the solution was measured. The plot of conductance (Λ) versus the volume of $AgNO_3$ is



(I.I.T. 2011)

B85. For the following electrochemical cell at 298 K,
$Pt(s)|H_2(g)$, (1 bar) $||H^+_{(aq)}$, (1 M)$|M^{4+}_{(aq)}, M^{2+}_{(aq)}|Pt(s)$

$E_{cell} = 0.092$ V when $\frac{[M^{2+}_{(aq)}]}{[M^{4+}_{(aq)}]} = 10^x$. Given : $E^\circ_{M^{4+}/M^{2+}} = 0.151$ V;

$2.303\ \frac{RT}{F} = 0.059$ V. The value of x is

(a) –2 (b) –1
(c) 1 (d) 2 *(JEE Advance 2016)*

B86. For the following cell,

$$Zn(s)|ZnSO_4(aq)||CuSO_4(aq)|Cu(s)$$

when the concentrations of Zn^{2+} is 10 times the concentration of Cu^{2+}, the expression for ΔG (in J mol^{-1}) is [F is Faraday constant; R is gas constant; T is temperature; $E^\circ_{cell} = 1.1$ V]

(a) 2.303 RT – 2.2 F (b) – 2.2 F
(c) 2.303 RT + 1.1 F (d) 1.1 F
(J.E.E. Advance 2017)

Answers

B79. (a) **B80.** (b) **B81.** (a) **B82.** (b) **B83.** (d) **B84.** (d) **B85.** (d) **B86.** (a)

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C MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS
with more than one correct answers

C1. Which of the following relations are not correct ?

(*a*) $\Lambda_m = \frac{\kappa \times 1000}{M}$ (*b*) $\kappa = C \times \frac{a}{l}$

(*c*) $R = \rho \frac{l}{a}$ (*d*) $\frac{l}{a}$ (cell constant) $= \kappa \times \frac{1}{R}$

C2. Which of the folowing statements are not true ?

(*a*) Molar conductivity of weak electrolytes is low as compared to that of strong electrolytes.

(*b*) Molar conductance of an electrolyte increases with increase in concentration of electrolyte.

(*c*) Conductivity of an electrolyte increases with decrease in temperature.

(*d*) Conductivity of an electrolyte increases with increase in concentration of electrolyte.

C3. In which of the following pairs, the first can reduce the second ?

(*a*) $Zn^{2+}|Zn, Ni^{2+}|Ni$ (*b*) $Sn^{2+}|Sn, Mg^{2+}|Mg$

(*c*) $Cu^{2+}|Cu, Ag^{2+}|Ag$ (*d*) $Fe^{2+}|Fe, Al^{3+}|Al$

C4. For the cell, $Tl \mid Tl^+ (0.001\ M) \mid\mid Cu^{2+} (0.1M) \mid Cu$, E_{cell} at 25° C is 0.826 V. The EMF can be increased

(*a*) by increasing $[Tl^+]$ (*b*) by decreasing $[Tl^+]$

(*c*) by increasing $[Cu^{2+}]$ (*d*) by decreasing $[Cu^{2+}]$

C5. Which of the following increases with dilution ?

(*a*) Conductance (*b*) Specific conductance

(*c*) Molar conductance (*d*) None of these

C6. Which of the following statements are correct regarding dry cell ?

(*a*) Zinc container acts as anode.

(*b*) Zinc container is in touch with a paste of MnO_2 and carbon.

(*c*) Dry cell can easily be charged.

(*d*) Graphite rod acts as cathode

C7. Given E° values (in V) as :

$Zn^{2+} \mid Zn = -0.76$, $Ni^{2+} \mid Ni \mid 0.25$, $Ag^+ \mid Ag = 0.80$ and $Cu^{2+} \mid Cu = 0.34$. Which of the following reactions under standard conditions will take place in the specific direction?

(*a*) $Cu(s) + 2Ag^+(aq) \longrightarrow Cu^{2+}(aq) + 2Ag(s)$

(*b*) $Zn(s) + Ni^{2+}(aq) \longrightarrow Zn^{2+}(aq) + Ni(s)$

(*c*) $Cu(s) + Ni^{2+}(aq) \longrightarrow Cu^{2+}(aq) + Ni(s)$

(*d*) $Cu(s) + 2H^+(aq) \longrightarrow Cu^{2+}(aq) + H_2(g)$

C8. Which of the following reactions are not correct ?

(*a*) $E_{cell} = \log \frac{2.303\ RT}{nF} \log K_c$

(*b*) $\Delta G° = nFE°$

(*c*) $\Delta G° = RT \ln K_c$

(*d*) $\log K_c = \frac{nE°_{cell}}{0.059}$ at 298 K.

C9. In a galvanic cell, the salt bridge

(*a*) does not participate chemically in the cell reaction

(*b*) stops the diffusion of ions from one electrode to another

(*c*) is necessary for the occurrence of the cell reaction

(*d*) ensures mixing of the two electrolytic solution.

(*JEE Advance 2014*)

C10. During electrolysis of molten NaCl, some water is added, what will happen?

(*a*) Electrolysis will stop.

(*b*) Hydrogen will be evolved.

(*c*) Some amount of caustic soda will be formed.

(*d*) A fire is likely. (*W.B. J.E.E. 2017*)

Answers

C1. (*b*), (*d*) **C2.** (*b*), (*c*) **C3.** (*a*), (*c*) **C4.** (*b*), (*c*) **C5.** (*a*), (*c*) **C6.** (*a*), (*d*)
C7. (*a*), (*b*) **C8.** (*b*), (*c*) **C9.** (*a*), (*b*), (*c*) **C10.** (*b*), (*c*), (*d*)

D MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS
based on the given passage/comprehension

Passage I.

Fuel cells convert the energy produced during the combustion of fuels directly into electrical energy. Probably the most successful fuel cell so far is hydrogen- oxygen fuel cell, which has been used in spacecraft. The electrodes consist of porous screens of titanium coated with a layer of platinum catalyst. Concentrated KOH or NaOH solution is placed between the electrodes to serve as electrolyte. Hydrogen and oxygen gases are bubbled through the porous electrodes into the electrolyte solution.

The following electrode reactions occur :

At anode : $2H_2(g) + 4OH^-(aq) \longrightarrow 4H_2O(l) + 4e^-$

At cathode : $O_2(g) + 2H_2O(l) + 4e^- \longrightarrow 4OH^-(aq)$

Overall reaction : $2H_2(g) + O_2(g) \longrightarrow 2H_2O(l)$

In this cell, the gaseous materials are consumed and continuously supplied. The thermodynamic properties of fuel cell reaction at 25° C are :

$\Delta H° = -285.8\ kJ\ mol^{-1}$, $\Delta G° = -237.2\ kJ\ mol^{-1}$, $E° = 1.23\ V$

Answer the following questions :

D1. The value of $\Delta S°$ for the fuel cell reaction at 25° C is

(*a*) $1944\ JK^{-1}$ (*b*) $-163\ JK^{-1}$

(*c*) $-1630\ JK^{-1}$ (*d*) $1.944\ k\ JK^{-1}$

Answers

Passage I. **D1.** (*b*)

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D2. If the potential of the half cell reaction at cathode is, $E^\circ = 0.41V$, then E° for the half cell reaction at anode is

(a) 1.64 V (b) 0.82 V

(c) –0.82 V (d) – 1.64 V

D3. The volume of H_2 when combined with excess O_2 in the fuel cell at 25° C and 1 atm needed to produce 47.4 kJ of work under ideal conditions is

(a) 4.89 L (b) 2.45 L

(c) 7.35 L (d) 2.0 L

D4. If the concentrations of OH^- ions in the cell are doubled, the cell potential will

(a) become double (b) be reduced to 1/2

(c) become four times (d) remain unchanged

D5. The thermodynamic efficiency of H_2—O_2 fuel cell is

(a) 9.5% (b) 89%

(c) 83% (d) 95%

Passage II.

Tollen's test is given by aldehydes

$Ag^+ + e^- \longrightarrow Ag; \quad E^\circ_{red} = +0.800\ V$

$C_6H_{12}O_6 + H_2O \longrightarrow C_6H_{12}O_7 + 2H^+ + 2e^-$

$E^\circ_{ox} = -0.05\ V$

$[Ag(NH_3)_2]^+ + e^- \longrightarrow Ag + 2NH_3 \quad E^\circ_{red} = +0.373\ V$

use $\left(\frac{F}{RT}\right) = 38.9\ V^{-1}$

Answer the following questions :

D6. Calculate (ln K) for

$C_6H_{12}O_6 + 2Ag^+ + H_2O \longrightarrow C_6H_{12}O_7 + 2H^+ + 2Ag$

(a) 55.6 (b) 29.6

(c) 66 (d) 58.35

D7. On adding NH_3, pH of the solution increases to 11 then identify the effect on potential of half cell.

(a) E_{ox} increased by E°_{ox} by 0.65 V

(b) E_{ox} decreased by E°_{ox} by 0.65 V

(c) E_{red} increased by E°_{red} by 0.65 V

(d) E_{red} decreased by E°_{red} by 0.65 V

D8. NH_3 is used in this reaction rather than any other base. What is the correct reason for this ?

(a) $[Ag(NH_3)_2]^+$ is a weaker oxidising agent than Ag^+.

(b) NH_3 prevents the decomposition of gluconic acid.

(c) Ag precipitates gluconic acid as its silver salt.

(d) NH_3 changes the standard reduction potential of $[Ag(NH_3)_2]^+$

Passage III.

The concentration of potassium ions inside a biological cell is at least twenty times higher than the outside. The resulting potential difference across the cell is important in several processes such as transmission of nerve impulses and maintaining the ion balance. A simple model for such a concentration cell involving a metal M is

$M(s)\,|\,M^+(aq;\ 0.05\ molar)\,||\,M^+(aq;\ 1\ molar)\,|\,M(s)$

For the above electrolytic cell the magnitude of the cell potential $|E_{cell}| = 70$ mV.

Answer the following questions :

D9. For the above cell

(a) $E_{cell} < 0;\ \Delta G > 0$ (b) $E_{cell} > 0;\ \Delta G < 0$

(c) $E_{cell} < 0;\ \Delta G^\circ > 0$ (d) $E_{cell} > 0;\ \Delta G^\circ < 0$

(I.I.T.J.E.E. 2010)

D10. If the 0.05 molar solution of M^+ is replaced by a 0.0025 molar M^+ solution, then the magnitude of the cell potential would be

(a) 35 mV (b) 70 mV

(c) 140 mV (d) 700 mV *(I.I.T.J.E.E. 2010)*

Passage IV.

The electrochemical cell shown below is a concentration cell.

$M\ |\ M^{2+}$ (saturated solution of a sparingly soluble salt, MX_2) $||\ M^{2+}(0.001\ mol\ dm^{-3})\ |\ M$

The emf of the cell depends on the difference in concentrations of M^{2+} ions at the two electrodes. The *emf* of the cell at 298 K is 0.059 V.

Answer the following questions :

D11. The value of ΔG (kJ mol^{-1}) for the given cell is (take $1F = 96500\ C\ mol^{-1}$)

(a) – 5.7 (b) 5.7

(c) 11.4 (d) – 11.4 *(I.I.T. J.E.E. 2012)*

D12. The solubility product (K_{sp}; $mol^3\ dm^{-9}$) of MX_2 at 298 K based on the information available for the given concentration cell is

(take $2.303 \times R \times 298/F = 0.059$ V)

(a) 1×10^{-15} (b) 4×10^{-15}

(c) 1×10^{-12} (d) 4×10^{-12} *(I.I.T. J.E.E. 2012)*

Answers

Passage I.	**D2.** (c)	**D3.** (a)	**D4.** (d)	**D5.** (c)
Passage II.	**D6.** (d)	**D7.** (a)	**D8.** (a)	
Passage III.	**D9.** (b)	**D10.** (c)		
Passage IV.	**D11.** (d)	**D12.** (b)		

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Assertion Reason Type Questions

The questions given below consist of an Assertion and a Reason. Use the following key to choose the appropriate answer.

(*a*) If both assertion and reason are CORRECT and reason is the CORRECT explanation of the assertion.

(*b*) If both assertion and reason are CORRECT, but reason is NOT THE CORRECT explanation of the assertion.

(*c*) If assertion is CORRECT but reason is INCORRECT.

(*d*) If assertion is INCORRECT but reason is CORRECT.

(*e*) If both assertion and reason are INCORRECT.

1. Assertion : Equivalent conductance of all electrolytes decreases with increasing concentration.
Reason : Lesser number of ions are available per gram equivalent at higher concentration.

2. Assertion : Iron is protected from corrosion by connecting magnesium metal with it.
Reason : Iron acts as a cathode and magnesium as anode which gradually disappears.

3. Assertion : Chromium is used for coating iron.
Reason : Chromium is non-corroding metal which forms a protective layer on iron.

4. Assertion : Zinc can liberate H_2 from aqueous solution of HCl.
Reason : Zinc has +ve reduction potential.

5. Assertion : Copper sulphate solution can be kept in a zinc vessel.
Reason : The position of zinc is higher than copper in the electrochemical series.

6. Assertion : For CH_3COOH, the molar conductance of 0.1 M CH_3COOH and equivalent conductance of 0.1 N CH_3COOH is same.
Reason : These do not depend upon concentration.

7. Assertion : 0.1 M NH_4OH at 25°C has more conductance than at 50°C.
Reason : Conductance of a weak electrolyte decreases with increase in temperature.

8. Assertion : E° for $Mn^{3+}|Mn^{2+}$ is more positive than $Cr^{3+}|Cr^{2+}$.
Reason : The third ionisation energy of Mn is larger than that of Cr. *(A.I.I.M.S. 2006)*

9. Assertion : According to Kohlrausch law the molar conductivity of a strong electrolyte at infinite dilution is sum of molar conductivities of its ions.
Reason : The current carried by cation and anion is always equal. *(A.I.I.M.S. 2007)*

Answers

1. (*c*) **2.** (*a*) **3.** (*c*) **4.** (*c*) **5.** (*d*) **6.** (*c*) **7.** (*e*) **8.** (*b*) **9.** (*c*)

Matrix Match Type Questions

Each question contains statements given in two columns, which have to be matched. Statements in Column I are labelled as A, B, C and D whereas statements in Column II are labelled as *p*, *q*, *r* and *s*. Match the entries of Column I with appropriate entries of Column II. Each entry in Column I may have one or more than one correct option from Column II. The answers to these questions have to be appropriately bubbled as illustrated in the following example.

If the correct matches are A-*q*, A-*r*, B-*p*, B-*s*, C-*r*, C-*s* and D-*q*, then the correctly bubbled matrix will look like the following:

	p	q	r	s
A	p	**q**	**r**	s
B	**p**	q	r	**s**
C	p	q	**r**	**s**
D	p	**q**	r	s

1. Match the electrochemical behaviour of metals in Column I with the examples listed in Column II.

Column I		Column II	
(A)	can liberate H_2 from dil HCl	(*p*)	Mg
(B)	cannot liberate H_2 from dil HCl	(*q*)	Al
(C)	metals more active than zinc	(*r*)	Cu
(D)	metals less reactive than zinc	(*s*)	Fe

2. Match the type of cell in Column I with the electrolyte used in the cell listed in Column II.

Column I		Column II	
(A)	Lead storage cell	(*p*)	Potassium hydroxide
(B)	Nickel-cadmium cell	(*q*)	Ammonium chloride
(C)	Fuel cell	(*r*)	Aqueous H_2SO_4
(D)	Dry cell	(*s*)	Zinc chloride

3. Match the units in Column I with the quantity given in Column II.

Column I		Column II	
(A)	m^{-1}	(*p*)	Molar conductivity
(B)	S m^2 mol^{-1}	(*q*)	S
(C)	S m^{-1}	(*r*)	Cell constant
(D)	Conductance	(*s*)	Conductivity

Answers

(1) : (A) – (*p*) (*q*) (*s*) (B) – (*r*) (C) – (*p*) (*q*) (D) – (*r*) (*s*)
(2) : (A) – (*r*) (B) – (*p*) (C) – (*p*) (D) – (*q*) (*s*)
(3) : (A) – (*r*) (B) – (*p*) (C) – (*s*) (D) – (*q*)

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Matching Type Questions

Each question has matching lists. The codes for the lists have the choices (*a*), (*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) out of which only one is correct.

1. The standard reduction potential data at 25°C is given below.

$E°(Fe^{3+}, Fe^{2+}) = + 0.77$ V; $E°(Fe^{2+}, Fe) = - 0.44$V

$E°(Cu^{2+}, Cu) = + 0.34$ V; $E°(Cu^{+}, Cu) = + 0.52$V

$E°[O_{2(g)} + 4H^+ + 4e^- \longrightarrow 2H_2O] = + 1.23$V;

$E°[O_{2(g)} + 2H_2O + 4e^- \longrightarrow 4OH^-] = + 0.40$V

$E°(Cr^{3+}, Cr) = - 0.74$V; $E°(Cr^{2+}, Cr) = - 0.91$V

Match E° of the redox pair in List I with the values given in List II and select the correct answer using the code given below the lists:

List I		List II
P.	$E°(Fe^{3+}, Fe)$	1. – 0.18 V
Q.	$E°(4H_2O \rightleftharpoons 4H^+ + 4OH^-)$	2. – 0.4 V
R.	$E°(Cu^{2+} + Cu \rightarrow 2Cu^+)$	3. – 0.04 V
S.	$E°(Cr^{3+}, Cr^{2+})$	4. – 0.83 V

	P	Q	R	S
(*a*)	4	1	2	3
(*b*)	2	3	4	1
(*c*)	1	2	3	4
(*d*)	3	4	1	2

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Answers

1. (*d*)

Integer type or Numerical Value Type Questions

Integer Types: The answer to each of the following question is a **single-digit**-integer ranging from 0 to 9.

1. The number of metals which can liberate H_2 from dil HCl is :

Zn, Cu, K, Al, Hg, Na, Ni, Ag, Au

2. The e.m.f. of the cell

$Mg(s)|Mg^{2+}(0.1\ M) \| Cu^{2+}(1 \times 10^{-x}\ M)|Cu$

is 2.651 V. The standard e.m.f. of the cell is 2.71 V. The value of x is

3. The number of Faradays of electricity required to deposit 81 g of Al from electrolysis of $AlCl_3$ is

4. In an electrolysis of acidulated water, 4.48 L of hydrogen was produced by passing a current of 2.14 A. How many hours, the current was passed?

5. Two litres of 0.5 M $KMnO_4$ solution have to be completely reduced in acidic medium. The number of Faradays of electricity required will be

6. The e.m.f. of the cell

$Cu|Cu^{2+}(aq) \| Ag^+(aq)|Ag$

is 0.46 V. The e.m.f. for the cell reaction :

$3Cu + 6Ag^+(aq) \longrightarrow 3Cu^{2+} + 6Ag$ is

$0.46y$ V. The value of y is

7. A cell consists of two hydrogen electrodes. The negative electrode is in contact with a solution having pH = 6. The positive electrode is in contact with a solution of pH = x. Calculate the value of x if the e.m.f. of the cell is found to be 0.118 V at 298 K.

8. The molar conductivity of a solution of a weak acid HX (0.01 M) is 10 times smaller than the molar conductivity of a solution of a weak acid HY (0.10 M). If $\lambda°_{X^-} = \lambda°_{Y^-}$, the difference in their pK_a values, $pK_a(HX) - pK_a(HY)$, is (consider degree of ionization of both acids to be << 1)

(JEE Advance 2015)

9. The conductance of a 0.0015 M aqueous solution of a weak monobasic acid was determined by using a conductivity cell consisting of platinized Pt electrodes. The distance between the electrodes is 120 cm with an area of cross-section of 1 cm^2. The conductance of this solution was found to be 5×10^{-7} S. The pH of the solution is 4. The value of limiting molar conductivity ($\Lambda°_m$) of this weak monobasic acid in aqueous solution is $Z \times 10^2$ S cm^2 mol^{-1}. The value of Z is

(JEE Advance 2017)

Answers

1. 5. **2.** 3. **3.** 9. **4.** 5. **5.** 5 **6.** 1 **7.** 4 **8.** 3 **9.** 6

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Numerical Value Type: Give the correct numerical value (in decimal notation truncated/rounded off to the second decimal place)

10. For the electrochemical cell,
$Mg(s)|Mg^{2+}(aq,1\ M) \| Cu^{2+}(aq,\ 1\ M)\ |Cu(s)$
the standard emf of the cell is 2.70 V at 300 K. When the concentration of Mg^{2+} is changed to x M, the cell potential changes to 2.67 V at 300 K. The value of x is .....
(Given, $\frac{F}{R}$ = 11500 K V^{-1}, where F is the Faraday constant and R is the gas constant, ln(10) = 2.30)
(*JEE Advance 2018*)

11. Consider an electrochemical cell:
$A(s)|A^{n+}(aq,\ 2M)||B^{2n+}(aq,\ 1M)\ B(s)$. the value of ΔH° for the cell reaction is twice that of ΔG° at 300 K. If the emf of the cell is zero, ΔS° (in $JK^{-1}\ mol^{-1}$) of the cell reaction per mole of B formed at 300 K is .....
(Given : ln(2) = 0.7, R (universal gas constant) = 8.3 $J\ K^{-1}\ mol^{-1}$. H, S and G are enthalpy, entropy and Gibbs energy, respectively).
(*JEE Advance 2018*)

Answers

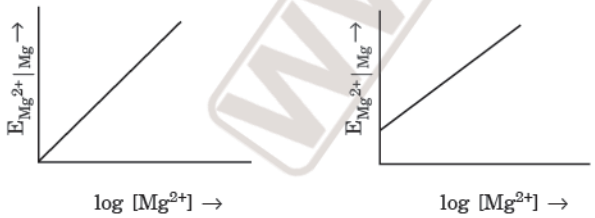
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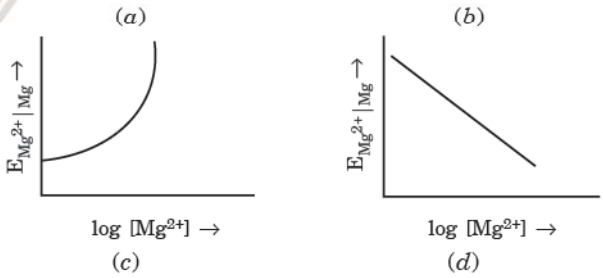
Multiple Choice Questions (Type-I)

1. Which cell will measure standard electrode potential of copper electrode?
(*a*) $Pt(s)|H_2(g,0.1\ bar)\ |\ H^+(aq.,1\ M)\ \|Cu^{2+}(aq.,1M)|Cu$
(*b*) $Pt(s)|H_2(g,1\ bar)|H^+(aq.,1\ M)\|Cu^{2+}(aq.,2\ M)\ |Cu$
(*c*) $Pt(s)|H_2(g,\ 1\ bar)|H^+(aq.,1\ M)\|Cu^{2+}(aq.,1\ M)|Cu$
(*d*) $Pt(s)|H_2(g,\ 1\ bar)|H^+(aq.,0.1\ M)\|Cu^{2+}(aq.,1\ M)|Cu$

2. Electrode potential for Mg electrode varies according to the equation
$E_{Mg^{2+}|Mg} = E^{\ominus}_{Mg^{2+}|Mg} - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{1}{[Mg^{2+}]}$. The graph of $E_{Mg^{2+}|Mg}$ vs log $[Mg^{2+}]$ is



(*a*) (*b*)



(*c*) (*d*)

3. Which of the following statement is correct?
(*a*) E_{Cell} and $\Delta_r G$ of cell reaction both are extensive properties.
(*b*) E_{Cell} and $\Delta_r G$ of cell reaction both are intensive properties.
(*c*) E_{Cell} is an intensive property while $\Delta_r G$ of cell reaction is an extensive property.
(*d*) E_{Cell} is an extensive property while $\Delta_r G$ of cell reaction is an intensive property.

4. The difference between the electrode potentials of two electrodes when no current is drawn through the cell is called _____.
(*a*) Cell potential (*b*) Cell emf
(*c*) Potential difference (*d*) Cell voltage

Answers

1. (*c*) **2.** (*b*) **3.** (*c*) **4.** (*b*)

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5. Which of the following statement is **not** correct about an inert electrode in a cell?
(*a*) It does not participate in the cell reaction.
(*b*) It provides surface either for oxidation or for reduction reaction.
(*c*) It provides surface for conduction of electrons.
(*d*) It provides surface for redox reaction.

6. An electrochemical cell can behave like an electrolytic cell when _____.
(*a*) $E_{cell} = 0$ (*b*) $E_{cell} > E_{ext}$
(*c*) $E_{ext} > E_{cell}$ (*d*) $E_{cell} = E_{ext}$

7. Which of the statements about solutions of electrolytes is not correct?
(*a*) Conductivity of solution depends upon size of ions.
(*b*) Conductivity depends upon viscosity of solution.
(*c*) Conductivity does not depend upon solvation of ions present in solution.
(*d*) Conductivity of solution increases with temperature.

8. Using the data given below find out the strongest reducing agent.

$E^{\ominus}_{Cr_2O_7^{2-}/Cr^{3+}} = 1.33V$ $E^{\ominus}_{Cl_2/Cl^-} = 1.36V$

$E^{\ominus}_{MnO_4^-|Mn^{2+}} = 1.51V$ $E^{\ominus}_{Cr^{3+}/Cr} = -0.74V$

(*a*) Cl^- (*b*) Cr (*c*) Cr^{3+} (*d*) Mn^{2+}

9. Use the data given in Q.8 and find out which of the following is the strongest oxidising agent.
(*a*) Cl^- (*b*) Mn^{2+} (*c*) MnO_4^- (*d*) Cr^{3+}

10. Using the data given in Q.8 find out in which option the order of reducing power is correct.
(*a*) $Cr^{3+} < Cl^- < Mn^{2+} < Cr$
(*b*) $Mn^{2+} < Cl^- < Cr^{3+} < Cr$
(*c*) $Cr^{3+} < Cl^- < Cr_2O_7^{2-} < MnO_4^-$
(*d*) $Mn^{2+} < Cr^{3+} < Cl^- < Cr$

11. Use the data given in Q.8 and find out the most stable ion in its reduced form.
(*a*) Cl^- (*b*) Cr^{3+} (*c*) Cr (*d*) Mn^{2+}

12. Use the data of Q.8 and find out the most stable oxidised species.
(*a*) Cr^{3+} (*b*) MnO_4^- (*c*) $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$ (*d*) Mn^{2+}

13. The quantity of charge required to obtain one mole of aluminium from Al_2O_3 is _____.
(*a*) 1F (*b*) 6F (*c*) 3F (*d*) 2F

14. The cell constant of a conductivity cell _____.
(*a*) changes with change of electrolyte.
(*b*) changes with change of concentration of electrolyte.
(*c*) changes with temperature of electrolyte.
(*d*) remains constant for a cell.

15. While charging the lead storage battery _____.
(*a*) $PbSO_4$ anode is reduced to Pb.
(*b*) $PbSO_4$ cathode is reduced to Pb.
(*c*) $PbSO_4$ cathode is oxidised to Pb.
(*d*) $PbSO_4$ anode is oxidised to PbO_2.

16. $\Lambda^0_m(NH_4OH)$ is equal to _____.
(*a*) $\Lambda^0_{m(NH_4OH)} + \Lambda^0_{m(NH_4Cl)} - \Lambda^0_{m(HCl)}$
(*b*) $\Lambda^0_{m(NH_4Cl)} + \Lambda^0_{m(NaOH)} - \Lambda^0_{m(NaCl)}$
(*c*) $\Lambda^0_{m(NH_4Cl)} + \Lambda^0_{m(NaCl)} - \Lambda^0_{m(NaOH)}$
(*d*) None of these

17. In the electrolysis of aqueous sodium chloride solution which of the half cell reaction will occur at anode?
(*a*) $Na^+(aq) + e^- \longrightarrow Na(s)$; $E^{\ominus}_{cell} = -2.71V$
(*b*) $2H_2O(l) \longrightarrow O_2(g) + 4H^+(aq) + 4e^-$; $E^{\ominus}_{cell} = 1.23V$
(*c*) $H^+(aq) + e^- \longrightarrow \frac{1}{2}H_2(g)$; $E^{\ominus}_{cell} = 0.00\ V$
(*d*) $Cl^-(aq) \longrightarrow \frac{1}{2}Cl_2(g) + e^-$; $E^{\ominus}_{cell} = 1.36\ V$

Multiple Choice Questions (Type-II)

Note : *In the following questions two or more than two options may be correct.*

18. The positive value of the standard electrode potential of Cu^{2+}/Cu indicates that _____.
(*a*) this redox couple is a stronger reducing agent than the H^+/H_2 couple.
(*b*) this redox couple is a stronger oxidising agent than H^+/H_2.
(*c*) Cu can displace H_2 from acid.
(*d*) Cu cannot displace H_2 from acid.

Answers

5. (*d*) **6.** (*c*) **7.** (*c*) **8.** (*b*) **9.** (*c*) **10.** (*b*) **11.** (*d*) **12.** (*a*) **13.** (*c*) **14.** (*d*)
15. (*a*) **16.** (*b*) **17.** (*b*) **18.** (*b*), (*d*)

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19. $E^{\ominus}_{cell}$ for some half cell reactions are given below. On the basis of these mark the correct answer.

(*i*) $H^+(aq) + e^- \longrightarrow \frac{1}{2}H_2(g)$; $E^{\ominus}_{cell} = 0.00$ V

(*ii*) $2H_2O(l) \longrightarrow O_2(g) + 4H^+(aq) + 4e^-$; $E^{\ominus}_{cell} = 1.23$ V

(*iii*) $2SO_4^{2-}(aq) \longrightarrow S_2O_8^{2-}(aq) + 2e^-$; $E^{\ominus}_{cell} = 1.96$ V

(*a*) In dilute sulphuric acid solution, hydrogen will be reduced at cathode.
(*b*) In concentrated sulphuric acid solution, water will be oxidised at anode.
(*c*) In dilute sulphuric acid solution, water will be oxidised at anode.
(*d*) In dilute sulphuric acid solution, SO_4^{2-} ion will be oxidised to tetrathionate ion at anode.

20. $E^{\ominus}_{cell} = 1.1$V for Daniel cell. Which of the following expressions are correct description of state of equilibrium in this cell?

(*a*) $1.1 = K_c$ (*b*) $\frac{2.303RT}{2F}\log K_c = 1.1$

(*c*) $\log K_c = \frac{2.2}{0.059}$ (*d*) $\log K_c = 1.1$

21. Conductivity of an electrolytic solution depends on _____.
(*a*) nature of electrolyte.
(*b*) concentration of electrolyte.
(*c*) power of AC source.
(*d*) distance between the electrodes.

22. $\Lambda^0_m H_2O$ is equal to _____.
(*a*) $\Lambda^0_{m(HCl)} + \Lambda^0_{m(NaOH)} - \Lambda^0_{m(NaCl)}$
(*b*) $\Lambda^0_{m(HNO_3)} + \Lambda^0_{m(NaNO_3)} - \Lambda^0_{m(NaOH)}$
(*c*) $\Lambda^0_{m(HNO_3)} + \Lambda^0_{m(NaOH)} - \Lambda^0_{m(NaNO_3)}$
(*d*) $\Lambda^0_{m(HN_3OH)} + \Lambda^0_{m(HCl)} - \Lambda^0_{m(NH_3Cl)}$

23. What will happen during the electrolysis of aqueous solution of $CuSO_4$ by using platinum electrodes?
(*a*) Copper will deposit at cathode.
(*b*) Copper will deposit at anode.
(*c*) Oxygen will be released at anode.
(*d*) Copper will dissolve at anode.

24. What will happen during the electrolysis of aqueous solution of $CuSO_4$ in the presence of Cu electrodes?
(*a*) Copper will deposit at cathode.
(*b*) Copper will dissolve at anode.
(*c*) Oxygen will be released at anode.
(*d*) Copper will deposit at anode.

25. Conductivity, is equal to _____.
(*a*) $\frac{1}{R}\frac{l}{a}$ (*b*) $\frac{G^*}{R}$ (*c*) Λ_m (*d*) $\frac{l}{a}$

26. Molar conductivity of ionic solution depends on _____.
(*a*) temperature (*b*) distance between electrodes
(*c*) concentration of electrolytes in solution
(*d*) surface area of electrodes

27. For the given cell, $Mg|Mg^{2+}||Cu^{2+}|Cu$
(*a*) Mg is cathode (*b*) Cu is cathode
(*c*) The cell reaction is $Mg + Cu^{2+} \longrightarrow Mg^{2+} + Cu$
(*d*) Cu is the oxidising agent

Answers

19. (*a*), (*c*) **20.** (*b*), (*c*) **21.** (*a*), (*b*) **22.** (*a*), (*b*) **23.** (*a*), (*c*) **24.** (*a*), (*b*)
25. (*a*), (*b*) **26.** (*a*), (*c*) **27.** (*b*), (*c*)

Matching Type Questions

Note : *Match the items of Column I and Column II in the following questions:*

28. Match the terms given in Column I with the units given in Column II.

Column I	Column II
(*a*) Λ_m	(*i*) S cm^{-1}
(*b*) E_{Cell}	(*ii*) m^{-1}
(*c*) κ	(*iii*) S cm^2 mol^{-1}
(*d*) G*	(*iv*) V

29. Match the terms given in Column I with the items given in Column II.

Column I	Column II
(*a*) Λ_m	(*i*) intensive property
(*b*) $E^{\ominus}_{cell}$	(*ii*) depends on number of ions / volume
(*c*) G	(*iii*) extensive property
(*d*) $\Delta_r G_{Cell}$	(*iv*) increases with dilution

30. Match the items of Column I and Column II.

Column I	Column II
(*a*) Lead storage battery	(*i*) maximum efficiency
(*b*) Mercury cell	(*ii*) prevented by galvanisation
(*c*) Fuel cell	(*iii*) gives steady potential
(*d*) Rusting	(*iv*) Pb is anode, PbO_2 is cathode

Answers

28. (*a*) — (*iii*); (*b*) — (*iv*); (*c*) — (*i*); (*d*) — (*ii*).
29. (*a*) — (*iv*); (*b*) — (*i*); (*c*) — (*ii*); (*d*) — (*iii*).
30. (*a*) — (*iv*); (*b*) — (*iii*); (*c*) — (*i*); (*d*) — (*ii*).

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31. Match the items of Column I and Column II.

Column I	Column II
(*a*) G	(*i*) $I\,t$
(*b*) Λ_m	(*ii*) $\frac{\Lambda_m^c}{\Lambda_m^o}$
(*c*) α	(*iii*) $\frac{\kappa}{c}$
(*d*) Q	(*iv*) $\frac{G^*}{R}$

32. Match the items of Column I and Column II.

Column I	Column II
(*a*) Lechlanche cell	(*i*) cell reaction $2H_2 + O_2 \rightarrow 2H_2O$
(*b*) Ni–Cd cell	(*ii*) does not involve any ion in solution and is used in hearing aids.
(*c*) Fuel cell	(*iii*) rechargeable
(*d*) Mercury cell	(*iv*) reaction at anode, $Zn \rightarrow Zn^{2+} + 2e^-$
	(*v*) converts energy of combustion into electrical energy

33. Match the items of Column I and Column II on the basis of data given below:

$E^{\ominus}_{F_2|F^-} = 2.87V$, $E^{\ominus}_{Li^+|Li} = -3.5V$,

$E^{\ominus}_{Au^{3+}|Au} = 1.4V$, $E^{\ominus}_{Br_2|Br^-} = 1.09V$

Column I	Column II
(*a*) F_2	(*i*) metal is the strongest reducing agent
(*b*) Li	(*ii*) metal ion which is the weakest oxidising agent
(*c*) Au^{3+}	(*iii*) non metal which is the best oxidising agent
(*d*) Br^-	(*iv*) unreactive metal
(*e*) Au	(*v*) anion that can be oxidised by Au^{3+}
(*f*) Li^+	(*vi*) anion which is the weakest reducing agent
(*g*) F^-	(*vii*) metal ion which is an oxidising agent

Answers

31. (*a*) — (*iv*); (*b*) — (*iii*); (*c*) — (*ii*); (*d*) — (*i*).
32. (*a*) — (*iv*); (*b*) — (*iii*); (*c*) — (*i, v*); (*d*) — (*ii*).
33. (*a*) — (*iii*); (*b*) — (*i*); (*c*) — (*vii*); (*d*) — (*v*); (*e*) — (*iv*); (*f*) — (*ii*); (*g*) — (*vii,vi*).

Assertion and Reason Type Questions

Note : *In the following questions a statement of assertion followed by a statement of reason is given. Choose the correct answer out of the following choices.*

(*a*) *Both assertion and reason are true and the reason is the correct explanation of assertion.*
(*b*) *Both assertion and reason are true and the reason is not the correct explanation of assertion.*
(*c*) *Assertion is true but the reason is false.*
(*d*) *Both assertion and reason are false.*
(*e*) *Assertion is false but reason is true.*

34. Assertion : Cu is less reactive than hydrogen.
Reason : $E^{\ominus}_{Cu^{2+}|Cu}$ is negative.

35. Assertion : E_{Cell} should have a positive value for the cell to function.
Reason : $E_{cathode} < E_{anode}$

36. Assertion : Conductivity of all electrolytes decreases on dilution.
Reason : On dilution number of ions per unit volume decreases.

37. Assertion : Λ_m for weak electrolytes shows a sharp increase when the electrolytic solution is diluted.
Reason : For weak electrolytes degree of dissociation increases with dilution of solution.

38. Assertion : Mercury cell does not give steady potential.
Reason : In the cell reaction, ions are not involved in solution.

39. Assertion : Electrolysis of NaCl solution gives chlorine at anode instead of O_2.
Reason : Formation of oxygen at anode requires overvoltage.

40. Assertion : For measuring resistance of an ionic solution an AC source is used.
Reason : Concentration of ionic solution will change if DC source is used.

41. Assertion : Current stops flowing when $E_{Cell} = 0$.
Reason : Equilibrium of the cell reaction is attained.

42. Assertion : $E_{Ag+|Ag}$ increases with increase in concentration of Ag^+ ions.
Reason : $E_{Ag^+|Ag}$ has a positive value.

43. Assertion : Copper sulphate can be stored in zinc vessel.
Reason : Zinc is less reactive than copper.

Answers

34. (*c*) **35.** (*c*) **36.** (*a*) **37.** (*a*) **38.** (*e*) **39.** (*a*) **40.** (*a*) **41.** (*a*) **42.** (*b*) **43.** (*d*)

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Hints & Explanations for *Difficult Objective Type Questions*

A. *Topicwise multiple choice questions*

A1. (*a*) : κ = Conductance × cell constant
Since κ = Conductance
∴ Cell constant = **1.**

A3. (*c*) : $\kappa = \frac{1}{R} \times$ Cell constant

$= \frac{1}{250} \times 1.15$

$\therefore \quad \Lambda = \frac{\kappa \times 1000}{C} = \frac{1}{250} \times \frac{1.15 \times 1000}{0.1} =$ **46.**

A4. (*a*) : $\Lambda_m^{\infty}(BaCl_2) = \lambda^{\infty}(Ba^{2+}) + 2\lambda^{\infty}(Cl^-)$

$= 127.32 + 2 \times 76.34$

$=$ **280 S cm² mol⁻¹**

A5. (*a*) : $\Lambda_m = \frac{\kappa \times 1000}{M}$

$= \frac{1.06 \times 10^{-2} \times 1000}{0.1}$

$=$ **1.06 × 10² ohm⁻¹ cm² mol⁻¹**

A6. (*c*) : $\Lambda°(NaBr) = \Lambda°(NaCl) + \Lambda°(KBr) - \Lambda°(KCl)$

$= 126 + 152 - 150$

$=$ **128 S cm² mol⁻¹.**

A7. (*c*) : $\Lambda(ClCH_2COOH)$

$= \Lambda(ClCH_2COONa) + \Lambda(HCl) - \Lambda(NaCl)$

$= 224 + 203 - 38.2$

$=$ **388.8 ohm⁻¹ cm² equiv⁻¹.**

A8. (*b*) : $\Lambda°(CH_3COOH)$

$= (\lambda°_{CH_3COO^-} + \lambda°_{Na^+}) + (\lambda°_{H^+} + \lambda°_{Cl^-}) - (\lambda_{Na^+} + \lambda_{Cl^-})$

$= 90 + 425 - 125 =$ **390 mho cm² mol⁻¹**

Degree of dissociation $= \frac{\Lambda^c}{\Lambda^\circ} = \frac{7.8}{390} = 0.02.$

A9. (*d*) : $\Lambda°_{m\,(HCOOH)} = \lambda°_{H^+} + \lambda°_{HCOO^-} = 347 + 53$

$= 400$ S cm² mol⁻¹

$\Lambda^c_m = 40$ S cm² mol⁻¹ ; C = 0.025 M

$\alpha = \frac{\Lambda^c_m}{\Lambda^o_m} = \frac{40}{400} = 0.1$

$K_a = \frac{c\alpha^2}{1-\alpha} = c\alpha^2$

$= 0.025 \times (0.1)^2 =$ **2.5 × 10⁻⁴.**

A10. (*b*) : $K = \frac{c\alpha^2}{1-\alpha} \approx c\alpha^2$

$2.5 \times 10^{-5} = 0.01\,\alpha^2$

$\alpha = \sqrt{\frac{2.5 \times 10^{-5}}{0.01}} = 5 \times 10^{-2}$

$\alpha = \frac{\Lambda^c}{\Lambda^\infty}$

or $\Lambda^\infty = \frac{\Lambda^c}{\alpha} = \frac{19.6}{5 \times 10^{-2}} = 392$

A13. (*a*) : $E = E^\ominus - \frac{0.059}{2} \log \frac{[Zn^{2+}]}{[Pb^{2+}]}$

$E^\ominus = E^\ominus_{(Pb^{2+}|Pb)} - E^\ominus_{(Zn^{2+}/Zn)}$

$= -0.126 - (-0.763) = 0.637$ V

$E = 0.637 - \frac{0.059}{2} \log \frac{(0.1)}{(0.1)}$

$=$ **0.637 V.**

A14. (*a*) : The electrode reaction is :

$Zn^{2+}(aq) + 2e^- \longrightarrow Zn(s)$

$E = E° - \frac{0.059}{2} \log \frac{1}{[Zn^{2+}]}$

$[Zn^{2+}] = 0.1 \times \frac{20}{100} = 0.02$ M, $E° = -0.76$ V

$\therefore \quad E = -0.76 - \frac{0.059}{2} \log \frac{1}{0.02}$

$= -0.76 - \frac{0.059}{2} \log 50$

$= -0.76 - \frac{0.059}{2} \times 1.70$

$= -0.76 - 0.05 =$ **– 0.81 V**

A17. (*b*) : $E = E^\ominus - \frac{0.059}{2} \log \frac{[Sn^{2+}]}{[Ag^+]^2}$

Increase in conc. of Sn^{2+} will decrease E.

A18. (*c*) : This can be obtained in terms of Gibbs free energies

$Cu^{2+} + e^- \longrightarrow Cu^+ \qquad E_1^\ominus = +0.15$ V

$\therefore \Delta G_1^\ominus = -1 \times F \times 0.15$ V $= -0.15$ F

$Cu^+ + e^- \longrightarrow Cu \qquad E_2^\ominus = +0.50$ V

$\therefore \Delta G_2^\ominus = -1 \times F \times 0.50 = -0.50$ F

Now $Cu^{2+} + 2e^- \longrightarrow Cu \qquad E_3^\ominus = ?$

$\therefore \Delta G_3^\ominus = -2 \times F \times E_3^\ominus = -2E_3^\ominus$ F

Now $\therefore \Delta G_3^\ominus = \Delta G_1^\ominus + \Delta G_2^\ominus$

$-2E_3^\ominus F = -0.15$ F $- 0.50$ F $= -0.65$ F

$\therefore \quad E_3^\ominus = \frac{0.65}{2} =$ **0.325 V.**

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A19. (*a*) : $E_1 = E^\ominus - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{1}{[Zn^{2+}]_1}$

On dilution

$$E_2 = E^\ominus - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{1}{[Zn^{2+}]_2}$$

$$= E^\ominus - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{1}{0.1\,[Zn^{2+}]_1}$$

$$E_2 - E_1 = -\frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{1}{0.1\,[Zn^{2+}]_1} + \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{1}{[Zn^{2+}]_1}$$

$$= \frac{0.059}{2}\log 0.1$$

$$= \frac{0.059}{2}\times(-1) = -0.0295$$

or $= \mathbf{-30\ mV}$

A20. (*d*) : $E^\circ_{cell} = E^\circ_{(Ag^+|Ag)} - E^\circ_{(Cu^{2+}|Cu)}$

$0.46 = 0.80 - E^\circ_{(Cu^{2+}|Cu)}$

$\therefore E^\circ_{(Cu^{2+}|Cu)} = 0.80 - 0.46 = \mathbf{0.34\ V}$

A22. (*c*) : $Al\,|\,Al^{3+}\,\|\,Cu^{2+}\,|\,Cu$

$E^\circ_{cell} = E^\circ_{(Cu^{2+}|Cu)} - E^\circ_{(Al^{3+}|Al)}$

$2.00 = 0.34 - E^\circ_{(Al^{3+}|Al)}$

$\therefore E^\circ(Al^{3+}|Al) = 0.34 - 2.0 = \mathbf{-1.66\ V}$

A23. (*b*) : For e.m.f. to be positive, the following half cell reactions will occur :

$Fe \longrightarrow Fe^{2+} + 2e^-$ $\quad E^\circ = +0.44\ V$

$2Fe^{3+} + 2e^- \longrightarrow 2Fe^{2+}$ $\quad E^\circ = +0.77\ V$

Overall reaction :

$Fe + 2Fe^{3+} \longrightarrow 3Fe^{2+}$ $\quad E^\circ = +1.21\ V$

$\therefore$ **Fe^{3+} will decrease.**

A24. (*d*) : Subtracting eqn. (*ii*) from eqn (*i*)

$AgCl(s) \rightleftharpoons Ag^+(aq) + Cl^-(aq)$ $\quad E^\circ = -0.58V$

$$E = E^\ominus - \frac{0.059}{1}\log\frac{[Ag^+][Cl^-]}{[AgCl(s)]}$$

At equilibrium, $E = 0$ and $[AgCl(s)] = 1$

$E^\circ = 0.059\log[Ag^+]\,[Cl^-]$

$= 0.059\log K_{sp}$

$\therefore 0.059\log K_{sp} = -0.58$

$\log K_{sp} = -9.831$

$\therefore K_{sp} = \mathbf{1.48\times10^{-10}}.$

A25. (*a*) : For the given cell, $Zn + Cu^{2+} \longrightarrow Zn^{2+} + Cu$

$$E = E^\ominus - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{[Zn^{2+}]}{[Cu^{2+}]}$$

$$\therefore \quad E_1 = E^\ominus - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{0.01}{1.0} = E^\circ + 0.059$$

$$E_2 = E^\ominus - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{1.0}{0.01} = E^\circ - 0.059$$

$\therefore \mathbf{E_1 > E_2}$

A26. (*d*) : $E = E^\ominus - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{[Zn^{2+}]}{[Cu^{2+}]}$

$E^\ominus = E^\ominus_{(Cu^{2+}|Cu)} - E^\ominus_{(Zn^{2+}|Zn)}$

$E^\ominus = 0.34 - (-0.76) = 1.10\ V$

$\therefore \quad E = 1.10 - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{0.1}{0.01}$

$= 1.10 - 0.295 = \mathbf{1.0705\ V.}$

A27. (*a*) : $E^\ominus = E^\ominus_{(Fe^{3+}|Fe^{2+})} - E^\ominus_{(Sn^{2+}|Sn)}$

$= 0.77 - (-0.14) = \mathbf{0.91\ V.}$

A28. (*b*) : $Fe^{2+} + 2e^- \longrightarrow Fe$ $\quad E^\ominus_1 = -0.414\ V$

$Fe^{3+} + e^- \longrightarrow Fe^{2+}$ $\quad E^\ominus_2 = 0.771\ V$

The required equation can be obtained as :

$Fe \longrightarrow Fe^{2+} + 2e^-$

$2Fe^{3+} + 2e^- \longrightarrow 2Fe^{2+}$

$E^\ominus_{cell} = E^\ominus_c - E^\ominus_a = 0.771 - (-0.441)$

$= \mathbf{1.212\ V}$

A29. (*c*) : 96500 × 3 coulomb of electricity is required to deposit 27 g of Al

No. of coulombs required to deposit 90 g of Al

$= \frac{96500\times3}{27}\times90 = 965000$

or $= \mathbf{9.65\times10^5\ C.}$

A30. (*a*) : 2.977 g of metal require $= 10800\ C$

106.4 g of metal require $= \frac{10800}{2.977}\times106.4$

$= 3.86\times10^5\ C$

Valency $= \frac{3.86\times10^5}{96500} = 4$

A31. (*b*) : $96500\times3 = 289500 = \mathbf{2.89\times10^5\ C}$

A32. (*c*) : $Au^{3+} + 3e^- \longrightarrow Au$

197 g of Au is obtained by charge = 96500 × 3 C

1.234 g of Au is obtained by charge

$= \frac{96500\times3\times1.234}{197}$

$= 1813.4\ C$

Now $A\times t = C$

$3\times t = 1813.4$

or $t = \frac{1813.4}{3} = 604\ s$

$= \mathbf{10\ min\ 4\ s.}$

A33. (*a*) : $\frac{\text{Wt. of Ag deposited}}{\text{Wt. of } O_2 \text{ produced}} = \frac{108}{8}$

$\frac{0.108}{\text{Wt. of } O_2} = \frac{108}{8}$

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$$\therefore \quad \text{Wt. of } O_2 = \frac{0.108 \times 8}{108}$$

$$= 8 \times 10^{-3} \text{ g}$$

$$\text{Vol. of } O_2 = \frac{22400}{32} \times 8 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$= \mathbf{5.6\ cm^3}.$$

A34. (*a*) : $\frac{\text{Eq. wt. of Ag}}{\text{Eq. wt. of } H_2} = \frac{\text{Mass of Ag}}{\text{Mass of } H_2}$

$$\frac{108}{1} = \frac{1.08}{\text{Mass of } H_2}$$

$$\therefore \text{ Mass of } H_2 = \frac{1.08}{108} = 10^{-2} \text{ g}$$

2 g of H_2 occupies at STP = 22400 cm^3

10^{-2} *g* of H_2 occupies at STP = **112 cm^3**.

A35. (*d*) : Gram equivalents of H^+ = Gram equivalents of Al^{3+}

No. of gm equivalents of $Al^{3+} = \frac{4.5}{9} = 0.5$

No. of gm equivalents of H^+ = No. of mol of H^+

$\therefore$ Mass of $H^+ = 0.5 \times 1 = 0.5$ g

Now, 2 g of H_2 at STP = 22.4 L

0.5 g of H_2 at STP $= \frac{22.4 \times 0.5}{2}$

$= \mathbf{5.6\ L}$

A36. (*a*) : $Zn^{2+}(1M) + 2e^- \longrightarrow Zn$ charge required = 2F

$Al^{3+}(1M) + 3e^- \longrightarrow Al$ charge required = 3F

$Ag^+(1M) + e^- \longrightarrow Ag$ charge required = 1F

Therefore, charge required for $ZnSO_4$, $AlCl_3$ and $AgNO_3$ solutions is 2F, 3F and 1F respectively. Thus, the ratio is **2:3:1.**

A41. (*a*) : $\Delta G = -nF E^\circ_{cell}$

$= (-2) \times (96500 \text{ C}) \times (1.23 \text{ V})$

$= -237390 \text{ J mol}^{-1}$

or $= -237.390 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$

Efficiency (η) $= \frac{\Delta G}{\Delta H} \times 100$

$= \frac{-237.390}{285.8} \times 100 = \mathbf{83\%}$

B *from competitive examinations*

B1. (*b*) : Efficiency of a fuel cell (η) = $\Delta G/\Delta H$

B2. (*b*) : $C_5H_{12} + 8O_2 \longrightarrow 5\,CO_2 + 6H_2O$

$\Delta G^\circ = 5\Delta_f G^\circ(CO_2) + 6\Delta_f G^\circ(H_2O) - \Delta_f G^\circ(C_5H_{12}) - 8\Delta_f G^\circ(O_2)$

$= 5(-394.4) + 6(-237.2) - (-8.2) - 8 \times 0$

$= -1972 - 1423.2 + 8.2 - 0$

$= -3387 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$

$\Delta G^\circ = -nFE^\circ$

or $E^\circ = -\frac{\Delta G^\circ}{nF}$ where $n = 32$

$\therefore \quad E^\circ = -\frac{-3387 \times 10^3}{32 \times 96500} = \mathbf{1.0968\ V}.$

B4. (*d*) : $\alpha = \frac{\Lambda}{\Lambda_\infty} = \frac{8}{400} = 2 \times 10^{-2}$

Dissociation constant, $K \approx C\alpha^2$

$K = \frac{1}{32} \times \left(2 \times 10^{-2}\right)^2 = 1.25 \times 10^{-5}$

B5. (*c*) : $Cu + 2Ag^+ \longrightarrow Cu^{2+} + 2Ag$

$\Delta G^\circ = -nFE^\circ = -2 \times 96500 \times 0.46$

$= -88780 \text{ J} = \mathbf{-89\ kJ}.$

B6. (*c*) : In strong electrolytes, number of ions remain constant, so equivalent conductance increases due to increase in ionic mobility.

B7. (*c*) : Higher the reduction potential, lower is the reducing power. Therefore, correct order is Z > X > Y.

B8. (*d*) : $\Delta G^\circ = -nFE^\circ$

$E^\circ < 0, \Delta G^\circ = -RT \ln K_{eq}.$

$\Delta G^\circ > 0$ and $K_{eq} < 1$.

B9. (*b*) : $Cu^{2+} + e^- \longrightarrow Cu^+ \quad E^\circ_1 = 0.15 \text{ V}$ ...(*i*)

$\therefore \quad \Delta G^\circ_1 = -nFE^\circ_1 = -1 \times F \times 0.15$

$Cu^+ + e^- \longrightarrow Cu \quad E^\circ_2 = 0.50 \text{ V}$ ...(*ii*)

$\Delta G^\circ_2 = -nF\,E^\circ_2 = -1 \times F \times 0.50$

Adding eqn. (*i*) and (*ii*)

$Cu^{2+} + 2e^- \longrightarrow Cu$

$\Delta G^\circ = -nFE^\circ = -2 \times FE^\circ$

$-2 \times F \times E^\circ = -1 \times F \times 0.15 + (-1 \times F \times 0.50)$

$E^\circ = \frac{0.15 + 0.50}{2} = \mathbf{0.325\ V}.$

B10. (*b*) : $E^\circ_{cell} = E^\circ(Sn^{4+}|Sn^{2+}) - E^\circ(Cr^{3+}|Cr)$

$= 0.15 - (-0.74) = \mathbf{0.89\ V}.$

B11. (*d*) : $\Lambda^\circ_m(NH_4OH)$

$= \Lambda^\circ_m(NH_4Cl) + \Lambda^\circ_m(NaOH) - \Lambda^\circ_m(NaCl)$

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B12. (*a*) : Degree of ionization $= \frac{\Lambda_m}{\Lambda_m^\infty} \times 100 = \frac{9.54 \times 100}{23.8}$

$= \mathbf{4.008\%}$

B13. (*c*) : $E^\circ_{cell} = E^\circ_{cathode} - E^\circ_{anode}$

$= 0.34 - (-0.76) = 1.10 V$

B14. (*d*) : $2H^+ + 2e^- \longrightarrow H_2$

$$E(H^+, \frac{1}{2}H_2) = E^\circ - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{1}{[H^+]^2}$$

$$= 0 - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{1}{(10^{-10})^2}$$

$$= -\frac{0.059}{2} \times 20 = -0.59\ V$$

Oxidation potential $= \mathbf{0.5\,9\ V}$

B15. (*c*) : Change in oxidation number from MnO_4^{2-} to MnO_4^- is from +6 to +7. Therefore, 1 electron is lost in the process.

Charge required by 1 mol MnO_4^{2-} = 1 F

Charge required by 0.1 mol MnO_4^{2-} = 0.1 F

$= \mathbf{9650\ C}$

B16. (*d*) : At STP, 22,400 mL of oxygen = 32 g

5600 mL of oxygen $= \frac{32 \times 5600}{22,400} = 8$ g

$\therefore$ Weight of O_2 deposited = 8 g

According to Faraday's second law,

$$\frac{\text{Wt. of } O_2 \text{ deposited}}{\text{Wt. of Ag deposited}} = \frac{\text{Equivalent wt. of oxygen}}{\text{Equivalent wt. of silver}}$$

or $$\frac{8g}{\text{Wt. of Ag deposited}} = \frac{8}{108}$$

or Wt. of silver deposited $= \mathbf{108\ g}$

B18. (*c*) : For a hydrogen electrode

$2H^+(aq) + 2e^- \longrightarrow H_2(g)$

$$E = E^\circ - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{p(H_2)}{[H^+]^2}$$

In pure water at 298K, $[H^+] = 10^{-7}$

$$\therefore E = 0 - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{p(H_2)}{[10^{-7}]^2} = \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{p(H_2)}{10^{-14}}$$

$\therefore$ E will be zero when $p(H_2) = \mathbf{10^{-14}\ atm}$

B19. (*b*) : $\Lambda_m = \frac{\kappa \times 1000}{\text{Molarity}} = \frac{5.76 \times 10^{-3} \times 1000}{0.5}$

$= \mathbf{11.52\ S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}}$

B20. (*b*) : $2Na^+ + 2Cl^- \longrightarrow 2Na + Cl_2$

Amount of Cl_2 produced $= 0.1 \times 71 = 7.1$ g

71 g of Cl_2 is produced by electricity $= 2 \times 96500$C

7.1 g of Cl_2 is produced by electricity $= \frac{2 \times 96500}{71} \times 7.1$

$= 19300$ C

Now, quantity of electricity Q = I × t

19300 C = 3 × t

$t = \frac{19300}{3} = 6433.3$ s

$= 107.2$ min. $\approx \mathbf{110\ min.}$

B21. (*c*) : $Q = I \times t = 1 \times 60 = 60$ C

Charge on $1e^- = 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$C

$\therefore\ 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$C = 1 electron

$1C = \frac{1}{1.6 \times 10^{-19}}$ electrons

$60\ C = \frac{1}{1.6 \times 10^{-19}} \times 60$ electrons

$= \mathbf{3.75 \times 10^{20}\ electrons}$

B23. (*b*) : $Zn\,|\,ZnSO_4\ (0.01\ M)\,||\,CuSO_4\ (1.0\ M)\,|\,Cu$

$$E_1 = E_0 - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{0.01}{1}$$

$$= E_0 - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{1}{100}$$

$$= E_0 + 0.059$$

When concentrations are changed

$$E_2 = E_0 - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{1}{0.01}$$

$$= E_0 - \frac{0.059}{2}\log 100$$

$$= E_0 - 0.059$$

$\therefore\ E_1 > E_2$

B24. (*d*) : $\overset{+7}{BrO_4^-} \xrightarrow{1.82\ V} \overset{+5}{BrO_3^-} \xrightarrow{1.5\ V} \overset{+1}{HBrO}$

$Br^- \xleftarrow{1.0652\ V} \overset{0}{Br_2} \xleftarrow{1.595\ V}$ HBrO

HBrO undergoes oxidation as well as reduction and e.m.f. of the cell is + ve.

$\overset{+1}{HBrO} \longrightarrow \overset{0}{Br_2}$ $\quad E^\circ = 1.595\ V$

$\overset{+1}{HBrO} \longrightarrow \overset{+5}{BrO_3^-}$ $\quad E^\circ = -1.50\ V$

$2HBrO \longrightarrow Br_2 + BrO_3^-$

$E^\circ_{cell} = 1.595 - 1.50 = 0.095\ V$

Since E°_{cell} is positive, the reaction is spontaneous.

B25. (*c*) : $E^\ominus_{cell} = \frac{0.059}{n}\log K_c \quad \because n = 2$

$$E^\ominus_{cell} = \frac{0.059}{2}\log 1 \times 10^8$$

$$= \frac{0.059}{2} \times 8 = 0.236\ V$$

$E^\ominus_{cell} = E^\ominus(Fe^{3+}\,|\,Fe) - E^\circ(I_2\,|\,I^-)$

$0.236 = E^\ominus(Fe^{3+}\,|\,Fe) - 0.54$

$\therefore\ E^\ominus(Fe^{3+}\,|\,Fe) = 0.236 + 0.54$

$= \mathbf{0.776\ V}$.

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B26. (*b*) : Applying Nernst equation,

$$E = E^\circ - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{1}{[Ni^{2+}]}$$

After dilution

$$E = E^\circ - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{1}{[Ni^{2+}]/10}$$

$$= E^\circ - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{1}{[Ni^{2+}]} - \frac{0.059}{2}\log 10$$

$$= E^\circ - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{1}{[Ni^{2+}]} - 0.0295$$

Hence, reduction potential decreases by

$0.0295\ V = 29.5\ mV$ **= 30 mV.**

B27. (*c*) : According to Faraday's second law

$$\frac{\text{Weight of } O_2 \text{ liberated}}{\text{Weight of Mg deposited}} = \frac{\text{Equivalent weight of } O_2}{\text{Equivalent weight of Mg}}$$

or $\quad \frac{x}{0.150} = \frac{8}{12}$

or $\quad x = \frac{8}{12}\times 0.150 = 0.1\ g$

At S.T.P., volume of 32 g oxygan is 22,400 cm^3

$\therefore$ Volume of 0.1 g oxygen at S.T.P. is

$$\frac{22,400}{32}\times 0.1 = 70\ cm^3$$

B28. (*c*) : Applying

$$E^\circ(I^- \,|\, AgI \,|\, Ag) = E^\circ(Ag^+ \,|\, Ag) + 0.059\, K_{sp}(AgI)$$

$$\log K_{sp}(AgI) = \frac{E^\circ(I^- \,|\, AgI \,|\, Ag) - E^\circ(Ag^+ \,|\, Ag)}{0.059}$$

$$= \frac{-0.152 - 0.8}{0.059} = \mathbf{-16.13}$$

B29. (*c*) : Conductivity $= \frac{\text{Cell constant}}{\text{Resistance}}$

Cell constant $= 1.29 \times 100 = 129\ m^{-1}$

Conductivity of 0.2 M solution $= \frac{129}{520} = 0.248\ S\ m^{-1}$

Molar conductivity $= \frac{0.248\times 10^{-3}}{0.2}$

$= \mathbf{12.4 \times 10^{-4}\ S\ m^2\ mol^{-1}}$.

B30. (*b*) : $Zn + Cu^{2+} \longrightarrow Zn^{2+} + Cu$

When the cell is completely discharged, $E_{cell} = 0$

$$0 = E^\circ_{cell} - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{[Zn^{2+}]}{[Cu^{2+}]}$$

or $\quad E^\circ_{cell} = \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{[Zn^{2+}]}{[Cu^{2+}]}$

$$1.10 = \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{[Zn^{2+}]}{|Cu^{2+}|}$$

$$\log\frac{[Zn^{2+}]}{|Cu^{2+}|} = \frac{1.10\times 2}{0.059} = 37.3$$

$\therefore \quad \frac{|Zu^{2+}|}{|Cu^{2+}|} = \mathbf{10^{37.3}}$

B31. (*b*) : $2\,Cr + 3Fe^{2+}(aq) \longrightarrow 2Cr^{3+}(aq) + 3\,Fe(s)$

$E^\ominus_{cell} = E^\ominus(Fe^{2+} \,|\, Fe) - E^\ominus(Cr^{3+} \,|\, Cr)$

$= -0.42 - (-0.72) = 0.30\ V$

$$E = E^\ominus_{cell} - \frac{0.059}{6}\log\frac{[Cr^{3+}]^2}{[Fe^{2+}]^3}$$

$$= 0.30 - \frac{0.059}{6}\log\frac{(0.1)^2}{(0.01)^3}$$

$$= 0.30 - \frac{0.059}{6}\times\log 10^4$$

$$= 0.30 - \frac{0.059}{6}\times 4$$

$= 0.30 - 0.039 =$ **0.26V.**

B32. (*c*) : (*i*) $Fe^{3+} + 3e^- \longrightarrow Fe$, $\quad E^\circ_1 = -0.036\ V$

$\Delta G^\circ_1 = -3 \times F \times (-0.036)$

(*ii*) $Fe^{2+} + 2e^- \longrightarrow Fe$, $\quad E^\circ_2 = -0.439\ V$

$\Delta G^\circ_2 = -2 \times F \times (-0.439)$

Required reaction is

$Fe^{3+} + e^- \longrightarrow Fe^{2+}$, $\quad \Delta G^\circ_3 = -1 \times F \times E^\circ_3$

Subtracting eqn. (*ii*) from eqn (*i*) gives the required equation so that

$$\Delta G^\circ_3 = \Delta G^\circ_1 - \Delta G^\circ_2$$

$$-1 \times F \times E^\circ_3 = -3 \times F \times (-0.036) - (-2 \times F \times -0.439)$$

$$-E^\circ_3 = 0.108 - 0.878$$

$$E^\circ_3 = -0.108 + 0.878$$

$= \mathbf{0.77\ V}$.

B33. (*a*) : $\frac{2}{3}\overset{+3}{Al}_2O_3 \longrightarrow \frac{4}{3}\overset{0}{Al} + O_2$

No. of electrons involved $= \frac{2}{3}(3 \times 2) = 4$

$$\Delta G^\circ = -nFE^\circ$$

$$966 \times 10^3 = -4 \times 96500 \times E^\circ$$

$\therefore \quad E^\circ = \frac{966\times 10^3}{4\times 96500} = -2.5\ V$

Thus, minimum potential difference required = 2.50 V

B34. (*a*) : $Pt \,|\, H_2(g) \,|\, H^+(aq)$

$$H^+ + e^- \longrightarrow \frac{1}{2}H_2(g)$$

$$E = E^\circ - \frac{0.059}{1}\log\frac{p(H_2)^{1/2}}{[H^+]}$$

$$E = E^\circ - \frac{0.059}{1}\log\frac{(2)^{1/2}}{1} = \mathbf{-ve.}$$

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B35. (*a*) : $\kappa = 1.3\ S\ m^{-1} = 1.3 \times 10^{-2}\ S\ cm^{-1}$

$$\kappa = \frac{1}{R}\left(\frac{l}{a}\right)$$

$$1.3 \times 10^{-2} = \frac{1}{50}\left(\frac{l}{a}\right)$$

$$\therefore \quad \left(\frac{l}{a}\right) = 1.3 \times 10^{-2} \times 50 = 65.0 \times 10^{-2}\ cm^{-1}$$

$$\Lambda_m = \frac{\kappa \times 1000}{M}$$

$$\kappa = \frac{1}{R}\left(\frac{l}{a}\right) = \frac{1}{260} \times 65.0 \times 10^{-2}$$

$$\Lambda_m = \frac{1}{260} \times \frac{65.0 \times 10^{-2} \times 1000}{0.4}$$

$$= 6.25\ S\ mol^{-1}\ cm^2$$

$$= \mathbf{6.25 \times 10^{-4}\ S\ mol^{-1}\ m^2}.$$

B36. (*c*) : The element with high negative value of standard reduction potential is good reducing agent and can be easily oxidised. Therefore, X should have higher negative value of standard reduction potential than Y so that it will be oxidised to X^{2+} by reducing Y^{2+} to Y. Therefore,

X = Zn, Y = Ni

$$Zn + Ni^{2+} \longrightarrow Zn^{2+} + Ni$$

or $E^\circ_{cell} = -0.23 - (-0.76) = +0.53\ V$

Since E°_{cell} is +ve, the reaction is spontaneous.

B37. (*d*) : Mn^{2+} is the strongest oxidising agent because it has highest reduction potential value.

B38. (*b*) : $Mn^{2+} + 2e^- \longrightarrow Mn$; $E^\circ = -1.18\ V$

$\Delta G_1^\circ = -2F(-1.18) = 2.36\ V$ ...(*i*)

$Mn^{3+} + e^- \longrightarrow Mn^{2+}$; $E^\circ = +1.51\ V$

$\Delta G_2^\circ = -F(1.51) = -1.51\ F$ ...(*ii*)

Eq. (*i*) – 2 × Eq. (*ii*)

$3Mn^{2+} \longrightarrow Mn + 2Mn^{3+}$

$$\Delta G_3^\circ = \Delta G_1^\circ - 2\Delta G_2^\circ$$

$$= [2.36 - 2 \times (-1.51)]\ F$$

$$= 5.38\ F$$

But $\Delta G_3^\circ = -2F\ E^\circ$

$\therefore \quad E^\circ = -2.69\ V$

Since E° value is negative, the reaction will not occur.

B39. (*d*) : According to Debye Huckel Onsager equation,

$$\Lambda_c = \Lambda_\infty - A\sqrt{C}$$

Here A = B

$$\therefore \quad \Lambda_c = \Lambda_\infty - B\sqrt{C}$$

B40. (*b*) : For 0.2 M solution

$$\kappa = \frac{1}{R} \times \frac{l}{A} \quad \text{or} \quad 1.4 = \frac{1}{50} \times \frac{l}{A}$$

$$\text{or} \quad \frac{l}{A} = 50 \times 1.4 = 70\ m^{-1} = 0.70\ cm^{-1}$$

For 0.5 M solution

$$\kappa = \frac{1}{R} \times \frac{l}{A} = \frac{1}{280} \times 0.70$$

$$= 2.5 \times 10^{-3}\ S\ cm^{-1}$$

$$\Lambda_m = \frac{\kappa \times 1000}{\text{Molarity}}$$

$$= \frac{2.5 \times 10^{-3} \times 1000}{0.5} = 5\ S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}$$

$$= \mathbf{5 \times 10^{-4}\ S\ m^2\ mol^{-1}}$$

B41. (*d*) : $Cu^{2+} + 2e^- \longrightarrow Cu$

2F of electricity deposit 1 mol of Cu

$\therefore$ Mass of Cu deposited **= 63.5 g**

B43. (*a*) : E° for $Cr^{3+}|Cr$ is minimum and therefore, it can be readily oxidised. Hence, it is a strongest reducing agent.

B44. (*c*) : $B_2H_6 + 3O_2 \longrightarrow B_2O_3 + 2H_2O$

Moles of $B_2H_6 = \frac{27.66}{27.6} = 1$ mol

1 mole of B_2H_6 requires 3 mole of O_2 for complete burning

Electrolysis of H_2O

$2H_2O \longrightarrow O_2 + 2H_2$

1 mole of O_2 is produced from 2 mole of H_2O

Amount of H_2O required to produce 3 mole of O_2 = 6 mole

No. of Faradays required = 6 × 2 = 12 F

$12 \times 96500\ C = I \times t$

$12 \times 96500\ C = 100 \times t$

$$\text{or } t = \frac{12 \times 96500}{100} = 11580\ s$$

$$\text{or } \frac{11580}{3600} = 3.21\ hr$$

B45. (*d*) : Cell reaction is

$$H_2 + 2Ag^+ \longrightarrow 2Ag + 2H^+$$

$$E = E^\ominus - \frac{2.303RT}{2F} \log \frac{[H^+]^2}{[Ag^+]^2 p_{H_2}}$$

$$0.62 = 0.80 - \frac{0.06}{2} \log \frac{1}{[Ag^+]^2}$$

$$0.62 = 0.80 + \frac{2 \times 0.06}{2} \log [Ag^+]$$

$$0.06 \log [Ag^+] = 0.62 - 0.80 = -0.18$$

$$\log [Ag^+] = \frac{-0.18}{0.06} = -3$$

$$[Ag^+] = 10^{-3}$$

$$\text{Moles of } Ag^+ \text{ in 100 mL} = \frac{10^{-3} \times 100}{1000} = 10^{-4}$$

Weight of Ag^+ in 100 mL = $10^{-4} \times 108 = 0.0108$ g

$$\% \text{ of Ag in 1.08 g alloy} = \frac{0.0108}{1.08} \times 100 = \mathbf{1\%}$$

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B46. (*a*) : $Al^{3+} + 3e^- \longrightarrow Al$
$Cu^{2+} + 2e^- \longrightarrow Cu$
$Na^+ + e^- \longrightarrow Na$

Thus, 1F of electricity will deposit $\frac{1}{3}$ mol of Al, $\frac{1}{2}$ mol of Cu and 1 mol of Na. Hence, mole ratio of Al, Cu, Na deposited at respected cathodes is :

$\frac{1}{3} : \frac{1}{2} : 1 \Rightarrow \mathbf{2:3:6}$.

B47. (*e*) : $E = E^\circ - \frac{0.059}{n}\log\frac{1}{[M^{n+}]}$

Lower the concentration of M^{n+}, lower is the reduction potential.

Thus, standard reduction potential is
Q > R > S > P

B48. (*c*) : $H^+ + e^- \longrightarrow H$

$$E = E^\circ - \frac{0.059}{n}\log\frac{1}{[H^+]}$$

$$= 0 - \frac{0.059}{1}\,pH = 0 - 0.059 \times 10 = \mathbf{-0.59V}.$$

B49. (*b*) : $E_{cell} = E^\circ_{cell} - \frac{0.059}{n}\log\frac{[Zn^{2+}]}{[Cu^{2+}]}$

(*i*) $Zn(s)\,|\,Zn^{2+}(0.1\ M)\,||\,Cu^{2+}(1\ M)\,|\,Cu(s)$

$$E_1 = E^\circ_{cell} - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\left(\frac{0.1}{1}\right)$$

$$= E^\circ_{cell} + \frac{0.059}{2}.$$

(*ii*) $Zn(s)\,|\,Zn^{2+}(1\ M)\,||\,Cu^{2+}(1\ M)\,|\,Cu(s)$

$$E_2 = E^\circ_{cell} - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\left(\frac{1.0}{1.0}\right)$$

$$= E^\circ_{cell}.$$

(*iii*) $Zn(s)\,|\,Zn^{2+}(1\ M)\,||\,Cu^{2+}(0.1\ M)\,|\,Cu$

$$E_3 = E^\circ_{cell} - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{1.0}{0.1}$$

$$= E^\circ_{cell} - \frac{0.059}{2}.$$

$\therefore \quad \mathbf{E_1 > E_2 > E_3}$.

B50. (*c*) : $Mn^{2+} + 2e^- \longrightarrow Mn$

$\Delta G^\circ = -nFE^\circ = 2.36\ F$ ...(*i*)

$Mn^{3+} + e^- \longrightarrow Mn^{2+}$

$\Delta G^\circ = -nFE^\circ = -1.51\ F$ ...(*ii*)

Adding eq. (*i*) and (*ii*)

$Mn^{3+} + 3e^- \longrightarrow Mn$

$\Delta G^\circ = 2.36\ F + (-1.51\ F) = 0.85\ F$

$\Delta G^\circ = -nFE^\circ$

$0.85\ F = -3 \times F \times E^\circ$

or $\quad E^\circ = -\frac{0.85}{3} = \mathbf{-0.28\ V}$.

B51. (*c*) : The oxidation states of X and Y are X^{3+} and Y^{2+}
Atomic masses are in the ratio = 1 : 2
Since equivalent mass = Atomic mass / Valency

Equivalent masses = $\frac{1}{3} : \frac{2}{2}$ or **1 : 3**.

B52. (*d*) : $\alpha = \frac{\Lambda_m}{\Lambda_m^\infty}$

$\therefore \quad \Lambda_m = \alpha \times \Lambda_m^\infty = \frac{2}{100} \times 400$

$= 8.0\ S\ cm^2\ g\ equiv^{-1}$

$\Lambda_m = \frac{\kappa \times 1000}{C}$

$8.0 = \frac{\kappa \times 1000}{0.1}$

or $\quad \kappa = \frac{8.0 \times 0.1}{1000} = 8 \times 10^{-4}\ ohm^{-1}cm^{-1}$

Now $\quad \kappa = \frac{1}{R} \times$ Cell constant

or $\quad R = \frac{\text{Cell constant}}{\kappa}$

$= \frac{0.4\ cm^{-1}}{8 \times 10^{-4}\ ohm^{-1}cm^{-1}} = 500\ ohm$

B53. (*b*) : $E^\circ_{cell} = E^\circ_{cathode} - E^\circ_{anode}$
$= 0.25 - 0.52 = \mathbf{-0.27\ V}$

B54. (*c*) : Metals get deposited on cathode after undergoing reduction;

$M^{n+} + ne^- \longrightarrow M(s)$

Higher the reduction potential, more is the tendency to get reduced.

Hence, correct order Ag, Hg, Cu.

B55. (*a*) : $Cr^{3+}(aq) + e^- \longrightarrow Cr^{2+}(aq)$;

$\Delta G^\circ = -1 \times F \times -0.424 = 0.424\ F$ ...(*i*)

$Cr^{2+}(aq) + 2e^- \longrightarrow Cr(s)$;

$\Delta G^\circ = -2 \times F \times (-0.9000) = 1.8F$ ...(*ii*)

Adding eq. (*i*) and (*ii*)

$Cr^{3+} + 3e^- \longrightarrow Cr(s)$; $\quad \Delta G^\circ = 2.224\ F$

$\Delta G^\circ = -nFE^\circ$

or $\quad E^\circ = -\frac{2.224\ F}{3F} = \mathbf{-0.741\ V}$

B56. (*d*) : $\Lambda_m^\infty[(COO^-)_2Na^+K^+] = \lambda^\infty_m(COO^-)_2 + \lambda^\infty_m(Na^+) + \lambda^\infty_m(K^+)$

$= 148.2 + 50.1 + 73.5 = 271.8\ S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}$

$\Lambda^\infty_{equiv} = \frac{\Lambda_m^\infty}{\text{Total charge on cation or anion}}$

$\therefore \quad \Lambda^\infty_{equiv} = \frac{271.8}{2} = 135.9\ S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}$

B57. (*d*) : Quantity of electricity = $I \times t$
$= 9.65 \times 5 \times 60 \times 60$
$= 173{,}700\ C$

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Faraday of electricity $= \frac{173,700}{96500} = 1.8$ F

$2Cl^- - 2e^- \longrightarrow Cl_2$

1F of electricity liberates 35.5g or 11.2 L of Cl_2 at S.T.P.

$\therefore$ Volume of Cl_2 liberated by 1.8 F electricity

$= 1.8 \times 11.2 =$ **20.16 L**

B58. (*d*) : $\alpha = \frac{\Lambda_m^c}{\Lambda_m^o} = \frac{150}{500} = 0.3$

$K_a = \frac{c\alpha^2}{1-\alpha} = \frac{0.007\,(0.3)^2}{(1-0.3)}$

$= \frac{0.007 \times 0.09}{0.7} =$ **9×10^{-4} M**

B59. (*d*) : Decreases by 60 mV

B60. (*d*) : For a sparingly soluble salt

$\text{Solubility} = \frac{\kappa \times 1000}{\Lambda_m^\circ}$

$\kappa = 1.85 \times 10^{-5}\ Sm^{-1} = 1.85 \times 10^{-7}\ S\ cm^{-1}$

$\Lambda_m^\circ = 140 \times 10^{-4}\ Sm^2\ mol^{-1} = 140\ S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}$

$\text{Solubility} = \frac{1.85 \times 10^{-7} \times 1000}{140}$

$= 1.321 \times 10^{-6}\ mol\ L^{-1}$

For an electrolyte AB,

$AB \rightleftharpoons A^+ + B^-$

If *s* is the solubility, then

$K_{sp} = s^2 = (1.321 \times 10^{-6})^2$

$=$ **$1.745 \times 10^{-12}\ mol^2\ L^{-2}$**

B61. (*a*) : $E = E^\circ - \frac{0.0591}{n} \log \frac{[Cr^{3+}]^2}{[Cr_2O_7^{2-}][H^+]^{14}}$

$1.067 = 1.33 - \frac{0.0591}{6} \log \frac{(15 \times 10^{-3})^2}{(4.5 \times 10^{-3})[H^+]^{14}}$

$1.067 = 1.33 - 0.0098 \log \frac{50 \times 10^{-3}}{[H^+]^{14}}$

$0.0098 \log \frac{50 \times 10^{-3}}{[H^+]^{14}} = 1.33 - 1.067 = 0.263$ V

$\log \frac{50 \times 10^{-3}}{[H^+]^{14}} = \frac{0.263}{0.0098} = 26.83$

$\log(50 \times 10^{-3}) - \log[H^+]^{14} = 26.83$

$-1.3 - 14 \log[H^+] = 26.83$

$-14 \log[H^+] = 26.83 + 1.3 = 28.13$

or $-\log[H^+] = \frac{28.13}{14} = 2.01$

$\therefore$ pH = **2**

B62. (*c*) : During charging, Pb^{2+} ions of $PbSO_4$ are reduced to Pb on cathode:

$PbSO_4(s) + 2e^- \longrightarrow Pb(s) + SO_4^{2-}(aq)$

B65. (*d*) : In acidic medium

$Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 14H^+ + 6e^- \longrightarrow 2Cr^{3+} + 7H_2O$

Reduction of 1 mol of $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$ to Cr^{3+} require = 6F

B66. (*c*) : $Na\overset{+5}{Cl}O_3 + H_2O \longrightarrow Na\overset{+7}{Cl}O_4 + H_2$

or $Na\overset{+5}{Cl}O_3 - 2e^- \longrightarrow Na\overset{+7}{Cl}O_4$

2 moles of electrons or 2 Faradays charge produce 1 mole of $NaClO_4$.

$\therefore$ 3 Faradays of charge will produce $= \frac{1}{2} \times 3$

$= 1.5$ moles of $NaClO_4$

B67. (*b*) : Lower the reduction potential, more easily it is oxidised and stronger is the reducing agent. Thus, zinc having lowest reduction potential is the strongest reducing agent.

B68. (*a*) : During electrolysis of aqueous NaCl, the reaction occurring at anode is

$Cl^-(aq) \longrightarrow \frac{1}{2} Cl_2(g) + e^-$

B69. (*c*) : In $H_2 - O_2$ fuel cell, net reaction is

$2H_2(g) + O_2(g) \longrightarrow 2H_2O(l)$

Since cell is supplied with 1 mole of H_2 and 10 moles of O_2, H_2 is the limiting reagent. Therefore, 1 mole of H_2 will react with 0.5 mole of O_2

$2H_2(g) + \frac{1}{2} O_2(g) \longrightarrow H_2O(l)\ ;\ n = 2e^-$

$Q = nF$

and $Q = I \times t$, $I = 96.5\ mA = 96.5 \times 10^{-3}$ A

$2 \times 96500 = 96.5 \times 10^{-3} \times t$

or $t = \frac{2 \times 96500}{96.5 \times 10^{-3}} =$ **2×10^6 s**

B71. (*a*) : $Zn\,|\,Zn^{2+}(0.1\ M)\,||\,Cu^{2+}(0.01\ M)\,|\,Cu$

$E^\circ_{cell} = E^\circ_{Cu^{2+}|Cu} - E^\circ_{Zn^{2+}|Zn}$

$= 0.34 - (-0.76) = 1.10$ V

$E = E^\circ - \frac{0.059}{2} \log \frac{[Zn^{2+}]}{[Cu^{2+}]}$

$= 1.10 - \frac{0.059}{2} \log \frac{(0.1)}{(0.01)}$

$= 1.0 - 0.0295 =$ **1.07 V**

Since, E of the cell is positive, the reaction is spontaneous.

B72. (*c*) : $Al^{3+} + 3e^- \longrightarrow Al$

For depositing 1 mole of Al, electricity required = 3F

B73. (*b*) : $E^\circ - E^\circ_{red}\,(\text{cathode}) - E^\circ_{red}\,(\text{anode})$

$= E^\circ_{Fe^{2+}|Fe} - E^\circ_{Zn^{2+}|Zn}$

$= -0.41 - (-0.76) =$ **0.35 V**

B74. (*a*) : $\Lambda_m = \frac{\kappa\ (\text{Specific conductance}) \times 1000}{M}$

or $\frac{\Lambda_m}{\kappa} = \frac{1000}{0.01} = 10^5\ cm^3\ mol^{-1}$

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B75. (*d*) :
$$\log K = \frac{nFE^\circ_{cell}}{2.303RT} = \frac{nE^\circ_{cell}}{0.059}$$
$$= \frac{2\times 0.3}{0.0591} = 10.15 \approx 10$$
$$K = \mathbf{10^{10}}$$

B76. (*b*) : $\overset{+7}{Mn}O_4^- + 3e^- \longrightarrow \overset{+4}{Mn}O_2$

Charge required for reduction of 1 mol of MnO_4^-
$$= \mathbf{3F}$$

B77. (*a*) : If x is the solubility of AgCl

$$AgCl \rightleftharpoons \underset{x}{Ag^+} + \underset{x}{Cl^-}$$
$$KCl \longrightarrow \underset{0.1}{K^+} + \underset{0.1}{Cl^-}$$
$$[Ag^+] = x,\ [Cl^-] = x + 0.1 = 0.1\ (\because x << 0.1)$$

For precipitation to start

$$K_{sp} = [Ag^+]\,[Cl^-]$$
$$1.8\times 10^{-10} = x \times 0.1$$
$$x = \frac{1.8\times 10^{-10}}{0.1} = 1.8\times 10^{-9}$$
Mass of AgCl $= 1.8\times 10^{-9}\times 143.5$
$$= 2.58\times 10^{-7}\text{g}$$

Quantity of electricity required to deposit 2.58×10^{-7} g AgCl
1 mol or 143.5 g of AgCl is deposited by 96500C
2.58×10^{-7} g of AgCl is deposited by $= \frac{96500\times 2.58\times 10^{-7}}{143.5}$

Now, $Q = It$ or $t = \frac{Q}{I}$

or $t = \frac{96500\times 2.58\times 10^{-7}}{143.5\times 1\times 10^{-6}} = 173.4\text{s}.$

B78. (*a*) : $2Li(s) + F_2(g) \longrightarrow 2LiF(aq)$

$E^\circ_{cell} = 5.92\text{ V}$
$$E = E^\circ_{cell} - \frac{0.059}{2}\log[LiF]^2$$
$$= 5.92 - \frac{0.059}{2}\log(2)^2$$
$$= 5.92 - \frac{0.059}{2}\times 2\log 2$$
$$= 5.92 - 0.059\times 0.3010 = \mathbf{5.90\text{ V}}$$

B79. (*a*) :
$$\alpha = \frac{\Lambda_m^\circ}{\Lambda_m^c}$$
$$= \frac{240}{420} = \frac{12}{21}$$
$$\alpha = \frac{i-1}{n-1} = \frac{i-1}{2-1} = \frac{12}{21}$$
$$i = \frac{12}{21} + 1 = \frac{33}{21}$$
$$\Delta T_b = i K_b m$$
$$= \frac{33}{21}\times 0.52\times 3 = 2.45\text{ K}$$
Boiling point of solution = 373.15 + 2.45
$$= \mathbf{375.6\text{ K}}$$

B80. (*b*) : $Zn + Fe^{2+} \longrightarrow Zn^{2+} + Fe$
$$E = E^\ominus - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{[Zn^{2+}]}{[Fe^{2+}]}$$
$$= E^\ominus - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{10^{-2}}{10^{-3}}$$
$$0.2905 = E^\ominus - \frac{0.059}{2}$$
$$E^\ominus = 0.2905 + \frac{0.059}{2} = 0.32$$
Now $E^\ominus = \frac{0.059}{2}\log K$
$$0.32 = \frac{0.059}{2}\log K$$
$$\log K = \frac{0.32}{0.0295}$$
$$\therefore K = \mathbf{10^{\,0.32/0.0295}}.$$

B81. (*a*) : $Fe(s) \longrightarrow Fe^{2+}(aq) + 2e^-,\ \Delta G_1^\circ$

$2H^+ + 2e^- + \frac{1}{2}O_2 \longrightarrow H_2O\,(l),\ \Delta G_2^\circ$

$Fe(s) + 2H^+ + \frac{1}{2}O_2 \longrightarrow Fe^{2+}(aq) + H_2O(l),\ \Delta G_3^\circ$

Applying $\Delta G_1^\ominus + \Delta G_2^\circ = \Delta G_3^\ominus$
$$\Delta G_3^\ominus = -2F\times 0.44 + (-2F\times 1.23)$$
$$= -2\times 96500\times 0.44 - 2\times 96500\times 1.23$$
$$= -322310\text{ J}$$
or $\Delta G_3^\ominus = \mathbf{-322.3\text{ kJ}}$

B82. (*b*) : $NaCl(aq) \longrightarrow Na^+ + Cl^-$

$H_2O \longrightarrow H^+ + OH^-$

$H^+ + e^- \longrightarrow \frac{1}{2}H_2$

0.5 mol of H_2 is liberated by 96500 C
0.01 mol of H_2 will be liberated by
$$= \frac{96500}{0.5}\times 0.01 = 1930\text{ C}$$
$$Q = I\times t$$
or $$t = \frac{Q}{I} = \frac{1930\text{ C}}{10\times 10^{-3}\text{A}}$$
$$= 193000\text{ sec} = \mathbf{19.3\times 10^{-4}s}$$

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B83. (*d*) : $E = E^\circ - \frac{0.059}{4}\log\frac{[Fe^{2+}]^2}{pO_2\times[H^+]^4}$

$= 1.67 - \frac{0.059}{4}\log\frac{(10^{-3})^2}{0.1\times(10^{-3})^4}$

$= 1.67 - \frac{0.059}{4}\log 10^7$

$= 1.67 - 0.10 = \mathbf{1.57}.$

B85. (*d*) : $Pt(s)\,|\,H_2(g)(1\text{ bar})\,|\,H^+(aq),(1M)\,||\,M^{4+}(aq),\ M^{2+}(aq)\,|\,Pt(s)$

The cell reaction is: $H_2 + M^{4+}(aq) \longrightarrow 2H^+(aq) + M^{2+}(aq)$

$$E_{cell} = E^\circ_{cell} - \frac{0.059}{n}\log\frac{[H^+]^2[M^{2+}(aq)]}{p_{H_2}.[M^{4+}(aq)]}$$

$$E^\circ_{cell} = E^\circ_{M^{4+}|M^{2+}} - E^\circ_{H^+|H_2} = 0.151 - 0 = 0.151\text{ V}$$

$[H^+] = 1,\ E_{cell} = 0.092\text{V},\ p_{H_2} = 1\text{ bar},\ x = 2$

$$\therefore\quad 0.092 = 0.151 - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{[1]^2[M^{2+}(aq)]}{[1][M^{4+}(aq)]}$$

$$0.092 - 0.151 = -\frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{[M^{2+}(aq)]}{[M^{4+}(aq)]}$$

$$-0.059 = -\frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{[M^{2+}(aq)]}{[M^{4+}(aq)]}$$

or $\log\frac{[M^{2+}(aq)]}{[M^{4+}(aq)]} = 2$

or $\frac{[M^{2+}(aq)]}{[M^{4+}(aq)]} = 10^2 = 10^x$ or $x = 2$

B86. (*a*) : $Zn(s) + Cu^{2+}(aq) \longrightarrow Zn^{2+}(aq) + Cu(s)$

$\Delta G = \Delta G^\circ + RT\ln Q$

$\Delta G = \Delta G^\circ + 2.303\ RT\log Q$

$Q = \frac{[Zn^{2+}]}{[Cu^{2+}]} = \frac{10}{1}$

$\Delta G^\circ = -nF\,E^\circ_{cell} = -2\times F\times 1.1$

$\therefore\quad \Delta G = -2\times F\times 1.1 + 2.303\ RT\log\frac{10}{1}$

$= 2.303\ RT - 2.2\ F$

D. *mcq based on passage/comprehension*

D1. (*b*) : $\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S$

or $\Delta S = \frac{\Delta H - \Delta G}{T}$

$= \frac{-285.8 - (-237.2)}{298} = \frac{-48.6}{298}$

$= -0.163\text{ kJ K}^{-1}\text{ mol}^{-1}$

$= \mathbf{-163\ J\ K^{-1}\ mol^{-1}}.$

D2. (*c*) : $E^\circ_{cell} = E^\circ_{(cathode)} - E^\circ_{(anode)}$

$1.23 = 0.41 - E^\circ_{(anode)}$

$\therefore\quad E^\circ_{(anode)} = \mathbf{-0.82\ V}$

D3. (*a*) : Under ideal conditions, electrical work

$= \Delta G = -237.2\text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$

Moles of H_2 needed

$= \frac{-47.4}{-237.2} = 0.2$

Vol. of H_2 needed at 25°C and 1 atm.

$= \frac{nRT}{p}$

$= \frac{0.2\times 0.082\times 298}{1}$

$= \mathbf{4.89\ L}$

D4. (*d*) : Since the cell reaction does not involve OH^- ions concentration, $E^\ominus_{ccll}$ will remain unchanged.

D5. (*c*) : Thermodynamic efficiency

$= \frac{\Delta G}{\Delta H} = \frac{-nFE}{\Delta H}$

$= \frac{-2\times 96500\times 1.23}{-285.8\times 10^3}$

$= \mathbf{0.83\text{ or }83\%}$

D6. (*d*) : $E^\ominus_{cell} = E^\ominus_R - E^\ominus_L$

$= 0.8 - 0.05$

$= 0.75\text{ V}$

$\Delta G^\ominus_{cell} = -2FE^\ominus_{cell}$

$= -RT\ln K$

$\ln K = \frac{2F}{RT}\times 0.75$

$= 2\times 38.9\times 0.75$

$= \mathbf{58.35}$

D7. (*a*) : $E = E^\ominus - \frac{RT}{2F}\ln[H^+]^2$

$= E^\ominus - \frac{2}{38.9\times 2}\ln[H^+]$

$= E^\ominus + \frac{2.303}{38.9}\,pH$

or $E = E^\ominus + \frac{2.303}{38.9}\times 11$

$= E^\ominus + 0.65$

$E - E^\ominus = \mathbf{0.65\ V}.$

D8. (*a*) : Because $E^\ominus_{Ag^+||Ag} > E^\ominus_{[Ag(NH_3)_2]^+|Ag}$

D9. (*b*) : $\underset{(1M)}{M^+} \longrightarrow \underset{(0.05M)}{M^+}$

Applying Nernst equation

$E = E^\circ - \frac{0.059}{1}\log\frac{0.05}{1}$

$E = -\frac{0.059}{1}\log\left(5\times 10^{-2}\right) = 0.076$

$\therefore\quad E = +\text{ve or} > 0,\ \Delta G = -\text{ve or} < 0$

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D10. (*c*) : $\frac{E_1}{E_2} = \frac{\log 0.05}{\log 0.0025}$

$$\frac{E_1}{E_2} = \frac{\log 5\times10^{-2}}{\log 25\times10^{-4}} = \frac{-1.3}{-2.6} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Now $E_1 = 70$ (given)

$$\frac{70}{E_2} = \frac{1}{2} \quad \therefore E_2 = 70\times2 = 140\text{ mV}$$

D11. (*d*) : $\Delta G = -n\,F\,E_{cell}$

$= -2\times96500\times0.059$

$= -11387\text{ J mol}^{-1}$

or $= -11.4\text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$

D12. (*b*) : $M \mid M^{2+}(aq)$ (saturated solution) $\| M^{2+}(aq)\,(0.001\text{ M}) \mid 1\text{M}$

Anode : $M \longrightarrow M^{2+}(aq) + 2e^-$

Cathode : $M^{2+}(aq) + 2e^- \longrightarrow M$

$M^{2+}(aq)_{cathode} \longrightarrow M^{2+}(aq)_{anode}$

$$E = E^\circ - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{[M^{2+}(aq)]_{anode}}{[M^{2+}(aq)]_{cathode}}$$

$$0.059 = 0 - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{[M^{2+}(aq)]_{anode}}{10^{-3}}$$

$$-2 = \log\frac{[M^{2+}(aq)]_{anode}}{10^{-3}}$$

$$-2 = 3\log[M^{2+}(aq)]_{anode}$$

or $10^{-2} = 10^3\,[M^{2+}(aq)]_{anode}$

$$\therefore [M^{2+}(aq)]_{anode} = \frac{10^{-2}}{10^3} = 10^{-5}$$

For MX_2, $MX_2 \rightleftharpoons M^{2+} + 2X^-$

If s is the solubility, then

$[M^{2+}] = s$, $[X^-] = 2s$

$K_{sp} = [M^{2+}]\,[X^-]^2$

$= s\times(2s)^2 = 4s^3$

$= 4\times(10^{-5})^3 = 4\times10^{-15}\text{ dm}^{-9}\text{ mol}^3$

Matching Type Questions

1. (*d*) P : $Fe^{3+} \xrightarrow[0.77\text{V},\,n=1]{\Delta G_1^\circ} Fe^{2+} \xrightarrow[-0.44\text{V},\,n=2]{\Delta G_2^\circ} Fe$

ΔG_3°

$x\text{V},\ n=3$

$\Delta G_3^\circ = \Delta G_1^\circ + \Delta G_2^\circ$

$3\times xF = 1\times0.77\times F + 2(-0.44)\times F$

$3x = 0.77 - 0.88$

$$x = -\frac{0.11}{3} = -0.037 = -0.04\text{ V}$$

Q : $2H_2O \longrightarrow O_2 + 4H^+ + 4e^-$; $E^\circ = -1.23\text{V}$

$O_2 + 2H_2O + 4e^- \longrightarrow 4OH^-$; $E^\circ = +0.40\text{ V}$

$4H_2O \longrightarrow 4H^+ + 4OH^-$; $E^\circ = -0.83\text{ V}$

R : $Cu^{2+} + 2e^- \longrightarrow Cu$; $E^\circ = +0.34\text{V}$

$2Cu \longrightarrow 2Cu^+ + 2e^-$; $E^\circ = -0.52\text{V}$

$Cu^{2+} + Cu \longrightarrow 2Cu^{2+}$; $E^\circ = -0.18\text{V}$

S : $Cr^{3+} \xrightarrow[x,\,n=1]{\Delta G_1^\circ} Cr^{2+} \xrightarrow[-0.91\text{V},\,n=2]{\Delta G_2^\circ} Cr$

ΔG_3°

$-0.74\text{ V}, \quad n=3$

$\Delta G_3^\circ = \Delta G_1^\circ + \Delta G_2^\circ$

$-3F\times0.74 = 1F\times x + 2F\times(-0.91)$

$x = -2.22 + 1.82$

or $= \mathbf{-0.40\text{ V}}$

Integer Type or Numerical Value Type Questions

1. (5) : Zn, K, Al, Na, Ni

2. (3) :

$$E = E^\circ - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{[Mg^{2+}]}{[Cu^{2+}]}$$

$$2.651 = 2.71 - \frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{0.1}{(1.0\times10^{-x})}$$

$$2.651 - 2.71 = -\frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{0.1}{(1.0\times10^{-x})}$$

$$-0.059 = -\frac{0.059}{2}\log\frac{0.1}{(1.0\times10^{-x})}$$

$$2 = \log0.1 - \log(1.0\times10^{-x})$$

$$2 = -1 - \log(1.0\times10^{-x})$$

$$\log(1.0\times10^{-x}) = -3$$

$$\log1.0 - x\log10 = -3$$

$$\therefore \quad -x = -3$$

or $x = 3$

3. (9) : $Al^{3+} + 3e^- \longrightarrow Al$

For depositing 1 mol or 27 g Al, electricity required = 3F

For depositing 81 g, electricity required $= \frac{3\times81}{27}$

$= 9F$

4. (5) : $2H^+ + 2e^- \longrightarrow H_2$

22.4 L of H_2 is produced by $= 2\times96500\text{ C}$

4.48 L of H_2 is produced by $= \frac{2\times96500\times4.48}{22.4}$

$= 38600\text{ C}$

Now $38600\text{C} = 2.14\text{ A}\times t(\text{s})$

$$t = \frac{38600}{2.14} = 18037\text{ s}$$

or $$t = \frac{18037}{3600} = 5\text{ hr.}$$

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5. (5) : 2 L of 0.5 M $KMnO_4$ solution will contain $2 \times 0.5 = 1.0$ mol of $KMnO_4$. Reduction of $KMnO_4$ is

$MnO_4^- + 8H^+ + 5e^- \longrightarrow Mn^{2+} + 4H_2O$

Thus, 1 mol of MnO_4^- requires 5F of electricity.

6. (1) : Electrode potential does not change with change in stoichiometric coefficients of electrode reactions.

7. (4) : The cell may be represented as

$H_2 \mid H^+(10^{-6}M) \parallel M^+(M_1) \mid H_2$

$$E = E^\circ - \frac{0.059}{1}\log\frac{[H^+]_{anode}}{[H^+]_{cathode}}$$

$$0.118 = 0 - \frac{0.059}{1}\log\frac{(10^{-6})}{M_1}$$

$$\log\frac{(10^{-6})}{M_1} = -\frac{0.118}{0.059} = -2$$

$$\frac{10^{-6}}{M_1} = 10^{-2}$$

$$\therefore \quad M_1 = \frac{10^{-6}}{10^{-2}} = 10^{-4}\,M$$

$$\therefore \quad x = 4$$

8. (3) : Given : $\lambda^\circ_{X^-} = \lambda^\circ_{Y^-}$

Adding $\lambda^\circ_{H^+}$ on both sides

$$\lambda^\circ_{X^-} + \lambda^\circ_{H^+} = \lambda^\circ_{Y^-} + \lambda^\circ_{H^+}$$

or $$\Lambda^\circ_{HX} = \Lambda^\circ_{HY} \qquad ...(i)$$

Degree of dissociation is given as

$$\alpha_{HX} = \frac{\Lambda^c_{HX}}{\Lambda^\circ_{HX}} \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha_{HY} = \frac{\Lambda^c_{HY}}{\Lambda^\circ_{HY}}$$

or $$\frac{\alpha_{HX}}{\alpha_{HY}} = \frac{\Lambda^c_{HX}}{\Lambda^c_{HY}} \times \frac{\Lambda^\circ_{HY}}{\Lambda^\circ_{HX}} = \frac{\Lambda^c_{HX}}{\Lambda^c_{HY}} \qquad ...(ii)$$

But $$\Lambda^c_{HX} = \frac{1}{10}\Lambda^c_{HY} = 0.1\,\Lambda^c_{HY}$$

$$\therefore \quad \alpha_{HX} = 0.1\,\alpha_{HY}$$

Now $$K_{a(HX)} = \frac{c\alpha^2_{HX}}{1-\alpha_{HX}} \approx c\alpha^2_{HX}$$

$$= 0.01 \times (0.1\,\alpha_{HY})^2 \qquad ...(iii)$$

$$K_{a(HY)} = c\alpha^2_{HY} = 0.1\,(\alpha_{HY})^2 \qquad ...(iv)$$

Dividing eq. (*iii*) by eq. (*iv*)

$$\frac{K_{a(HX)}}{K_{a(HY)}} = \frac{0.01 \times 0.01\,\alpha^2_{HY}}{0.1\,\alpha^2_{HY}} = 10^{-3}$$

Taking log

$$\log K_{a(HX)} - \log K_{a(HY)} = -3$$

$$-pK_{a(HX)} + pK_{a(HY)} = -3$$

or $$pK_{a(HX)} - pK_{a(HY)} = 3$$

9. (6) : *Refer Advanced Level Problems, Problem 2. (page 21)*

10. (10) : *Refer Advanced Level Problems, Problem 8 (page 45).*

11. (–11.62) : *Refer Advanced Level Problems, Problem 11 (page 51).*

NCERT Exemplar Problems : MCQs Type-I

1. (*c*) : $Pt(s) \mid H_2(g, 1\,bar) \mid H^+(aq, 1\,M) \parallel Cu^{2+}(aq, 1\,M) \mid Cu$ represents correct cell for measuring standard electrode potential of copper.

2. (*b*) : $E_{(Mg^{2+}|Mg)}$ increases with increase in log $[Mg^{2+}]$ and at log $[Mg^{2+}] = 0$, the value is equal to $E^\circ_{(Mg^{2+}|Mg)}$

3. (*c*) : E_{cell} is an intensive property and $\Delta_r G$ is an extensive property.

5. (*d*) : It provides surface either for oxidation or for reduction reaction and not for a redox reaction.

6. (*c*) : When E_{ext} becomes larger than E_{cell}, the electrochemical cell behaves as an electrolytic cell.

7. (*c*) : Conductivity also depends upon the extent of solvation of ions in the solution.

8. (*b*) : $Cr^{3+} \mid Cr$ has the least reduction potential and therefore, it can be easily oxidised. Hence Cr acts as strongest reducing agent.

9. (*c*) : MnO_4^- can be easily reduced to Mn^{2+} and therefore, MnO_4^- acts as the strongest oxidising agent.

11. (*d*) : Mn^{2+} is most stable ion in reduced form because MnO_4^- acts as the strongest oxidising agent.

12. (*a*) : Cr^{3+} is most stable oxidised species because Cr acts as the strongest reducing agent.

13. (*c*) : $Al^{3+} + 3e^- \longrightarrow Al$

Quantity of charge required for one mole = 3F

15. (*a*) : While charging the lead storage battery,

$2PbSO_4(s) + 2H_2O \xrightarrow{\text{Charge}} Pb(s) + PbO_2(s) + 2H_2SO_4$ at anode

17. (*b*) : At anode, the standard reduction potential of water is slightly less than that of $Cl^-(aq)$ and therefore, it has more chances of getting oxidised.

NCERT Exemplar Problems : MCQs Type-II

20. (*b*), (*c*) : $\frac{2.303RT}{2F}\log K_c = E^\circ = 1.1\,V$

$$\log K_c = \frac{nE^o}{0.059} = \frac{2 \times 1.1}{0.059}$$

22. (*a*), (*b*) : because $\Lambda^\circ_m(H_2O) = \Lambda_m{}^\circ(H^+) + \Lambda^\circ_m(OH^-)$

25. (*a*), (*b*) : Conductivity, $\kappa = \frac{1}{R}\cdot\frac{l}{a}$

or $\kappa = \frac{1}{R}\cdot G^*$, where G^* is cell constant and is equal to $\frac{l}{a}$.

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Unit Practice Test

for Board Examination

Time allowed : 2 Hrs. *Maximum Marks : 35*

1. Give the units of conductivity and molar conductivity. (1)

2. Write the overall cell reaction for lead storage battery. (1)

3. Define Faraday's second law of electrolysis. (1)

4. What is the role of $ZnCl_2$ in a dry cell ? (1)

5. Out of copper and zinc vessels, which vessel would be suitable for storing 1M HCl? (1)

6. Predict the products of electrolysis in each of the following : (2)

(i) An aqueous solution of $AgNO_3$ with silver electrode.

(ii) A dilute solution of H_2SO_4 with platinum electrodes.

7. How much electricity is required in Coulombs to produce 40 *g* of Al from molten Al_2O_3? (2)

8. Conductivity of 0.00241 M acetic acid is 7.896×10^{-5} S cm^{-1}. Calculate its molar conductivity. If Λ_m° for acetic acid is 390.5 S cm^2 mol^{-1}, what would be its dissociation constant? (2)

9. Write cell reactions which occur in lead storage battery

(i) When battery is in use

(ii) When the battery is on charging. (2)

10. Give two points of differences between emf and potential difference . (2)

11. Write the Nernst equation and calculate e.m.f. of the following cell at 298 K :

$$Sn(s) \mid Sn^{2+}(0.050M) \parallel H^+(0.020\ M) \mid H_2\ (1\ atm)\ Pt.$$ (3)

12. Explain the following :

(*i*) Electrical protection for preventing rusting of iron pipes in underground water.

(*ii*) Can you store copper sulphate solution in a zinc pot or not?

(*iii*) Effect of dilution on molar conductivity. (3)

13. Write the chemical equations for all the steps involved in the rusting of iron. Explain why does alkaline medium inhibits the rusting of iron. (3)

14. State Kohlrausch law of independent migration of ions. Mention one application of the law. (3)

15. List main differences between electrochemical cells and electrolytic cells ? (3)

16. (*a*) The cell in which the following reaction occurs :

$$2Fe^{3+}(aq) + 2I^-(aq) \longrightarrow 2Fe^{2+}(aq) + I_2$$

has E°_{cell} = 0.236 V at 298 K. Calculate the standard Gibbs energy and the equilibrium constant of the cell reaction.

(*b*) What are fuel cells ? Give one example.

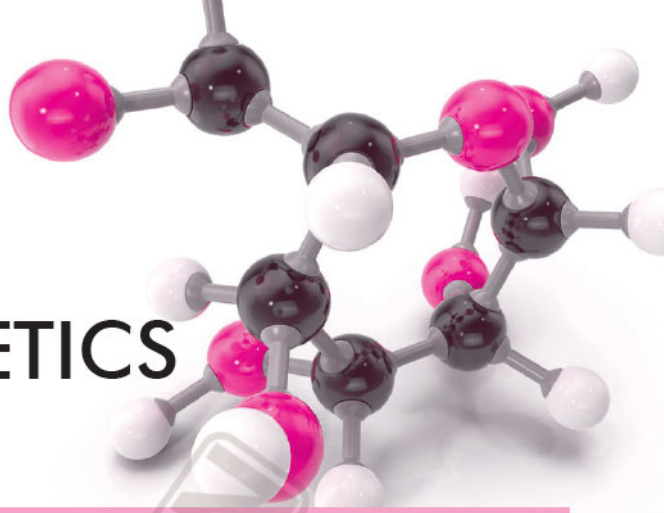
(*c*) Give the units of cell constant. (5)

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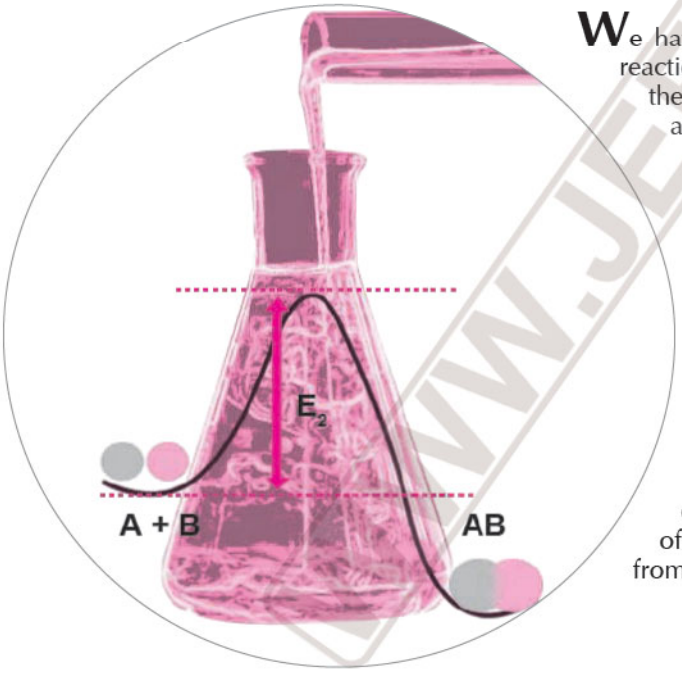
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We have learnt some aspects of chemical reactions. The feasibility of a reaction under the given experimental conditions can be predicted on the basis of decrease in Gibbs energy ($\Delta G < 0$). The extent to which a reaction proceeds can be explained with the help of equilibrium constant of the reaction. The third important aspect of the chemical reactions is the speed with which the reactions proceed. Although thermodynamics answer the first two aspects satisfactorily, it cannot answer this important question; how fast a reaction can occur ?

The branch of chemistry which deals with the rates of chemical reactions and the factors which influence the rates of reactions and the mechanisms by which the reactions proceed is called **chemical kinetics.**

The word kinetics is derived from the Greek word 'kinesis' meaning movement. The kinetic studies not only help us to know the speed or rate of a chemical reaction but also describe the conditions by which the reaction rates may be altered. The study of the rates of reactions also helps us to understand the pathways from reactants to products called mechanism of the reaction.

RATE OF A CHEMICAL REACTION

Everyday experience tells us that chemical reactions take place in widely varying rates. Some reactions are so rapid that they occur as soon as the reactants are mixed. For example, the reactions involving ionic species (known as **ionic reactions**) are very fast. For example, the precipitation of silver chloride occurs very quicky on mixing the solutions of silver nitrate and sodium chloride. Similarly, the neutralisation of an acid by a base occurs as soon as the two substances are mixed.

$$AgNO_3(aq) + NaCl(aq) \longrightarrow AgCl(s) + NaNO_3(aq)$$
$$NaOH(aq) + HCl(aq) \longrightarrow NaCl(aq) + H_2O(l)$$
$$BaCl_2(aq) + H_2SO_4(aq) \longrightarrow BaSO_4(s) + 2HCl(aq)$$

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It may be noted that *these reactions involve only the ions and no bonds are broken. Therefore, they occur very fast*. These reactions occur in about 10^{-12} to 10^{-16} seconds. On the other hand, there are certain reactions which occur at an extremely slow speed. For example, rusting of iron occurs so slowly that one could be misled into thinking that no reaction is taking place at all. However, there are some reactions which occur in a conveniently measurable time and their rates can be measured easily in the laboratory.

Reactions involving ionic species (known as ionic reactions) are very fast reactions. These generally occur in 10^{-12} to 10^{-16} seconds.

Some common examples of such reactions are :

(*i*) Hydrolysis of an ester in the presence of sodium hydroxide

$$\underset{\text{Ethyl acetate}}{CH_3COOC_2H_5} + NaOH \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Sodium acetate}}{CH_3COONa} + \underset{\text{Ethanol}}{C_2H_5OH}$$

(*ii*) Decomposition of hydrogen peroxide

$$2H_2O_2\,(aq) \longrightarrow 2H_2O(l) + O_2(g)$$

(*iii*) Inversion of cane sugar to give glucose and fructose

$$\underset{\text{Sucrose}}{C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}} + H_2O \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Glucose}}{C_6H_{12}O_6} + \underset{\text{Fructose}}{C_6H_{12}O_6}$$

(*iv*) Decomposition of nitrogen (V) oxide

$$2N_2O_5 \longrightarrow 4NO_2 + O_2$$

These are the reactions which are focus of attention for us.

You must be knowing that speed of an automobile is expressed in terms of change in position of distance covered by it in a certain period of time. Similarly, the rate of a chemical reaction is a measure of the speed with which the reactants are converted into products.

Rate of reaction may be defined as

the change in any one of the reactants or products per unit time.

This may be obtained by dividing the change in concentration of a reactant or a product by the time interval over which the change occurs.

Consider a hypothetical reaction:

$$R \longrightarrow P$$

in which one mole of the reactant 'R' produces one mole of the product 'P'. The rate of the reaction may be expressed in either of the following two ways :

(*i*) *The rate of disappearance or decrease in concentration of R (reactants):*

$$\text{Rate of reaction} = \frac{\text{Decrease in concentration of R}}{\text{Time taken}}$$

(*ii*) *The rate of increase in concentration of P (products) :*

$$\text{Rate of reaction} = \frac{\text{Increase in concentration of P}}{\text{Time taken}}$$

If $[R]_1$ and $[P]_1$ are the concentrations of R and P respectively at time t_1 and $[R]_2$ and $[P]_2$ are their respective concentrations at time t_2, then

$$\Delta t = t_2 - t_1$$

$$\Delta[R] = [R]_2 - [R]_1 \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta[P] = [P]_2 - [P]_1$$

where the square brackets express the molar concentrations and $\Delta[R]$ and $\Delta[P]$ are the changes in concentrations of R and P during time interval Δt. Then rate of the reaction may be obtained by dividing the change in concentration of a reactant or a product by the time interval over which the change occurs. This is expressed as a:

$$\text{Rate of reaction} = -\frac{\Delta[R]}{\Delta t} \qquad ...(1)$$

or

$$\text{Rate of reaction} = \frac{\Delta[P]}{\Delta t} \qquad ...(2)$$

where $\Delta[R]$ gives the decrease in concentration of R and $\Delta[P]$ represents increase in concentration of P. The square brackets around the substances are used to express the molar concentration (mol/litre). It may be noted *that in the case of concentration of reactants* **minus sign** is used. This implies that the concentration of reactants is decreasing with time.

The above rate is also called *average rate of the reaction*. It has the dimensions of concentration/time. The units of concentration and time are chosen according to the convenience.

NOTE

Significance of negative sign.

The significance of negative sign in the case of expressing rate of reaction in terms of reactants may be understood. The concentration of reactants is decreasing as time passes and, therefore, ΔR, (*i.e.,* final concentration–initial concentration) will be negative.

This makes the expression $\frac{\Delta[R]}{\Delta t}$ (reaction rate) negative. But we know that rate is always positive, as also obtained from the rate of formation of products. Therefore, minus sign is put before $\frac{\Delta[R]}{\Delta t}$ so that the rate is positive [(–) × (–) = +ve]. Thus,

$$\text{Rate of reaction} = -\frac{\Delta[R]}{\Delta t} = \frac{\Delta[P]}{\Delta t}$$

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In the above example, the stoichiometric coefficients for the reactants and products are same. Therefore, the rate at which the concentration of R decreases will be the same as the rate at which the concentration of P increases. Therefore, the rates expressed by the Eq. (1) and Eq. (2) are same.

For example, for the reaction :

$$PCl_5\,(g) \longrightarrow PCl_3\,(g) + Cl_2\,(g)$$

Rate may be expressed as :

$$\text{Rate} = -\frac{\Delta[PCl_5]}{\Delta t} = \frac{\Delta[PCl_3]}{\Delta t} = \frac{\Delta[Cl_2]}{\Delta t}$$

Similarly, for the reaction :

$$Hg\,(l) + Cl_2\,(g) \longrightarrow HgCl_2\,(s)$$

Rate may be expressed as :

$$\text{Rate} = -\frac{\Delta[Hg]}{\Delta t} = -\frac{\Delta[Cl_2]}{\Delta t} = \frac{\Delta[HgCl_2]}{\Delta t}$$

Reactions Involving Different Stoichiometric Coefficients of Reactants and Products

Consider the reaction

$$A + B \longrightarrow 2C$$

In this case, one mole of A reacts with one mole of B to form 2 moles of C. This means that the rates of disappearance of A and B are same but the rate of appearance of C must be twice the rate of disappearance of A and B. Thus,

$$2 \text{ Rate of disappearance of A} = 2 \text{ Rate of disappearance of B} = \text{Rate of appearance of C}$$

To get **unique value** of the reaction rate (independent of the concentration terms chosen), *we divide the rate of reaction defined with any of the reactants or products by the stoichiometric coefficient of that reactant or product involved in the reaction.* Thus, for the above reaction,

$$\text{Rate of reaction} = \frac{\Delta[A]}{\Delta t} = \frac{\Delta[B]}{\Delta t} = \frac{1}{2}\frac{\Delta[C]}{\Delta t}$$

For example, for the decomposition of gaseous nitrogen pentoxide (N_2O_5) as:

$$2N_2O_5(g) \longrightarrow 4NO_2(g) + O_2(g)$$

$$\text{Rate of reaction} = -\frac{1}{2}\frac{\Delta[N_2O_5]}{\Delta t} = \frac{1}{4}\frac{\Delta[NO_2]}{\Delta t} = \frac{\Delta[O_2]}{\Delta t}$$

Similarly, for the reaction :

$$2HI(g) \longrightarrow H_2(g) + I_2(g)$$

rate may be expressed as :

$$\text{Rate of reaction} = -\frac{1}{2}\frac{\Delta[HI]}{\Delta t} = \frac{\Delta[H_2]}{\Delta t} = \frac{\Delta[I_2]}{\Delta t}$$

For a gaseous reaction at constant temperature, concentration is directly proportional to the partial pressure of a species and hence, rate can also be expressed as rate of change in partial pressure of the reactant or the product.

Average Rate and Instantaneous Rate

The rate expressions given so far give the *average rate of reactions* over the time interval *(Δt)*. This may be expressed as :

$$\text{Rate} = \frac{\text{Change in concentration}}{\text{Time interval}} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}$$

However, it may be noted that average rate cannot be used to predict the rate of a reaction at a particular instant because the rate is generally not constant throughout the reaction. This is because rate of a reaction depends upon the molar concentration of reactants which keep on decreasing with the passage of time (while those of the products keep on increasing). Therefore, to express the rate at a particular moment of time, we determine the **instantaneous rate**. Thus, **instantaneous rate of a reaction** may be defined as

the rate of change of concentration of any one of the reactants or products at a particular moment of time.

Average rate concept and mechanical speed. The concept of average rate is similar to *mechanical speed*. For example, the average speed of a car can be easily calculated by knowing the distance covered by it in a given time. If the car covers 250 km in 5 hours, its average speed is = 250 km/5 hr = 50 km/hr. However, during the journey, the driver can look from the speedometer that the speed keeps on changing depending upon the conditions of the road, weather, traffic density etc. The needle of the speedometer indicating speed may vary from as low as 10 km/hr to 120 km/hr. For a chemical reaction also, the average rate depends on the values of t_2 and t_1 chosen. Like speed of the car, the rate also changes. This is due to the fact that in case of reactions, *the rate depends upon the concentration of the reactants*. As the reaction proceeds, the concentration of the reactants keeps on decreasing. Thus, the rate of a reaction may not be constant in the time interval which we measure.

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To express instantaneous rate of reaction, the time interval Δt is made as small as possible so that rate of reaction remains almost constant during that time interval.

Mathematically* instantaneous rates may be represented by $-\frac{d[R]}{dt}$ or $\frac{d[P]}{dt}$ instead of $-\frac{\Delta[R]}{\Delta t}$ or $\frac{\Delta[P]}{\Delta t}$ respectively. Here $d[R]$ or $d[P]$ represents infinitesimally small changes in concentration of R or P in infinitesimally small interval of time, dt. Thus, the average rate approaches the instantaneous rate as Δt becomes smaller and smaller *i.e.*,

REMEMBER

- Symbol Δ is used for larger change *i.e* for average rate.
- Symbol 'd' is used for smaller change *i.e.* for instantaneous rate.

$$-\left(\frac{\Delta[R]}{\Delta t}\right)_{\Delta t \to 0} = -\frac{d[R]}{dt} \quad \text{and} \quad \left(\frac{\Delta[P]}{\Delta t}\right)_{\Delta t \to 0} = \frac{d[P]}{dt}$$

$$\text{Thus,} \quad r_{inst} = -\frac{d[R]}{dt} \text{ or } = \frac{dP}{dt}$$

In general, if dx represents very small (infinitesimally small) change in concentration of any species during the very small (infinitesimally small) change of time, dt, the rate of the reaction may be expressed as :

$$\text{Rate of reaction} = \frac{dx}{dt}$$

If the rate is expressed in terms of concentration of any one of the reactants, which obviously, keeps on decreasing, the negative sign is used, as already discussed.

For a general reaction,

$$aA + bB \rightleftharpoons cC + dD$$

the rate of the reaction is defined as :

$$\text{Rate of reaction} = -\frac{1}{a}\frac{d[A]}{dt} = -\frac{1}{b}\frac{d[B]}{dt}$$

$$= \frac{1}{c}\frac{d[C]}{dt} = \frac{1}{d}\frac{d[D]}{dt}$$

Let us write the instantaneous rate expressions for some reactions :

(*i*) $2N_2O_5 \rightleftharpoons 4NO_2 + O_2$

$$\text{Rate of reaction} = -\frac{1}{2}\frac{d[N_2O_5]}{dt} = \frac{1}{4}\frac{d[NO_2]}{dt}$$

$$= \frac{d[O_2]}{dt}$$

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* In differential calculas, when Δt becomes very small and approaches zero, the ratio $\frac{\Delta[R]}{\Delta t}$ may be replaced by the derivative, $\frac{d[R]}{dt}$. That is,

$$\underset{\Delta t \to 0}{\text{Limit}} \frac{\Delta[R]}{\Delta t} = \frac{d[R]}{dt}$$

In general, for change in concentration of any species

$$\underset{\Delta t \to 0}{\text{Limit}} \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} = \frac{dx}{dt}$$

where dx is the infinitesimally small change in concentration corresponding to infinitesimally small change in time, dt.

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(*ii*) $H_2 + I_2 \rightleftharpoons 2HI$

$$\text{Rate of reaction} = -\frac{d[H_2]}{dt} = -\frac{d[I_2]}{dt} = \frac{1}{2}\frac{d[HI]}{dt}$$

(*iii*) $N_2 + 3H_2 \rightleftharpoons 2NH_3$

$$\text{Rate of reaction} = -\frac{d[N_2]}{dt} = -\frac{1}{3}\frac{d[H_2]}{dt} = \frac{1}{2}\frac{d[NH_3]}{dt}$$

(*iv*) $5Br^-(aq) + BrO_3^-(aq) + 6H^+(aq) \rightleftharpoons 3Br_2(aq) + 3H_2O(l)$

$$\text{Rate of reaction} = -\frac{1}{5}\frac{d[Br^-]}{dt} = -\frac{d[BrO_3^-]}{dt} = -\frac{1}{6}\frac{d[H^+]}{dt} = +\frac{1}{3}\frac{d[Br_2]}{dt} = +\frac{1}{3}\frac{d[H_2O]}{dt}$$

REMEMBER

- The rate of a reaction can be expressed in terms of any reactant or product.
- As concentration of reactant decreases, a **negative sign** is used to express the rate of reaction in terms of reactants.
- As concentration of products increases, a positive sign is used to express the rate of reaction in terms of products.
- To make the different expressions for the rate of reaction to be equivalent, the rate expressions are divided by the stoichiometric coefficients of that reactant or product in the balanced chemical equation.

EXPERIMENTAL MEASUREMENT OF REACTION RATE

In order to measure the rate of a reaction, we have to monitor the concentration of the reactant (or product) as a function of time. The most common practice to do so is to withdraw a known small amount of the reaction mixture (1 to 2 mL) at different intervals of time, cool it down immediately to nearly 0°C to arrest the reaction and then measure the concentration of the reactant (or the product) by some suitable method. The most common method used is the titration of the solution against a suitable reagent. However, more convenient techniques have been developed that can continuously measure the changes in some physical property which is related to the concentration of one of the species, at different intervals of time without stopping the reaction. For example, if a gaseous reaction involves a change in number of molecules, the pressure of the system changes when the volume and the temperature are kept constant. By measuring the pressure changes as the reaction proceeds, we can measure the rate of the reaction. Some other commonly measurable properties are volume change, change in thermal or electrical conductivity, change in optical rotation, change in colour, pH or refractive index etc.

Calculation of average rate of reaction

As already studied, the average rate of reaction can be determined by calculating the change in concentration of a reactant or a product in a given interval of time. For example, if the concentration of a reactant decreases from C_1 to C_2 in a time from t_1 to t_2, then average rate of the reaction is

$$\text{Average rate} = -\frac{C_2 - C_1}{t_2 - t_1}$$

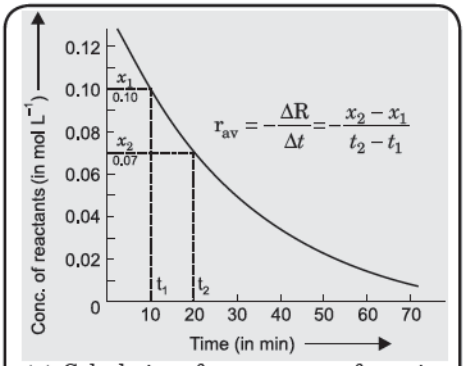
However, rate of reaction can be conveniently calculated by **graphical method.** A graph is plotted between the concentration of a reactant and time as shown in Fig. 1(*a*) ahead.

The average rate of reaction is determined by noting the concentration of reactants at two different times. In Fig. 1 (*a*), x_1 and x_2 are the concentrations in the time interval between t_1 and t_2. Then average rate is :

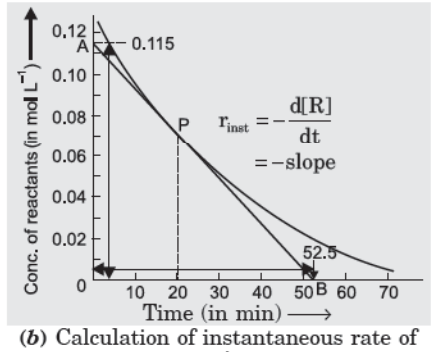
$$\text{Average rate of reaction} = -\frac{\Delta[x]}{\Delta t} = -\frac{x_2 - x_1}{t_2 - t_1}$$

It is clear that the concentration of reactant decreases with time making $(x_2 - x_1)$ a negative quantity. Thus, the minus sign makes the rate as a positive quantity. For example, from Fig. 1(*a*), it is clear that the concentration of the reactant at time 10 min is 0.10 mol L^{-1} and it decreases to 0.07 mol L^{-1} at time 20 min. The average rate over this time interval is

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(*a*) Calculation of average rate of reaction.



(*b*) Calculation of instantaneous rate of reaction.

Fig. 1. Measurement of (*a*) average rate and (*b*) instantaneous rate of a reaction from the plot of conc. of a reactant with time.

Significance of negative and positive slopes and rates of reactions.

It may be noted from Fig. 1 that in the plot of concentration of reactant vs time, the tangent at any instant of time has a **negative slope** whereas in the plot of concentration of product vs time (Fig. 2), the tangent has a **positive slope.** Hence, we have :

$$r_{inst} = -\frac{d[R]}{dt} = - \text{ slope of tangent}$$

$$= +\frac{d[P]}{dt} = \text{slope of tangent}$$

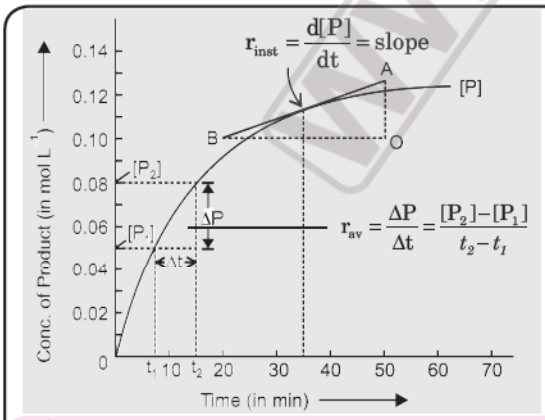


Fig. 2. Calculation of average and instantaneous rate of a reaction from the plot of conc. of products vs time.

$$\text{Average rate} = -\frac{0.07 - 0.10}{20 - 10}$$

$$= 0.003 \text{ mol L}^{-1} \text{ min}^{-1}$$

Similarly, it can be calculated at other time intervals.

Calculation of instantaneous rate of reaction

Since reaction rate is constantly changing, it is more appropriate to measure the instantaneous rate. The instantaneous rate gives the rate at any specific instant of time during a chemical reaction. It can be determined graphically by plotting concentrations of a reactant or a product against time. Then a tangent is drawn to the curve at time at which the rate of reaction is to be determined. Then the slope of this tangent gives the instantaneous rate of the reaction at that time. The slope can be determined by extending the tangent to intersect both the axes. Fig. 1 (b) shows the variation of the concentration of a reactant with time and tangent at a time corresponding to point P. The tangent is shown extended to intersect both the axes. The distance OA along the ordinates gives the change in concentration, Δx, while the distance along the abscissa OB gives the corresponding change in time, Δt.

The ratio $\frac{OA}{OB}$ or $\frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}$ gives the slope of the tangent. Thus,

$$\text{Instantaneous rate of reaction} = \frac{OA}{OB}$$

$$\text{or} \qquad = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}$$

For example from Fig. 1(*b*), it is clear that for tangent at point P corresponding to 20 min, the OA and OB distances are 0.115 mol L^{-1} and 52.5 min respectively. The instantaneous rate is

$$\text{Instantaneous rate} = \frac{0.115 \text{ mol L}^{-1}}{52.5 \text{ min}}$$

$$= 0.0022 \text{ mol L}^{-1} \text{ min}^{-1}$$

The instantaneous rate at any other time can be determined in a similar manner. It is clear from Fig. 1 that the concentration of reactant does not change linearly with time. Consequently, the slope of the curve and, thus, rate of the reaction keeps on changing with time.

Calculation of rate of reaction from plot of concentration of a product versus time

If concentration of one of the products is plotted against time, a curve as shown in Fig. 2 is obtained. The average rate of reaction between times t_1 and t_2 is calculated by noting the concentrations $[P_1]$ and $[P_2]$ corresponding to these times as:

$$\text{Average rate} = \frac{\Delta P}{\Delta t} = \frac{[P_2]-[P_1]}{t_2 - t_1}$$

Similarly, the rate of reaction at any instant of time, t i.e., instantaneous rate is calculated from the slope of the tangent at that point as

$$\text{Rate} = \frac{d[P]}{dt} = \frac{OA}{OB}$$

$$= \text{Slope of the tangent}$$

It is clear from the figure that the graph is not linear. This supports the observation that rate of the reaction is not constant with time.

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SOLVED EXAMPLES

❑ Example 1.

Express the rate of the following reactions :

(i) $4PH_3 \longrightarrow P_4 + 6H_2$

(ii) $2NO_2 \longrightarrow 2NO + O_2$

in terms of the concentration of reactants and products.

Solution :

(i) For the reaction,

$4PH_3 \longrightarrow P_4 + 6H_2$

$$\text{Rate of reaction} = -\frac{1}{4}\frac{d[PH_3]}{dt} = \frac{d[P_4]}{dt} = \frac{1}{6}\frac{d[H_2]}{dt}$$

(ii) For the reaction,

$2NO_2 \longrightarrow 2NO + O_2$

$$\text{Rate of reaction} = -\frac{1}{2}\frac{d[NO_2]}{dt}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}\frac{d[NO]}{dt} = \frac{d[O_2]}{dt}$$

❑ Example 2.

The concentrations of a reactant R at different times are given below :

t(s)	*[R] (mol L^{-1})*	*t(s)*	*[R] (mol L^{-1})*
0	160×10^{-3}	*5*	80×10^{-3}
10	40×10^{-3}	*20*	10×10^{-3}
30	2.5×10^{-3}		

Calculate the average rate of reaction, $R \longrightarrow P$ during different intervals of time.

Solution : The average rate of reaction can be calculated as :

$$r_{av} = -\frac{[R]_2 - [R]_1}{\Delta t}$$

$[R_1] \times 10^{-3}$	$[R_2] \times 10^{-3}$	t_1 s	t_2 s	r_{av} (mol L^{-1} s^{-1})
160	80	0	5	$-\frac{(80-160)\times10^{-3}}{5-0} = 16 \times 10^{-3}$
80	40	5	10	$-\frac{(40-80)\times10^{-3}}{10-5} = 8 \times 10^{-3}$
40	10	10	20	$-\frac{(10-40)\times10^{-3}}{10} = 3 \times 10^{-3}$
10	2.5	20	30	$-\frac{(2.5-10)\times10^{-3}}{30-20} = 0.75 \times 10^{-3}$

It can be seen that the average rate decreases from 16×10^{-3} to 0.75×10^{-3} mol L^{-1} s^{-1} during the time interval 0 to 30 s.

❑ Example 3.

From the concentration of C_4H_9Cl (butyl chloride) at different times given below, calculate the average rate of reaction:

$C_4H_9Cl + H_2O \longrightarrow C_4H_9OH + HCl$

during different intervals of time.

t(s)	*C_4H_9Cl (mol L^{-1})*	*t(s)*	*C_4H_9Cl (mol L^{-1})*
0	*0.100*	*300*	*0.0549*
50	*0.0905*	*400*	*0.0439*
100	*0.0820*	*500*	*0.0335*
150	*0.0741*	*700*	*0.0210*
200	*0.0671*	*800*	*0.017*

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Solution : Average rate of reaction in the interval t_1 to t_2 can be calculated as:

$$r_{av} = -\frac{\{[C_4H_9Cl]_{t_2} - [C_4H_9Cl]_{t_1}\}}{t_2 - t_1}$$

At $t = 0$ $[C_4H_9Cl] = 0.100$ mol L^{-1},

At $t = 50s$ $[C_4H_9Cl] = 0.0905$ mol L^{-1}

$$r_{av}(\text{in time interval } 0 - 50s) = -\frac{0.0905 - 0.100}{(50-0)}$$

$$= \mathbf{1.90 \times 10^{-4}\ mol\ L^{-1}\ s^{-1}}$$

At $t = 50\ s$ $[C_4H_9Cl] = 0.0905$ mol L^{-1},

At $t = 100s$ $[C_4H_9Cl] = 0.0820$ mol L^{-1}

$$r_{av}(\text{in time interval } 50 - 100s) = -\frac{(0.0820 - 0.0905)}{100 - 50}$$

$$= \mathbf{1.70 \times 10^{-4}\ mol\ L^{-1}\ s^{-1}}$$

At $t = 100s$ $[C_4H_9Cl] = 0.0820$ mol L^{-1},

At $t = 150s$ $[C_4H_9Cl] = 0.0741$ mol L^{-1}

$$r_{av}(\text{in time interval } 100 - 150s) = -\frac{(0.0741 - 0.0820)}{150 - 100}$$

$$= \mathbf{1.58\ mol\ L^{-1}\ s^{-1}}$$

At $t = 150s$ $[C_4H_9Cl] = 0.0741$ mol L^{-1},

At $t = 200s$ $[C_4H_9Cl] = 0.0671$ mol L^{-1}

$$r_{av}(\text{in time interval } 150 - 200s) = -\frac{(0.0671 - 0.0741)}{200 - 150}$$

$$= \mathbf{1.40\ mol\ L^{-1}\ s^{-1}}$$

Similarly, we can calculate in other time intervals

$r_{av}(200 - 300s) = 1.22 \times 10^{-4}$ mol L^{-1} s^{-1}

$r_{av}(300 - 400s) = 1.10 \times 10^{-4}$ mol L^{-1} s^{-1}

$r_{av}(400 - 500s) = 1.04 \times 10^{-4}$ mol L^{-1} s^{-1}

$r_{av}(500 - 700s) = 0.625 \times 10^{-4}$ mol L^{-1} s^{-1}

$r_{av}(700 - 800s) = 0.4 \times 10^{-4}$ mol L^{-1} s^{-1}

It is clear that the average rate of reaction decreases from

1.90×10^{-4} mol L^{-1} s^{-1} to 0.4×10^{-4} mol L^{-1} s^{-1}.

❑ Example 4.

Ammonia and oxygen react at high temperature as :

$$4NH_3(g) + 5O_2(g) \longrightarrow 4NO(g) + 6H_2O(g)$$

In an experiment, rate of formation of NO is 3.6×10^{-3} mol L^{-1} s^{-1}. Calculate (i) rate of disappearance of ammonia, (ii) rate of formation of water.

(Pb.S.B. 2009, Assam S.B. 2012)

Solution : For the reaction,

$4NH_3(g) + 5O_2(g) \longrightarrow 4NO(g) + 6H_2O(g)$

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$$\text{Rate} = -\frac{1}{4}\frac{d[NH_3]}{dt} = -\frac{1}{5}\frac{d[O_2]}{dt}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}\frac{d[NO]}{dt} = \frac{1}{6}\frac{d[H_2O]}{dt}$$

(*i*) *Rate of disappearance of ammonia*

Rate of disappearance of NH_3 = Rate of appearance of NO

$$= \mathbf{3.6 \times 10^{-3}\ mol\ L^{-1}\ s^{-1}}.$$

(*ii*) *Rate of formation of water*

Rate of formation of $H_2O = \frac{d[H_2O]}{dt}$

From rate equation,

$$\frac{1}{6}\frac{d[H_2O]}{dt} = \frac{1}{4}\frac{d[NO]}{dt}$$

$$\therefore \frac{d[H_2O]}{dt} = \frac{6}{4} \times 3.6 \times 10^{-3} = \mathbf{5.4 \times 10^{-3}\ mol\ L^{-1}\ s^{-1}}.$$

❑ Example 5.

The decomposition of N_2O_5 in CCl_4 solution at 318 K has been studied by monitoring the concentration of N_2O_5 in the solution. Initially, the concentration of N_2O_5 is 2.33 M and after 184 minutes, it is reduced to 2.08 M. The reaction takes place according to the equation:

$$2N_2O_5 \longrightarrow 4NO_2 + O_2$$

Calculate the average rate of this reaction in terms of hours, minutes and seconds. What is the rate of production of NO_2 during this period ? **N.C.E.R.T.**

Solution : Rate of reaction

$$= -\frac{1}{2}\frac{\Delta[N_2O_5]}{\Delta t}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2}\frac{(2.08 - 2.33)\ mol\ L^{-1}}{184\ min}$$

$$= 6.79 \times 10^{-4}\ mol\ L^{-1}\ min^{-1}$$

If time = 184 min = 3.067 hr

$$\text{Rate} = -\frac{1}{2}\frac{(2.08 - 2.33)\ mol\ L^{-1}}{3.067\ hr}$$

$$= 4.07 \times 10^{-2}\ mol\ L^{-1}\ hr^{-1}$$

If time = 184 × 60 = 11040 s

$$\text{Rate} = -\frac{1}{2}\frac{(2.08 - 2.33)\ mol\ L^{-1}}{11040\ s}$$

$$= 1.13 \times 10^{-5}\ mol\ L^{-1}\ s^{-1}$$

$$\text{Rate} = \frac{1}{4}\frac{\Delta[NO_2]}{\Delta t}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\Delta(NO_2)}{\Delta t} = 4 \times \text{Rate}$$

$$= 4 \times 6.79 \times 10^{-4}\ mol\ L^{-1}\ min^{-1}$$

$$= \mathbf{2.72 \times 10^{-3}\ mol\ L^{-1}\ min^{-1}}.$$

❑ Example 6.

Dinitrogen pentoxide decomposes at 475K as :

$$N_2O_5(g) \longrightarrow N_2O_4(g) + \frac{1}{2}O_2(g)$$

If the initial pressure is 125 mm and after 30 minutes of the reaction, total pressure of the gaseous mixture is 148 mm, calculate the average rate of reaction in (i) atm min^{-1} (ii) mol L^{-1} s^{-1}.

Solution : (*i*) Let p is the decrease in pressure of N_2O_5 in 30 minutes then

	$N_2O_5(g) \longrightarrow$	$N_2O_4(g)$ +	$\frac{1}{2}O_2(g)$
Initial pressure	125 mm	0	0
After 30 min	125–p	p	$\frac{1}{2}p$

Total pressure = $125 - p + p + \frac{1}{2}p = 148$

or $125 + \frac{1}{2}p = 148$

or $\frac{1}{2}p = 148 - 125 = 23$ mm

or $p = 2 \times 23$ mm = 46 mm

$\therefore$ Decrease in pressure in 30 min = 46 mm = $\frac{46}{760}$ atm

$$\text{Average rate of reaction} = \frac{46/760\ atm}{30\ min}$$

$$= \mathbf{2.02 \times 10^{-3}\ atm\ min^{-1}}$$

(*ii*) Applying $pV = nRT$

or $\frac{n}{V} = \frac{p}{RT}$

Decrease in molar concentration

$$= \frac{46/760\ atm}{0.0821\ L\ atm\ K^{-1}\ mol^{-1} \times 475K}$$

$$= 0.001552\ mol\ L^{-1}$$

$\therefore$ Average rate of reaction

$$= \frac{0.001552}{30 \times 60} = \mathbf{8.62 \times 10^{-7}\ mol\ L^{-1}\ s^{-1}}$$

Practice Problems

1. How can we express the rates of following reactions in terms of concentration of reactants and products ?

(*i*) $2O_3 \rightleftharpoons 3O_2$

(*ii*) $2NO + Br_2 \rightleftharpoons 2NOBr$

(*iii*) $2ICl(g) + H_2(g) \longrightarrow I_2(g) + 2HCl(g)$

2. For the reaction,

$$N_2 + 3H_2 \longrightarrow 2NH_3$$

Answers to Practice Problems

2. (*i*) 1.2×10^{-4} mol L^{-1} s^{-1}.

(*ii*) 3.6×10^{-4} mol L^{-1} s^{-1}.

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the rate of reaction measured as $\frac{\Delta[NH_3]}{\Delta t}$ was found to be 2.4×10^{-4} mol L^{-1} s^{-1}. Calculate the rate of reaction expressed in terms of (*i*) N_2 and (*ii*) H_2. *(Pb.S.B.2011)*

3. For the reaction :
$2N_2O_5(g) \longrightarrow 4NO_2(g) + O_2(g)$,
the rate of formation of $NO_2(g)$ is $2.8\ 10^{-3}\ Ms^{-1}$. Calculate the rate of disappearance of $N_2O_5(g)$. *(A.I.S.B. 2018)*

4. A reaction, $3X \longrightarrow 2Y + Z$ proceeds in a closed vessel. The rate of disappearance of X, $-\Delta[X]/\Delta t$ is found to be 0.072 mol L^{-1} s^{-1}. Calculate

$$\frac{\Delta[Y]}{\Delta t} \text{ and } \frac{\Delta[Z]}{\Delta t}$$ *(Pb.S.B. 2009)*

5. Consider the reaction:
$$4NO_2(g) + O_2(g) \longrightarrow 2N_2O_5(g)$$
In an experiment, rate of reaction of O_2 is 0.024 mol $L^{-1}s^{-1}$. Calculate (*i*) the rate disappearance of NO_2 and (*ii*) rate of formation of N_2O_5.

6. The concentration of a reactant changes from 0.03 M to 0.02 M in 25 minutes. Calculate the average rate of reaction using units of time both in minutes and seconds.

7. For an elementary reaction :
$$2A + B \longrightarrow 3C$$
the rate of appearance of C at time '*t*' is 1.3×10^{-4} mol $L^{-1}s^{-1}$. Calculate at this time
(*i*) rate of reaction (*ii*) rate of disappearance of A.
(C.B.S.E. Sample Paper 2008)

Answers to Practice Problems

3. 1.4×10^{-3} ms^{-1}.
4. 0.048, 0.024.
5. (*i*) 0.096 (*ii*) 0.048.
6. 4.0×10^{-4} mol L^{-1} min^{-1}, 6.6×10^{-6} mol L^{-1} s^{-1}.
7. (*i*) 4.33×10^{-5} mol L^{-1} s^{-1}
(*ii*) 8.67×10^{-5} mol L^{-1} s^{-1}.

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FACTORS INFLUENCING RATES OF CHEMICAL REACTIONS

There are a number of factors which influence the rate of a reaction. Some of the important factors are :

1. *Concentration of the reacting species.*
2. *Temperature of the system.*
3. *Nature of the reactants and products.*
4. *Presence of a catalyst.*
5. *Surface area.*
6. *Exposure to radiation.*

Let us briefly discuss these factors.

1. Concentration of the reactants

The rate of a reaction is directly proportional to the concentration of the reactants. If the concentration of the reactants is large, the rate of reaction is large. As the concentration of the reactants decreases, the rate of the reaction also decreases. For example, the rate of burning of wood depends upon the concentration of oxygen. A piece of wood burns slowly in air (containing about 20% oxygen) but burns rapidly in pure oxygen *(i.e.,* 100% oxygen) because the concentration of oxygen in air is less (only about l/5th of the concentration of pure oxygen).

2. Temperature of the system

In general, *an increase in the temperature increases the rate of almost all chemical reactions.* On the other hand, *a decrease in temperature decreases the rate.* This effect is observed for exothermic as well as for endothermic reactions. A general approximate rule for the effect of temperature on reaction rates is that the reaction rate for most of the chemical reactions becomes almost double, for every 10°C rise in temperature.

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❑ **Pieces of wood burn faster than a log of wood of the same mass.**

► The total surface area of the wooden pieces is larger than log of wood of the same mass. Greater the surface area, faster is the reaction.

The reactions which are initiated by the absorption of radiation are called **photochemical reactions.**

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❑ **Generally ultraviolet or visible radiations are used for carrying out photochemical reactions. But infra-red radiations cannot be used.**

► This is because the photons of ultraviolet or visible radiations possess energies approximately of the order of 420 kJ per mol which is comparable to most of the bond energies. Therefore, ultraviolet or visible radiation energies are capable of breaking the bonds. On the other hand, infra-red radiations are generally not used because their photons possess energy of the order of 60 kJ per mol which is quite less for breaking the bonds.

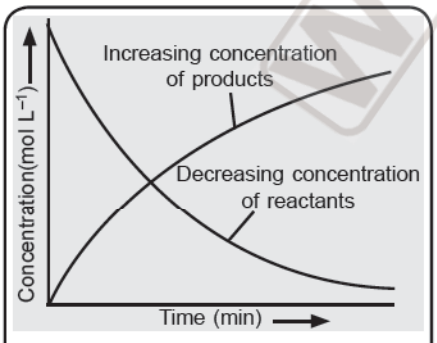


Fig. 3. The concentration of reactants decreases while concentration of products increases with time.

3. Nature of reactants and the products

Rates of reactions are influenced by the nature of reactants and products. A chemical reaction involves the breaking of old bonds and formation of new bonds. The reactivity of a substance can, therefore, be related to the ease with which the specific bonds are broken or formed and the number of such bonds involved. For example, the oxidation of nitric oxide to nitrogen dioxide takes place fairly **rapidly** while oxidation of carbon monoxide to carbon dioxide takes place **slowly :**

$$2NO + O_2 \longrightarrow 2NO_2 \quad \text{(Fast)}$$

$$2CO + O_2 \longrightarrow 2CO_2 \quad \text{(Slow)}$$

In these two reactions, the reacting species appear to be very similar to each other, still they differ in reaction rates.

4. Presence of catalyst

A catalyst is a substance which influences the rate of a reaction without undergoing any chemical change itself. It has been observed that many reactions are made to proceed at an increased rate by the presence of certain catalysts. For example, a mixture of H_2 and O_2 does not react at room temperature. However, in the presence of a catalyst such as finely divided platinum, the reaction becomes quite vigorous.

5. Surface area

The larger the surface area of the reactants, the faster is rate of reaction. It has been observed that if one of the reactants is a solid, then the rate of the reaction depends upon the state of sub-division of the solid. This fact is supported by the general observation that finely divided solids react faster than massive substances. For example, a log of wood burns slowly but if it is cut into small wooden chips, the burning takes place rapidly. This is due to the fact that the total surface area of the smaller particles is greater than that of large particles and this permits more molecules of the reactants to come in contact and form products.

6. Exposure to radiation

In some cases, the rate of a chemical reaction is considerably increased by the use of certain radiations. The photons of these radiations having frequencies (ν) possess sufficient energies ($E = h\nu$) to break certain bonds in reactants. For example, reaction of hydrogen and chlorine takes place very slowly in the absence of light. However, in the presence of light, the reaction takes place very rapidly.

$$H_2 + Cl_2 \xrightarrow{\text{light}} 2HCl$$

DEPENDENCE OF REACTION RATES ON CONCENTRATION : RATE LAW EXPRESSION

When a chemical reaction proceeds, the reactants get converted into the products. As a result, the concentration of reactants decreases while that of products increases. The general behaviour of the concentration of the reactants and the products is shown in Fig. 3.

From the figure, the following observations can be made :

(*i*) In the beginning of the reaction *(i.e.,* when time = 0), only reactants are present so that the concentration of the products is zero. As the reaction progresses, the concentration of the reactants decreases while the concentration of the products increases.

(*ii*) The change in concentration of the various species takes place rapidly in the beginning but very slowly as the reaction approaches the final stage.

From the above observations, it can be concluded that at the start of the reaction, the rate of the reaction is large and it decreases with passage of time. This means that *the rate of a reaction is directly proportional to the concentration of the reactants.* In the gas phase reaction, the increase in pressure of the reactant gases increases the rate of the reaction. With increase in pressure, the number of molecules per unit volume increases and, therefore, rate of reaction increases.

Law of Mass Action

The quantitative relationship between the rate of a reaction and the molar concentration of the reacting substances was given by two Norwegian chemists, Guldberg and Waage in 1867. This relationship is known as **law of mass action**. According to this law :

at a given temperature the rate of a chemical reaction is directly proportional to the product of the molar concentrations of the reactants.

The molar concentration of the reactant is also called **active mass.**

Let us consider a simple reaction of the type

$$A + B \longrightarrow 2AB$$

According to law of mass action, rate of the reaction may be written as :

$$\text{Rate} = k\,[A][B]$$

where [A] and [B] are the molar concentrations of reactants, *k is constant of proportionality* and is called **rate constant.** The rate constant is also called **velocity constant** and is a measure of rate of the reaction.

Now, if concentration of each of the reactants involved in the reaction is unity, *i.e.* [A] = [B] = 1, then substituting these values in above expression, we get

$$\text{Rate of reaction} = k \times 1 \times 1 = k$$

Thus, **the rate constant** of a reaction at a given temperature may be defined as

rate of the reaction when the molar concentration of each of the reactants is unity.

That is why the rate constant is also called **specific reaction rate.**

Characteristics of Rate Constant

Some of the characteristics of rate constant are :

(i) Rate constant is a measure of the rate of the reaction. Larger the value of k, faster is the reaction. Similarly, smaller value of k indicates slow reaction.

(ii) Different reactions have different values of k.

(iii) At a fixed temperature, the value of k is constant and is characteristic of the reaction. However, it changes with temperature.

(iv) For a particular reaction, the value of rate constant is independent of concentration.

Differences between Rate of Reaction and Reaction Rate Constant

Let us sum up the differences between rate of reaction and reaction rate constant.

Rate of reaction	Reaction rate constant
1. It is the speed with which reactants are converted into products. It is measured as the rate of decrease in concentration of reactants or increase in concentration of products with time.	It is the proportionality constant in the rate law and is defined as the rate of reaction when the concentration of the reactants is unity.
2. It depends upon the initial concentration of the reactants.	It is independent of the initial concentration of the reactants.
3. Its units are always mol L^{-1} $time^{-1}$.	Its units depends upon the order of reaction.

Rate Law Expression

To express the rate of a reaction as a function of the concentration of the reactants, it is essential to measure experimentally the actual dependence of the concentration of the reacting species. For example, consider the reaction between NO_2 and F_2 to form NO_2F :

$$2NO_2(g) + F_2(g) \longrightarrow 2NO_2F(g)$$

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Experimental observations reveal that the rate of the reaction is proportional to the product of the concentrations of nitrogen peroxide and fluorine. Therefore, the rate of the reaction may be expressed as

$$\text{Rate} = k\,[NO_2][F_2]$$

This expression is called **rate law or rate equation.**

Similarly, consider the decomposition of dinitrogen pentoxide :

$$2N_2O_5(g) \longrightarrow 4NO_2(g) + O_2(g)$$

Experimental studies have shown that the rate of this reaction is proportional to the $[N_2O_5]$ and not to $[N_2O_5]^2$. Therefore, the rate law is :

$$\text{Rate} = k\,[N_2O_5]$$

This expression is called **rate law** or **rate equation.**

Consider a general reaction,

$$aA + bB + cC \longrightarrow \text{Products}$$

where A, B and C are the reactants and a, b and c are stoichiometric coefficients of the balanced equation.

From the kinetic study of the reaction, the dependence of the concentration of reactants on the rate of the reaction have been found to be

$$\text{Rate} = k\,[A]^p\,[B]^q\,[C]^r \qquad ...(3)$$

where p, q and r are constant numbers or the powers of the concentrations of the reactants A, B and C respectively on which the rate of the reaction depends. It may be noted that the values of p, q and r are **determined experimentally** and may or may not be equal to a, b and c coefficients in the reaction. The expression (3) is the **rate law** or **rate equation.** It may be defined as

the mathematical expression which denotes the rate of a reaction in terms of molar concentrations of reactants with each term raised to some power which may or may not be same as the stoichiometric coefficient of the reacting species in a balanced chemical equation.

The power of concentration terms corresponds to experimentally observed rate of reaction.

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Differences between rate law expression and law of mass action

The *rate law gives the* **experimentally observed** *dependence of rate on the concentration of reactants.* The powers of concentrations of reactants in rate law expression may or may not be same as the coefficients of reactants in balanced chemical equation. On the other hand, *the law of mass action gives the rate expression on the basis of stoichiometry of overall balanced equation for the reaction :*

Consider for example, a general reaction :

$$aA + bB \longrightarrow cC + dD$$

where a, b, c and d are stoichiometric coefficients.

According to law of mass action :

$$\text{Rate} = k\,[A]^a\,[B]^b$$

The rate law expression is

$$\text{Rate} = k\,[A]^x\,[B]^y$$

where x and y are experimentally determined values. These may or may not be equal to the stoichiometric coefficients (a and b) of the reactants.

For example, for the reaction,

$$2NO_2(g) + F_2(g) \longrightarrow 2NO_2F$$

rate law expression

$$\text{Rate} = k\,[NO_2]\,[F_2] \text{ and}$$

rate expression according to law of mass action

$$\text{Rate} = k\,[NO_2]^2\,[F_2]$$

Similarly, for the reaction :

$$5Br^-(aq) + BrO_3^-(aq) + 6H^+(aq) \longrightarrow 3Br_2(aq) + 3H_2O(l)$$

The experimentally observed rate law is

$$\text{Rate} = k\,[Br^-]\,[BrO_3^-]\,[H^+]^2$$

As evident, the rate law does not correspond to stoichiometric coefficients in the balanced chemical equations.

Thus, rate law for any reaction cannot be predicted by merely looking at the balanced chemical equation *i.e.*, theoretically but must be determined experimentally.

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It may be noted that generally the rate law expressions are not simple. These may differ even for the same reaction depending upon the conditions of the reaction. For example, for the reaction :

$$H_2(g) + I_2(g) \longrightarrow 2HI(g)$$

$$\text{Rate} = k\,[H_2]\,[I_2]$$

However, for a similar type of reaction :

$$H_2(g) + Br_2(g) \rightleftharpoons 2HBr$$

The rate expression is

$$\text{Rate} = \frac{k_a[H_2][Br_2]^{1/2}}{1+k_b\{[HBr]/[Br_2]\}}$$

Here k_a and k_b are constants which depend upon the temperature of the reaction. It can be seen that in the absence of HBr, the initial rate of reaction may be given as :

$$\text{Rate} = k_a\,[H_2]\,[Br_2]^{1/2}$$

Rate law expressions for some other reactions are :

$$CHCl_3 + Cl_2 \longrightarrow CCl_4 + HCl$$

$$\text{Rate} = k\,[CHCl_3]\,[Cl_2]^{1/2}$$

$$CH_3COOC_2H_5 + H_2O \longrightarrow CH_3COOH + C_2H_5OH$$

$$\text{Rate} = k\,[CH_3COOC_2H_5]\,[H_2O]^0$$

The rate expression becomes more complicated especially when a number of parallel reactions take place simultaneously. It may have more than one term on the right hand side.

ORDER OF A REACTION

The dependence of the reaction rates on concentration may be expressed in terms of order of a reaction. To calculate the order of a reaction, we must carry out the experiments to find out the dependence of reaction rate on the concentration of each individual reactant at a given temperature. Moreover, the concentration dependence of various reactants, as we have seen, is given by the rate law. Thus, the **order of a reaction** is defined as :

the sum of the powers to which the concentration terms are raised in the rate law equation to express the observed rate of the reaction.

The power of the concentration of a particular reactant in the rate law is called the **order of the reaction with respect to that reactant.**

Thus, if the rate of a reaction,

$$aA + bB + cC \longrightarrow \text{Products}$$

is given by the rate law as :

$$\text{Rate} = -\frac{dx}{dt} = k[A]^p\,[B]^q\,[C]^r$$

then, the order of the reaction, n, is :

$$n = p + q + r$$

where p, q and r are the orders with respect to individual reactants and overall order of the reaction is sum of these exponents, *i.e.*, $p + q + r$.

When $n = 1$, the reaction is said to be first order reaction, if $n = 2$, the reaction is said to be second order reaction and so on.

Some Examples of Reactions of Different Orders

Some common examples of reactions of different orders are given below :

(a) Reactions of first order

(*i*) Decomposition of nitrogen pentoxide (N_2O_5)

$$N_2O_5(g) \longrightarrow 2NO_2(g) + \frac{1}{2}O_2(g)$$

Rate = $k\,[N_2O_5]$

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(*ii*) Decomposition of ammonium nitrite in aqueous solution

$$NH_4NO_2 \longrightarrow N_2 + 2H_2O$$

Rate = $k\,[NH_4NO_2]$

(*iii*) Decomposition of H_2O_2 in the presence of I^- ions

$$H_2O_2 \xrightarrow{I^-} H_2O + \frac{1}{2}O_2$$

Rate = $k\,[H_2O_2]$

(*iv*) Decomposition of SO_2Cl_2 :

$$SO_2Cl_2 \longrightarrow SO_2 + Cl_2$$

Rate = $k\,[SO_2Cl_2]$

(*b*) Reactions of second order

(*i*) Decomposition of nitrogen peroxide

$$2NO_2 \longrightarrow 2NO + O_2$$

Rate = $k\,[NO_2]^2$

(*ii*) Reaction between H_2 and I_2 to give HI

$$H_2 + I_2 \longrightarrow 2HI$$

Rate = $k\,[H_2]\,[I_2]$

(*iii*) Reaction between NO and O_3 :

$$NO + O_3 \longrightarrow NO_2 + O_2$$

Rate = $k\,[NO][O_3]$

(*c*) Reactions of third order

(*i*) Reaction between nitric oxide and oxygen

$$2NO + O_2 \longrightarrow 2NO_2$$

Rate = $k\,[NO]^2\,[O_2]$

(*ii*) Reaction between nitric oxide and Cl_2

$$2NO + Cl_2 \longrightarrow 2NOCl$$

Rate = $k\,[NO]^2\,[Cl_2]$

(*d*) Reactions of fractional order

(*i*) Decomposition of acetaldehyde is a fractional order reaction

$$CH_3CHO \longrightarrow CH_4 + CO$$

Rate = $k\,[CH_3CHO]^{3/2}$ **; Order** = 3/2 or 1.5

(*ii*) The reaction between hydrogen and bromine to form hydrogen bromide is a fractional order reaction

$$H_2(g) + Br_2(g) \longrightarrow 2HBr$$

Rate = $k\,[H_2]\,[Br_2]^{1/2}$ **; Order** = $1+\frac{1}{2} = 1\frac{1}{2}$ or 1.5

(*iii*) Dissociation of $COCl_2$:

$$COCl_2 \longrightarrow CO + Cl_2$$

Rate = $k\,[COCl_2]^{3/2}$, **Order** = $\frac{3}{2}$

(*e*) Zero order reaction

A number of zero order reactions are known in which the rate of the reaction is independent of the concentration of the reactants. For example, the decomposition of ammonia at the surface of metals like gold, platinum etc., is a zero order reaction.

$$2NH_3 \xrightarrow[1130K]{\text{Platinum}} N_2 + 3H_2$$

It has been observed that the rate of the reaction is independent of the concentration of ammonia, *i.e.*,

$$\textbf{Rate} = -\frac{dx}{dt} = k\,[NH_3]^0 \quad \text{or} \quad \text{Rate} = k$$

Order = 0

In this reaction, platinum metal acts as a catalyst. At sufficiently high pressure of ammonia, the metal surface gets fully saturated with gas molecules. On further increasing the concentration of NH_3, the amount of NH_3 on the surface of the catalyst does not change. Therefore, the rate of

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reaction becomes independent of the concentration and hence becomes zero order reaction. Similarly, thermal decomposition of HI on gold surface is also a zero order reaction :

$$2HI \underset{\text{Heat}}{\overset{\text{Gold}}{\rightleftharpoons}} H_2 + I_2$$

Many enzyme catalysed reactions and photochemical reactions (*e.g.*, formation of HCl from H_2 and Cl_2) are also examples of zero order reactions.

Units of reaction rate constants

Units of rate. The rate is the change in concentration with time. Therefore, the rate of reaction is expressed by concentration units divided by time units. If the concentrations are expressed in moles/litre and time in seconds, then the units for rate of a reaction are mol litre^{-1} s^{-1} as :

$$\text{Rate} = \frac{\text{Concentration}}{\text{Time}} = \frac{\text{mol L}^{-1}}{\text{s}} = \text{mol L}^{-1}\text{ s}^{-1}.$$

Units of rate constant. The units of rate constants of different orders are different. This can be easily illustrated as :

(*i*) Units of rate constant for zero order reaction

For zero order reaction, rate may be expressed as

$$\text{Rate} = k\,[\text{A}]^0 \text{ or } = k$$

$$\frac{\text{mol L}^{-1}}{\text{s}} = k$$

or $$k = \text{mol L}^{-1}\text{ s}^{-1}$$

∴ *The units of rate constant of zero order reaction are* ***mol L^{-1} s^{-1}.***

(*ii*) Units of rate constant for first order reaction

For first order reaction, rate may be expressed as :

$$\text{Rate} = k\,[\text{A}]$$

$$\frac{\text{mol L}^{-1}}{\text{s}} = k\ (\text{mol L}^{-1})$$

or $$k = \text{s}^{-1}$$

∴ *The units of rate constant of first order reaction are* **s^{-1}.**

(*iii*) Units of rate constant for second order reaction

For second order reaction, the rate may be expressed as

$$\text{Rate} = k[\text{A}]^2$$

$$\frac{\text{mol L}^{-1}}{\text{s}} = k\ (\text{mol L}^{-1})^2$$

or $$k = \frac{1}{\text{mol L}^{-1}\text{s}} = \text{L mol}^{-1}\text{ s}^{-1}.$$

∴ *The units of rate constant for second order reaction are* **L mol^{-1} s^{-1}.**

(*iv*) Units of rate constant for third order reaction

For third order reaction, rate may be expressed as :

$$\text{Rate} = k\,[\text{A}]^3$$

$$\frac{\text{mol L}^{-1}}{\text{s}} = k\ (\text{mol L}^{-1})^3$$

or $$k = \frac{1}{\text{mol}^2\,\text{L}^{-2}\,\text{s}} = \text{L}^2\text{ mol}^{-2}\text{ s}^{-1}$$

The units of rate constant for third order reaction are **L^2 mol^{-2} s^{-1}.**

Units of Rate Constants for Gaseous Reactions

In case of gaseous reactions, the concentrations are expressed in terms of pressure in the units of atmosphere. Therefore, the rate has the units of atm per second. Thus, the unit of different rate constants would be :

In general, the units for rate constant for the reaction of ***n*th order are :**

$$\text{Rate} = k[\text{A}]^n$$

$$\frac{\text{mol L}^{-1}}{\text{s}} = k\ (\text{mol L}^{-1})^n$$

or $$k = (\text{mol L}^{-1})^{1-n}\ \text{s}^{-1}.$$

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(*i*) Zero order reaction : **atm s^{-1}**
(*ii*) First order reaction : **s^{-1}**
(*iii*) Second order reaction : **atm^{-1} s^{-1}**
(*iv*) Third order reaction : **atm^{-2} s^{-1}** so on.

The units of rate constants for some reactions are summed up below :

Reaction	Units	
	Solution	Gaseous reactions
Zero order reaction	mol L^{-1} s^{-1}	atm s^{-1}
First order reaction	s^{-1}	s^{-1}
Second order reaction	L mol^{-1} s^{-1}	atm^{-1} s^{-1}
Third order reaction	L^2 mol^{-2} s^{-1}	atm^{-2} s^{-1}
*n*th order	$(mol\ L^{-1})^{1-n}$ s^{-1}	$(atm)^{1-n}$ s^{-1}

In general, *for the gaseous reaction of* ***n*th order**, the *units of rate constant are* **$(atm)^{1-n}$ s^{-1}**.

MOLECULARITY OF A REACTION

According to 'collision theory,' for a chemical reaction to occur, the reacting molecules must collide with each other.

The number of reacting species (molecules, atoms or ions) which collide simultaneously to bring about a chemical reaction is called **molecularity of a reaction.**

If a reaction involves the decomposition of only a single species, the molecularity is one or it is called unimolecular reaction. For example, the decomposition of hydrogen peroxide involves single species which undergoes the change to form the products. Hence, it is a unimolecular reaction.

$$H_2O_2 \longrightarrow H_2O + \frac{1}{2} O_2$$ **unimolecular reaction**

Decomposition of ammonium nitrite is also unimolecular reaction because it involves only one reacting species :

$$NH_4NO_2 \longrightarrow N_2 + 2H_2O$$

Similarly, if the reaction involves the collision of two species, it is **bimolecular** and if three species take part in a collision leading to the formation of the products, it is called **trimolecular** and so on. The examples of bimolecular and trimolecular reactions are given below :

(*i*) Dissociation of hydrogen iodide is a bimolecular reaction because two molecules collide to bring about the reaction.

$$2HI(g) \longrightarrow H_2(g) + I_2(g)$$ **bimolecular reaction**

(*ii*) Combination of NO and O_3 is a bimolecular reaction :

$$NO(g) + O_3(g) \longrightarrow NO_2(g) + O_2(g)$$

(*iii*) The reaction of nitric oxide and oxygen is a trimolecular reaction because it involves collision of three reacting molecules.

$$2NO(g) + O_2(g) \longrightarrow 2NO_2(g)$$ **trimolecular reaction**

In a similar way, we can expect reactions which involve the collisions of four or more molecules. However, it has been observed that reactions involving three or more molecules are uncommon. The reason for this is that the occurrence of such reactions requires the ***simultaneous*** **collision** of three or more than three molecules. In other words, *simultaneous collision of three molecules means that the third molecule must collide the other two molecules at the same time when they are in the process of collision.* The chances of the occurrence of such collisions are very small. On this basis, we can say that reactions involving three or more than three reacting particles should be slow. However, it has been observed that some reactions involving more than three molecules are quite fast. For example, consider the reaction of bromide ions with bromate ions in the presence of an acid :

$$5Br^-(aq) + BrO_3^-(aq) + 6H^+(aq) \longrightarrow 3Br_2(aq) + 3H_2O(l)$$

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The experimentally measured rate law for this reaction is given as :

Rate = $k[Br^-]\ [BrO_3^-]\ [H^+]^2$

Therefore, this rate is first order with respect to Br^- and BrO_3^- ion and second order with respect to H^+ ions and the overall order of the reaction is 1 + 1 + 2 = 4. However, from the above equation, it is clear that if the reaction were to take place in a single step, the 12 particles (5 Br^- ions, 1 BrO_3^- ion and 6 H^+ ions) would have to collide simultaneously.

But chances of such events are extremely small, so much so that a reaction which takes place by such collision will not occur at all. However, the reaction is found to be quite fast. This means that even though the balanced equation involves a large number of molecules, yet the reaction does not proceed by simultaneous collision of all these reacting particles. In other words, it involves simultaneous collision of two or at the most three molecules. *Such type of reactions which take place through a sequence of two or more consecutive steps* are called **complex reactions.** *The detailed description of various steps by which reactants change into the products* is called **mechanism of the reaction.** *The steps which contribute to the overall reaction* are called **elementary processes.**

Mechanism and Rate Law

In case of multi-step reactions, since each elementary step involves quite different type of reactions, so each step will occur at its own distinctive rate. Some of the steps will be very fast while others will be slow. If one step takes place much more slowly then all other steps, *it will definitely control the overall reaction rate.* This means that all the steps have to wait for the occurrence of this step and the rate of the reaction cannot be less than the rate of this slowest step. But once this slowest step has occurred, the other steps will take place to form the products.

Thus, the **rate of the reaction** is

the rate of the reaction which is determined by the slowest step in the sequence. The slowest step is called ***rate determining step in the proposed mechanism***.

Let us consider reaction between NO_2 and F_2 to form NO_2F :

$$2NO_2(g) + F_2(g) \longrightarrow 2NO_2F(g)$$

The experimental observations reveal that the rate of the reaction is proportional to the product of the concentrations of nitrogen peroxide and fluorine. This indicates that the rate determining step in the mechanism of this reaction must be the reaction between NO_2 and F_2 only. Keeping this in mind, a mechanism of this reaction may be suggested as :

NO_2	+	F_2	$\longrightarrow$	NO_2F	+ F	Slow step
NO_2	+	F	$\longrightarrow$	NO_2F		Fast step
$2NO_2$	+	F_2	$\longrightarrow$	$2NO_2F$		Net reaction

Although the above reaction proceeds through two steps but the rate of the overall reaction is determined by the first step which is the slower of the two steps. Each of the steps is called an **elementary process.** Elementary processes are almost always either unimolecular or bimolecular. Occassionally, they may be trimolecular.

All the steps taken together give the **mechanism** of the reaction. The sum of the equations for the separate consecutive steps give the overall reaction. Accordingly, the experimentally observed rate of the reaction is given by the expression :

$$\text{Rate} = -\frac{dx}{dt} = k[NO_2]\ [F_2]$$

This is the **rate law** for the reaction.

Let us consider some more examples :

(*i*) Reaction between NO_2 and CO to form CO_2 and NO

$$NO_2(g) + CO(g) \longrightarrow NO(g) + CO_2(g)$$

The experimental observations reveal that the rate of the reaction is proportional to the square of the concentration of nitrogen peroxide. This

Slowest step as rate determining step

This can be easily understood in terms of a simple **analogy.** Suppose a cycle factory manufactures different parts like handles, paddles, rims, seats, brakes parts etc. at the rate of 500, 600, 50, 800, 400 pieces per day respectively. The overall rate of cycle production cannot be more than 50 per day, which depends upon the slowest working section of the factory (*i.e.,* production of rims).

It may be noted that the mechanism of a reaction may involve the formation of certain molecules in one step which are later used up in the subsequent steps. These molecules are termed **intermediates** and donot appear in the overall reaction.

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indicates that the rate determining step in the mechanism of this reaction must be independent of the concentration of CO. Keeping this in mind, a mechanism of the reaction may be suggested as :

Step 1. $NO_2 + NO_2 \longrightarrow NO + NO_3$ Slow step

Step 2. $NO_3 + CO \longrightarrow CO_2 + NO_2$ Fast step

$NO_2 + CO \longrightarrow CO_2 + NO$ Net reaction

Although the above reaction proceeds through two steps but the rate of the overall reaction is determined by the first step which is the slower of the steps. Accordingly, the experimentally observed rate of the reaction is given by the expression :

$$\text{Rate} = k[NO_2]^2$$

This is the rate law for the reaction.

***(ii)* Thermal decomposition of dinitrogen pentoxide,**

$$2N_2O_5(g) \longrightarrow 4NO_2(g) + O_2(g)$$

It has been found experimentally that

Rate of reaction = $k\ [N_2O_5]$.

If the reaction were to take place by the collisions of two N_2O_5 molecules as indicated by the balanced equation, it would be a second order reaction as

Rate = $k[N_2O_5]^2$

But the observed rate law suggests that it is a first order reaction. This means that the reaction is a complex reaction and proceeds by two or more successive steps.

The probable mechanism of the reaction is as follows :

Step 1. $N_2O_5 \longrightarrow NO_2 + NO_3$ Slow

Step 2. $N_2O_5 + NO_3 \longrightarrow 3NO_2 + O_2$ Fast

$2N_2O_5 \longrightarrow 4NO_2 + O_2$

Hence, the above reaction is unimolecular reaction or reaction of first order.

***(iii)* Reaction of NO and H_2 as :**

$$2NO(g) + 2H_2(g) \longrightarrow N_2(g) + 2H_2O(g)$$

It has been observed experimentally that

Rate of reaction = $k[NO]^2\ [H_2]$

The rate law expression suggests that it is a complex reaction and is believed to proceed by two step mechanism in which the first step is the rate determining step as :

Step 1. $2NO(g) + H_2(g) \longrightarrow N_2(g) + H_2O_2$ Slow

Step 2. $H_2O_2(g) + H_2(g) \longrightarrow 2H_2O\ (g)$ Fast

Since the first step is slow and rate determining, the rate law is

Rate = $k[NO]^2\ [H_2]$

The rate of a reaction may depend not only on the reactants but also on the substances present as catalyst. For example, the decomposition of hydrogen peroxide is catalysed by I^- ion in an alkaline medium and the reaction rate depends upon the concentration of both H_2O_2 and I^-.

***(iv)* Reaction of decomposition of hypochlorite (ClO^-)**

$$3ClO^- \longrightarrow ClO_3^- + 2Cl^-$$

The various steps are :

$ClO^- + ClO^- \longrightarrow ClO_2^- + Cl^-$ Slow

$ClO_2^- + ClO^- \longrightarrow ClO_3^- + Cl^-$ Fast

The first step is slow and hence rate determining. Thus, the rate law is

Rate = $k\ [ClO^-]^2$

***(v)* Reaction of decomposition of hydrogen peroxide**

The decomposition of H_2O_2 is catalysed by iodide ion in an alkaline medium:

$$2H_2O_2 \xrightarrow[\text{alkaline medium}]{I^-} 2H_2O + O_2$$

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It has been found experimentally that

Rate = k $[H_2O_2]$ $[I^-]$

The reaction is first order with respect to both H_2O_2 and I^-. This means that the reaction is a complex reaction and proceeds by two or more successive steps. The probable mechanism for the reaction is as :

$$H_2O_2 + I^- \xrightarrow{\text{slow}} H_2O + IO^-$$

$$H_2O_2 + IO^- \xrightarrow{\text{fast}} H_2O + I^- + O_2$$

Both the steps are bimolecular elementary reactions. Species IO^- is called as an intermediate because it is formed during the course of the reaction but not in the overall balanced equation. Since the first step is slow, it is rate determining. Thus, the rate of formation of intermediate (IO^-) will determine the rate of this reaction.

Let us sum up the important points of distinction between order and molecularity.

Molecularity	Order
1. Molecularity is the number of reacting species undergoing simultaneous collision in the elementary or simple reaction.	Order is the sum of the powers of the concentration terms in the rate law expression.
2. Molecularity is applicable only for elementary reactions. For complex reactions, molecularity has no meaning.	Order is applicable to elementary as well as complex reactions.
3. Molecularity is a theoretical concept.	Order of a reaction is determined experimentally.
4. Molecularity has whole number values only *i.e.,* 1, 2, 3, etc. It cannot be a non-integer.	Order of a reaction need not be a whole number *i.e.,* it can have fractional values also.
5. Molecularity of a reaction cannot be zero.	Order of a reaction can be zero.
6. For complex reactions, molecularity is given for elementary steps. Molecularity of the slowest step is same as the order of the reaction.	For complex reactions, order is given by slowest step.

SOLVED EXAMPLES

❑ **Example 7.**

(a) Calculate the overall order of a reaction, which has the rate expression :

(i) $Rate = k[A]^{1/2}[B]^{3/2}$ *(ii)* $Rate = k[A]^{3/2}[B]^{-1}$

(b) The reaction $A + B \longrightarrow C$ *has zero order. Write rate equation.* ***N.C.E.R.T.***

Solution :

(*a*) (*i*) Rate = k $[A]^{1/2}$ $[B]^{3/2}$

$$\text{Order of reaction} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{2} = 2$$

i.e., second order.

(*ii*) Rate = k $[A]^{3/2}$ $[B]^{-1}$

$$\text{Order of reaction} = \frac{3}{2} + (-1) = \frac{1}{2}$$

i.e., half order.

(*b*) For zero order reaction,

$A + B \longrightarrow C$

Rate equation is :

Rate = $k[A]^0$ $[B]^0$

❑ **Example 8.**

(a) If concentrations of A and B are expressed in terms of mol dm^{-3} and time in min, calculate the units for the rate constant for the following reaction:

$$A + B \longrightarrow AB$$

(b) What are the units for a zero order reaction ? (concentrations are expressed in mol L^{-1} and time in seconds).

Solution :

(*a*) For the reaction,

$$A + B \longrightarrow AB$$

$$\text{Rate} = k[A]\,[B]$$

$$\frac{\text{mol dm}^{-3}}{\text{min}} = k\ (\text{mol dm}^{-3})\ (\text{mol dm}^{-3})$$

or $k = (\text{mol dm}^{-3})^{-1}\ (\text{min}^{-1}) = \textbf{mol}^{-1}\ \textbf{dm}^3\ \textbf{min}^{-1}$.

(*b*) For zero order reaction, the rate is independent of the concentration :

$$\text{Rate} = k$$

$$\therefore \text{ Units of } k \text{ are : } k = \text{Rate} = \frac{\text{mol L}^{-1}}{s} = \textbf{mol L}^{-1}\ \textbf{s}^{-1}.$$

❑ **Example 9.**

Write the units of the rate constant for a nth order reaction. Deduce from this the units of rate constant for a (i) half or der reaction (ii) 3 / 2th order reaction (iii) third order reaction.

Solution : The units of the rate constant for nth order reaction are :

$$\text{Rate} = k[A]^n$$

$$\frac{\text{mol L}^{-1}}{s} = k[\text{mol L}^{-1}]^n \text{ or } k = (\text{mol L}^{-1})^{1-n}\ \text{s}^{-1}$$

(*i*) $n = \frac{1}{2}$, the units are : $\textbf{mol}^{1/2}\ \textbf{L}^{-1/2}\ \textbf{s}^{-1}$.

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(*ii*) $n = \frac{3}{2}$, the units are : $\mathbf{mol^{-1/2}\ L^{1/2}\ s^{-1}}$

(*iii*) $n = 3$, the units are : $\mathbf{mol^{-2}\ L^{2}\ s^{-1}}$.

❑ Example 10.

Identify the reaction order from each of the following rate constants.

(i) $k = 2.3 \times 10^{-5}\ L\ mol^{-1}\ s^{-1}$

(ii) $k = 3.2 \times 10^{-4}\ s^{-1}$ **N.C.E.R.T.**

Solution : Order of a reaction can be predicted from the units of rate constant.

(*i*) The unit of second order rate constant is L mol^{-1} s^{-1} and therefore, $k = 2.3 \times 10^{-5}$ L mol^{-1} s^{-1} represents a **second order reaction.**

(*ii*) The unit of a first order rate constant is s^{-1} and therefore, $k = 3.2 \times 10^{-4}\ s^{-1}$ represents a **first order reaction.**

❑ Example 11.

The rate law for a reaction of A, B and C has been found to be rate = k[A][B][C]². How would the rate of reaction change when

(i) concentration of C is doubled

(ii) concentration of A is halved

(iii) concentration of both B and C are doubled

(iv) concentration of each of A, B and C are tripled ?

Solution : Suppose the initial concentrations are :

[A] = a mol L^{-1}, [B] = b mol L^{-1}, [C] = c mol L^{-1}

Rate = $k\,abc^2$

(*i*) New [C] = $2c$

Rate = $k\,ab(2c)^2 = 4kabc^2$ ∴ 4 times

(*ii*) New [A] = $\frac{a}{2}$

Rate = $k\,\frac{a}{2}\,bc^2 = \frac{1}{2}\,kabc^2$ ∴ 1/2 times

(*iii*) New [B] = $2b$, [C] = $2c$

Rate = $k \times a \times 2b \times (2c)^2 = 8\,kabc^2$ ∴ 8 times

(*iv*) New [A] = $3a$, [B] = $3b$, [C] = $3c$

Rate = $k \times 3a \times 3b \times (3c)^2 = 81\,kabc^2$ ∴ 81 times

❑ Example 12.

The rate of a gaseous reaction becomes half when volume of the vessel is doubled. What is the order of the reaction ?

Solution : For the gaseous reaction; A ⟶ Products

Suppose the order of reaction is n, so that

rate = $k[A]^n$

or $r = k(a)^n$ ...(*i*)

When volume of vessel becomes double, molar concentration becomes half. Since rate becomes half, therefore,

$$\frac{r}{2} = k\left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^n \quad ...(ii)$$

Dividing eq. (*i*) by eq. (*ii*), $2 = 2^n$

or $2^n = 2^1$

∴ $n = 1$

∴ Order = 1

❑ Example 13.

A reaction is second order with respect to a reactant. How is the rate of reaction affected if the concentration of the reactant is

(i) doubled

(ii) reduced to half ?

Solution : Rate = $k[A]^2$

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(*i*) When concentration of reactant is doubled, the rate becomes **4 times.**

(*ii*) When concentration is reduced to 1/2, the rate becomes **1/4 times.**

❑ Example 14.

The decomposition of hydrogen peroxide in the presence of iodide ion has been found to be first order in H_2O_2 :

$$2H_2O_2(aq) \xrightarrow{I^-(aq)} 2H_2O(l) + O_2(g)$$

The rate constant has been found to be $1.01 \times 10^{-2}\ min^{-1}$. Calculate the rate of the reaction, when

(a) $[H_2O_2] = 0.4$ mol L^{-1} (b) $[H_2O_2] = 0.15$ mol L^{-1}

(c) What concentration of $[H_2O_2]$ would give rate of 1.12×10^{-2} mol L^{-1} min^{-1}? (Pb.S.B. 2011, 2015)

Solution : The reaction is of first order in H_2O_2 so that

Rate = $k[H_2O_2]$

(*a*) $k = 1.01 \times 10^{-2}\ min^{-1}$, $[H_2O_2] = 0.4$ mol L^{-1}

∴ Rate = $(1.01 \times 10^{-2}\ min^{-1}) \times (0.4\ mol\ L^{-1})$

$= \mathbf{4.04 \times 10^{-3}\ mol\ L^{-1}\ min^{-1}}$.

(*b*) When $[H_2O_2] = 0.15$ mol L^{-1}

Rate = $(1.01 \times 10^{-2}\ min^{-1}) \times (0.15\ mol\ L^{-1})$

$= \mathbf{1.5 \times 10^{-3}\ mol\ L^{-1}\ min^{-1}}$.

(*c*) To obtain concentration of H_2O_2 when rate

$= 1.12 \times 10^{-2}$ min L min^{-1}

$$[H_2O_2] = \frac{\text{Rate}}{k} = \frac{1.12 \times 10^{-2}\ \text{mol L}^{-1}\ \text{min}^{-1}}{1.01 \times 10^{-2}\ \text{min}^{-1}}$$

$= \mathbf{1.11\ mol\ L^{-1}}$.

❑ Example 15.

For the reaction

$2A + B + C \longrightarrow A_2B + C$

The rate law has been found to be

Rate = k[A] [B]² with $k = 2.0 \times 10^{-6}\ mol^{-2}\ L^2\ s^{-1}$

For this reaction, determine the initial rate of reaction with [A] = 0.1 mol L^{-1}, [B] = 0.2 mol L^{-1}, [C] = 0.8 mol L^{-1}. Determine the rate after 0.04 mol L^{-1} of A has been reacted.

Solution : Rate law is :

Rate = $k[A][B]^2$

where $k = 2.0 \times 10^{-6}\ mol^{-2}\ L^2\ s^{-1}$

Initial concentration,

[A] = 0.1 mol L^{-1}, [B] = 0.2 mol L^{-1}, [C] = 0.8 mol L^{-1}

∴ Rate = $(2.0 \times 10^{-6}\ mol^{-2}\ L^2\ s^{-1})\ (0.1\ mol\ L^{-2})\ (0.2\ mol\ L^{-1})^2$

$= 8 \times 10^{-9}$ mol L^{-1} s^{-1}

Conc. of A after 0.04 mol L^{-1} of A has been reacted

[A] = 0.1 – 0.04 = 0.06 mol L^{-1}

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Now, we know that when 2 moles of A are consumed then one mole of B gets consumed. Therefore, moles of B consumed when 0.04 moles of A have been consumed = $0.04 \times \frac{1}{2} = 0.02$ mole

$\therefore$ [B] = 0.2 – 0.02 = 0.18 mol L^{-1}

Rate = $(2.0 \times 10^{-6}\ mol^{-2}\ L^2\ s^{-2}) \times (0.06\ mol\ L^{-1}) \times (0.18\ mol\ L^{-1})^2$

$= \mathbf{3.89 \times 10^{-9}\ mol\ L^{-1}\ s^{-1}}$.

❑ **Example 16.**

Following reaction takes place in one step :

$2NO(g) + O_2(g) \longrightarrow 2NO_2(g)$

How will the rate of the above reaction change if the volume of the reaction vessel is diminished to one-third of its original volume ? Will there be any change in the order of the reaction with reduced volume ?

(A.I.S.B. 2004)

Solution : Before the volume of the reaction vessel is changed, the rate of reaction is expressed as :

$$\text{rate} = k[NO]^2[O_2] \quad ...(i)$$

When the volume is reduced to $\frac{1}{3}$, the concentration of each reactant is increased by 3 times. Therefore, we may write

$$\text{rate}' = k[3NO]^2[3O_2] \quad ...(ii)$$

$$= 27\,k[NO]^2[O_2]$$

$$\therefore \quad \frac{\text{rate}'}{\text{rate}} = 27$$

$\therefore$ Rate will become 27 times.

It is clear from eqn. (*ii*) that the order of reaction remains the same.

Practice Problems

8. The rate of formation of a second order dimerisation reaction is 5.8×10^{-6} mol L^{-1} s^{-1} at 0.01 mol L^{-1} monomer concentration. Calculate the rate constant.

9. The gas phase decomposition of $COCl_2$,

$$COCl_2(g) \longrightarrow CO(g) + Cl_2(g)$$

follows the rate law : rate = $k[COCl_2]^{3/2}$

What are the units of its rate constant ?

10. Identify the reaction order for each of the following rate constants :

(*a*) $k = 7.6 \times 10^{-4}$ mol $liter^{-1}$ s^{-1} (*b*) $k = 5.6 \times 10^{-3}$ mol^{-1} litre s^{-1}

(*c*) $k = 7.1 \times 10^{-5}$ s^{-1} (*d*) $k = 1.25 \times 10^{-2}$ mol^{-2} $litre^2$ s^{-1}

(*e*) $k = 5.0 \times 10^{-6}$ atm^{-1} s^{-1}

11. For a reaction : A + B ⟶ Products,

the rate is given as $k[A]^{1/3}[B]^2$. What are the units of its rate constant ?

12. The rate law for a reaction is found to be :

Rate = $k\ [NO_2^-][I^-][H^+]^2$

How would the rate of reaction change when

(*i*) concentration of I^- is halved

(*ii*) concentration of H^+ is doubled

(*iii*) concentration of each of NO_2^-, I^- and H^+ are tripled ?

13. For the reaction : 2A ⟶ A_2,

the rate of reaction becomes 27 times when the concentration of A is increased three times. What is the order of the reaction ? *(D.S.B. 2004 C)*

14. For a reaction X ⟶ Y, the rate of reaction increases by a factor of 1.857 when the concentration of X is increased by 1.5 times. What is the order of reaction with respect of X ?

15. The decomposition of N_2O_5 in carbon tetrachloride solution has been found to be first order with respect to N_2O_5 with rate constant, $k = 6.2 \times 10^{-4}$ s^{-1}

$$N_2O_5\ (\text{solution}) \longrightarrow 2NO_2\ (\text{solution}) + \tfrac{1}{2}\,O_2(g)$$

Calculate the rate of the reaction when

(*i*) $[N_2O_5] = 2.50$ mol L^{-1}

(*ii*) $[N_2O_5] = 0.50$ mol L^{-1}

(*iii*) What concentration of N_2O_5 would give a rate of 4.2×10^{-3} mol L^{-1} s^{-1} ?

16. The rate of a reaction : *(Pb.S.B. 2011, 2015)*

$$2A + B \longrightarrow A_2B$$

has the rate law : rate = $k[A]^2$, with rate constant equal to 0.50 mol^{-1} L s^{-1}. Calculate the rate of the reaction when

(*i*) [A] = 0.60 mol L^{-1}, [B] = 0.05 mol L^{-1} and

(*ii*) when concentration of A and B have been reduced to 1/4. *(Pb.S.B. 2015)*

Answers to Practice Problems

8. 5.8×10^{-2} mol L^{-1} s^{-1}

9. $atm^{-1/2}$ s^{-1}

10. (*a*) zero (*b*) second (*c*) first (*d*) third (*e*) second.

11. $mol^{-4/3}$ $L^{4/3}$ s^{-1}.

12. (*i*) halved (*ii*) 4 times (*iii*) 81 times.

13. 3.

14. 1.5.

15. (*i*) 1.55×10^{-3} mol L^{-1} s^{-1}, (*ii*) 3.1×10^{-4} mol L^{-1} s^{-1}, (*iii*) 6.77 mol L^{-1}.

16. (*i*) 0.18 mol L^{-1} s^{-1}, (*ii*) 0.11 mol L^{-1} s^{-1}.

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Advanced Level PROBLEMS

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Problem 1. **Ammonia decomposes as :**

$$2NH_3(g) \longrightarrow N_2(g) + 3H_2(g)$$

The rate of reaction can be expressed as :

$$\frac{d[NH_3]}{dt} = k_1[NH_3], \quad \frac{d[N_2]}{dt} = k_2[NH_3] \text{ and } \frac{d[H_2]}{dt} = k_3[NH_3]$$

Derive relationship between k_1, k_2 and k_3.

Solution The rate of the reaction is given by

$$\text{Rate} = -\frac{1}{2}\frac{d[NH_3]}{dt} = \frac{d[N_2]}{dt} = \frac{1}{3}\frac{d[H_2]}{dt}$$

Substituting the given values,

$$\frac{1}{2}k_1[NH_3] = k_2[NH_3] = \frac{1}{3}k_3[NH_3]$$

or $\frac{1}{2}k_1 = k_2 = \frac{1}{3}k_3$

if $k_2 = 1$, then $k_1 = 2$ and $k_3 = 3$

$\therefore$ $k_1 : k_2 : k_3 = 2 : 1 : 3$

add on Conceptual Questions 1

CONCEPTUAL QA

Q. 1. Is there any reaction for which reaction rate does not decrease with time ?

Ans. For a zero order reaction, the reaction rate does not decrease with time because it is independent of concentration of the reactants.

Q. 2. How will rate of a reaction change when $[A]_0$ is doubled and tripled for
(*i*) zero order reaction
(*ii*) second order reaction ?

Ans. When $[A]_0$ is doubled
(*i*) the rate of zero order reaction remains unchanged.
(*ii*) the rate of second order reaction becomes four times.
When $[A]_0$ is tripled.
(*i*) the rate of zero order reaction remains unchanged
(*ii*) the rate of second order reaction becomes 9 times.

Q. 3. Why is the use of instantaneous rate of reaction preferred over average rate of reaction ?

Ans. The rate of reaction continuously decreases with time (except for zero order reaction) and therefore, average rate has no significance for the reaction.

Q. 4. What is the order of a reaction whose rate constant has same units as the rate of the reaction ?

Ans. Zero order reaction. ***(H.P.S.B. 2010)***

Q. 5. State the order with respect to each reactant and overall order for the following reaction:
$2NOBr(g) \rightarrow 2NO(g) + Br_2(g)$
Rate = $k[NOBr]^2$
What are the units of rate constant? ***(Pb.S.B. 2016)***

Ans. Order w.r.t. NOBr = 2
Overall order = 2
Units of rate constant = $mol^{-1}\ L\ s^{-1}$

Q. 6. A reaction is found to be zero order. Will its molecularity be zero ? ***(H.P.S.B. 2010)***

Ans. No, molecularity of a reaction cannot be zero.

Q. 7. The rate of a reaction is equal to rate constant of the reaction. Mention the order of the reaction. ***(Assam S.B. 2016)***

Ans. Zero order reaction.

Q. 8. How is rate constant related to concentration of the reactants ?

Ans. Rate constant does not depend upon the concentration of the reactants.

Q. 9. For a reaction : $2NH_3(g) \xrightarrow{Pt} N_2(g) + 3H_2(g)$
Rate = k
(*i*) Write the order and molecularity of this reaction.
(*ii*) Write the unit of k. ***(A.I.S.B. 2016, D.S.B 2016)***

Ans. $2NH_3(g) \xrightarrow{Pt} N_2(g) + 3H_2(g)$
Rate = k
(*i*) Order of reaction : Zero order
Molecularity = 2 (bimolecular)
(*ii*) Unit of k = $mol\ L^{-1}\ s^{-1}$ or $atm\ s^{-1}$

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Q. 10. Identify the order of a reaction from each of the following rate constants : ***(H.P.S.B. 2010)***

(*i*) $k = 2.3 \times 10^{-5}$ L mol^{-1} s^{-1} (*ii*) $k = 3.1 \times 10^{-4}$ s^{-1} (*iii*) $k = 9.3 \times 10^{-4}$ mol L^{-1} s^{-1}

Ans. Order can be predicted by the inspection of units of rate constant

(*i*) second order reaction (*ii*) first order reaction (*iii*) zero order reaction

Q. 11. For the reaction : Ester + $H^+ \longrightarrow$ Acid + Alcohol, rate = k [Ester] $[H^+]^0$. Find the order of reaction. ***(Pb. S.B. 2005)***

Ans. Order = 1

Q. 12. For the assumed reaction : $X_2 + 2Y_2 \longrightarrow 2XY_2$, write the rate equation in terms of the rate of disappearance of Y_2.

Ans. $\frac{1}{2}\frac{d[Y_2]}{dt} = k\,[X_2]\,[Y_2]^2$; $\frac{d[Y_2]}{dt} = 2k\,[X_2]\,[Y_2]^2$

Q. 13. For the reaction : $Cl_2(g) + 2NO\,(g) \longrightarrow 2NOCl(g)$
The rate law is expressed as rate = $k[NO]^2\,[Cl_2]$
What is the overall order of the reaction ? ***(D.S.B. 2007)***

Ans. Overall order = 1 + 2 = 3.

Q. 14. Express the rate of the following reaction in terms of disappearance of hydrogen in the following reaction : $3H_2(g) + N_2(g) \longrightarrow 2NH_3(g)$ ***(A.I.S.B. 2007)***

Ans. Rate = $-\frac{1}{3}\frac{d[H_2]}{dt}$

Q. 15. The decomposition reaction of ammonia gas on platinum surface has a rate constant, $k = 2.5 \times 10^{-4}$ mol L^{-1} s^{-1}. What is the order of the reaction ? ***(C.B.S.E. Sample Paper 2007)***

Ans. According to units of rate constant; it is a zero order reaction.

Q. 16. What is the molecularity of the reaction :

$$Cl \longrightarrow \frac{1}{2}\,Cl_2(g)\ ?$$ ***(C.B.S.E. Sample Paper 2007)***

Ans. Unimolecular.

Q. 17. The decomposition of NH_3 on platinum surface, $2NH_3\,(g) \xrightarrow{Pt} N_2(g) + 3H_2(g)$ is a zero order reaction with k = 2.5×10^{-4} Ms^{-1}. What are the rates of production of N_2 and H_2 ? ***(D.S.B. 2007; 2008)***

Ans. Rate = $-\frac{1}{2}\frac{d[NH_3]}{dt} = \frac{d[N_2]}{dt} = \frac{1}{3}\frac{d[H_2]}{dt} = k = 2.5 \times 10^{-4}$ Ms^{-1}

Rate of production of N_2 $\frac{d[N_2]}{dt} = 2.5 \times 10^{-4}$ Ms^{-1}

$\frac{1}{3}\frac{d[H_2]}{dt} = 2.5 \times 10^{-4}$ Ms^{-1}

Rate of production of H_2 $\frac{d[H_2]}{dt} = 3 \times 2.5 \times 10^{-4} = 7.5 \times 10^{-4}$ Ms^{-1}

Q. 18. If the concentration be expressed in mol L^{-1} units and time in seconds, what would be units for rate constant, k (*i*) for a zero order reaction (*ii*) for a first order reaction ***(D.S.B. 2008)***

Ans. (*i*) For a zero order reaction, Rate = $k[A]^0$

$$\frac{\text{mol L}^{-1}}{\text{s}} = k \times 1 \quad \text{or} \quad k = \text{mol L}^{-1}\,\text{s}^{-1}$$

(*ii*) For a first order reaction, Rate = $k[A]$

$$\frac{\text{mol L}^{-1}}{\text{s}} = k\ \text{mol L}^{-1} \quad \text{or} \quad k = \text{s}^{-1}$$

Q. 19. Identify the order of a reaction if the units of its rate constant are :

(*i*) L^{-1} mol s^{-1} (*ii*) L mol^{-1}s^{-1} ***(A.I.S.B.2011)***

Ans. (*i*) Zero order (*ii*) Second order

Q. 20. A reaction is of second order with respect to a reactant. How is the rate of reaction affected if the concentration of the reactant is reduced to half ? What is the unit of rate constant for such a reaction ? ***(A.I.S.B. 2011)***

Ans. For a second order reaction, Rate = $k[A]^2$

If the concentration of A is reduced to half, rate will become 1/4 of the original value.

Units of k

$$\frac{\text{mol L}^{-1}}{\text{s}} = k\,(\text{mol L}^{-1})^2$$

$$k = \frac{1}{\text{mol L}^{-1}\text{s}} = \text{mol}^{-1}\text{L s}^{-1}$$

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Q. 21. In the reaction : $aA + bB \longrightarrow$ products; if concentration of A is doubled (keeping B constant), the initial rate becomes four times and if B is doubled (keeping A constant), the rate becomes double. What is the rate law equation and order of the reaction? ***(Manipur S.B. 2012)***

Ans. Rate = $k[A]^2 [B]$, Order = 1 + 2 = 3.

Q. 22. The rate constant of a reaction is 3×10^2 min^{-1}. What is the order of reaction ? ***(Assam. S.B. 2012)***

Ans. Order = 1 (from units of rate constant).

Q. 23. For a reaction : A + B $\longrightarrow$ P, the rate law is given by, $r = k\,[A]^{1/2}\,[B]^2$. What is the order of reaction ? ***(A.I.S.B. 2013)***

Ans. Order = $\frac{1}{2} + 2 = 2\frac{1}{2}$ or 2.5.

Q.24. For a reaction, rate law is give as rate = $k[A]\,[B]^{1/2}$. Can the reaction be an elementary reaction ? Explain. ***(Pb. S.B. 2009)***

Ans. For an elementary reaction, order of a reaction should be equal to molecularity of the reaction and molecularity should be integral. For the given reaction, order of reaction is $\frac{3}{2}\left(1+\frac{1}{2}\right)$. Since molecularity cannot be fractional, therefore, for the given reaction, order is not equal to molecularity. Hence, given reaction cannot be elementary reaction.

Q.25. The rate of formation of a dimer in a second order reaction is 9.5×10^{-5} mol L^{-1} s^{-1} at 0.01 mol L^{-1} monomer concentration. Calculate the rate constant.

Ans. If the monomer is represented by X. Then,

$$2X \longrightarrow (X)_2$$

Since the reaction is of second order, the rate of reaction will be given by:

$$\text{Rate} = k[X]^2$$

$$\therefore \quad \text{Rate} = -\frac{1}{2}\frac{d[X]}{dt} = +\frac{d[X_2]}{dt} = 9.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol L}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$\therefore \quad 9.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol L}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} = k(0.01 \text{ mol L}^{-1})^2$$

$$\therefore \quad k = \frac{9.5 \times 10^{-5}}{(0.01)^2} = 0.95 \text{ L mol}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}.$$

INTEGRATED RATE EXPRESSION

We have learnt that for a general reaction:

$$aA + bB \longrightarrow cC + dD$$

rate may be expressed as :

$$\text{Rate} = k[A]^p\,[B]^q$$

This form of equation is called *differential rate equation.* It is not always convenient to measure the instantaneous rate because it is measured by determination of slope of the tangent at point *'t'* in the concentration versus time graph. Therefore, it is difficult to determine the rate law and hence order of the reaction. In order to solve this problem, we can integrate the rate equation and obtain integrated rate equation which gives a relation between directly measured experimental quantities *i.e.,* concentrations at different times and rate constant. The integrated rate equations are different for reactions of different orders.

The integrated rate equations for different order reactions can be derived as given below :

Zero order reaction

A reaction is said to be of zero order, if its rate does not depend on the concentration of any of the reactants. Consider the general zero order reaction :

$$R \longrightarrow \text{Product}$$

Let [R] be the concentration of the reactant R and k is the rate constant for the zero order reaction. For the zero order reaction, the rate of the reaction is proportional to zero power of the concentration of R. Thus,

$$\text{Rate} = -\frac{d[R]}{dt} = k\,[R]^0 = k \times 1 \qquad (\because\ [R]^0 = 1)$$

$$\text{or} \qquad d[R] = -k.dt \qquad \ldots(4)$$

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Integrating both sides, we get

$$\int d[R] = -k \int dt$$

$$[R] = -kt + I \quad ...(5)$$

where I is the constant of integration. The value of I can be calculated from the initial concentration. For example, the initial concentration of R be $[R]_0$ at $t = 0$. Then equation becomes

$$[R]_0 = -k \times 0 + I$$

or $$I = [R]_0$$

Substituting the value of I in Eqn. (5), we get

$$[R] = -kt + [R]_0 \quad ...(6)$$

Further simplifying the above equation, we get the rate constant, k as

$$kt = [R]_0 - [R]$$

$$\boxed{k = \frac{[R]_0 - [R]}{t}}$$

where $[R]_0$ is the initial concentration of R, [R] is the concentration at time t. From this, rate constant, k can be calculated.

Alternatively, if the initial concentration of R is 'a' moles per litre and let x moles of reactants get changed to products in time t. Then, concentration of R left after time t be $(a - x)$.

R	⟶	Products
a		0
$a - x$		x

$\therefore$ $[R]_0 = a$, $[R] = a - x$ so that

$$[R]_0 - [R] = a - (a - x) = x$$

Thus, Eq. 6 becomes

$$k = \frac{x}{t} \quad \text{or} \quad x = kt$$

The above equation is integrated rate equation for zero order reactions. *The amount of the substance reacted is proportional to the time.*

Time taken for a zero order reaction to complete

When the reaction is complete,

$$[R] = 0$$

$\therefore$ $$k = \frac{1}{t}[R]_0$$

or $$t_{100\%} = \frac{[R]_0}{k}$$

Graphical representation of zero order reactions

(*i*) The differential rate law for zero order reaction is given as

$$\text{rate} = -\frac{d[R]}{dt} = k$$

The plot of rate versus [R] at different times is a horizontal straight line as shown in Fig. 4.

(*ii*) The integrated rate law for zero order reaction is given by Eqn. 6 as:

$$[R] = -kt + [R]_0$$

The equation has the form of linear equation, $y = mx + c$. The plot of [R] versus time (t) is a straight line as shown in Fig. 5. **The slope** of the straight line is equal to $-k$ and **intercept** on [R] axis is $[R]_0$.

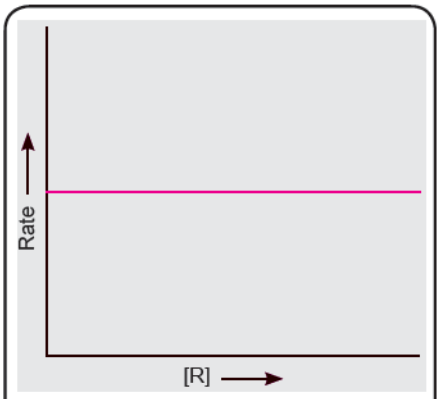


Fig. 4. Plot of rate versus [R] at different times for a zero order reaction.

In general, the rate of decomposition of ammonia is given as :

$$\text{Rate} = \frac{k_1[NH_3]}{1 + k_2[NH_3]} \quad ...(7)$$

where k_1 and k_2 are constants. When $[NH_3]$ is very low, $k_2[NH_3]$ can be neglected in comparison to unity so that the above equation becomes :

$$\text{Rate} = k_1 [NH_3]$$

This reaction is first order in ammonia.

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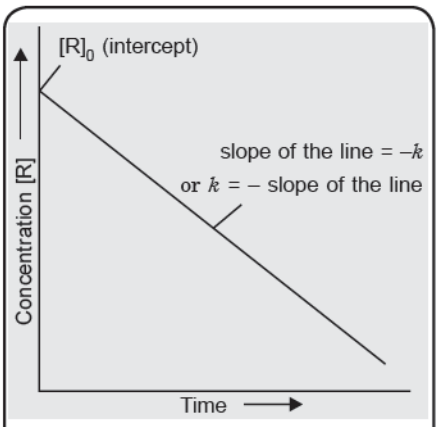


Fig. 5. Variation of concentration of a reactant with time for a zero order reaction.

At higher concentration of ammonia (high pressure), we may neglect 1 as compared to $[NH_3]$ so that the equation 7 becomes :

$$\text{Rate} = \frac{k_1[NH_3]}{k_2[NH_3]} = \frac{k_1}{k_2} = k$$

$\therefore$ Rate $= k\ [NH_3]^0$

This means that rate becomes constant and independent of $[NH_3]$ and therefore, becomes **zero order reaction**.

First order reaction

Consider the general first order reaction

$$R \longrightarrow \text{Products}$$

Let [R] is the concentration of the reactant R and k *is* the rate constant for the first order reaction. For the first order reaction, the rate of the reaction is directly proportional to the concentration of the reactant R. Thus,

$$\text{Rate} = -\frac{d[R]}{dt} = k[R] \qquad ...(8)$$

This form of rate law is known as *differential rate equation.* Rearranging the above equation :

$$\frac{d[R]}{[R]} = -k\,dt \qquad ...(9)$$

Integrating the above equation, we get

$$\int \frac{d[R]}{[R]} = -k \int dt$$

$$ln\ [R] = -kt + I \qquad ...(10)$$

where I is the constant of integration. The value of I can be calculated from the initial concentration. For example, the initial concentration of R be $[R]_0$ at $t = 0$. Then Eq. (10) becomes

$$ln\ [R]_0 = -k \times 0 + I$$

$$\therefore \quad I = ln\ [R]_0$$

Substituting the value of I in Eqn. (10), we get

$$ln\ [R] = -kt + ln\ [R]_0 \qquad ...(11)$$

Rearranging,

$$ln\ [R]_0 - ln\ [R] = kt$$

or

$$ln\ \frac{[R]_0}{[R]} = kt$$

or

$$k = \frac{1}{t} ln\ \frac{[R]_0}{[R]} \qquad ...(12)$$

Eqn. (12) is **integrated rate expression** for the first order reaction.

Changing the above expression to log base 10 ($ln\ x = 2.303\ \log x$), we get

$$k = \frac{2.303}{t} \log \frac{[R]_0}{[R]} \qquad ...(13)$$

If we perform the experiment at two different times t_1 and t_2 having concentrations $[R]_1$ and $[R]_2$ respectively, then from equation (11)

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$$ln\ [R]_1 = -kt_1 + ln\ [R]_0$$

$$ln\ [R]_2 = -kt_2 + ln\ [R]_0$$

Subtracting we get

$$ln\ [R]_1 - ln\ [R]_2 = -kt_1 - (-kt_2) = k\ (t_2 - t_1)$$

or $$ln\frac{[R]_1}{[R]_2} = k\ (t_2 - t_1)$$

or $$k = \frac{1}{(t_2 - t_1)} ln\frac{[R]_1}{[R]_2}$$

or $$k = \frac{2.303}{(t_2 - t_1)} \log\frac{[R]_1}{[R]_2} \quad ...(14)$$

The equation (12) may also be written in the exponential form as :

$$ln\frac{[R]_0}{[R]} = kt \quad \text{or} \quad ln\frac{[R]}{[R]_0} = -kt$$

Taking antilog of both sides

$$\frac{[R]}{[R]_0} = e^{-kt}$$

$\therefore$ $$[R] = [R]_0\ e^{-kt}$$

The equation (13) may also be written in an alternate form. Let the initial concentration of R is 'a' moles per litre. Suppose in time t, x moles of reactants get changed to products. Then the concentration of R left after time t is $a - x$. Therefore,

$$[R]_0 = a \text{ and } [R] = a - x$$

Thus, Eq. (13) becomes

$$k = \frac{2.303}{t} \log\frac{a}{a - x} \quad ...(15)$$

Significance of Integrated Rate Equation

The integrated rate equation can be used in the following ways :

***(i)* Order of reaction.** All reactions of first order obey the following equation :

$$k = \frac{2.303}{t} \log\frac{[R]_0}{[R]} \quad ...(16)$$

Starting with the known concentration of R, the concentration of the reactant [R], at different intervals of time (t) may be measured. The values of [R] at different time intervals are substituted in the above equation. If the value of k comes out to be constant, then the reaction is of first order.

***(ii)* Calculation of rate constant.** The integrated rate equation can be used to calculate the rate constant of a reaction. If the reaction is known to be of first order, then by substituting the initital concentration of reactant $[R]_0$ and concentrations at different times (t) in Eq. 13, the value of k can be calculated.

The rate constant can also be calculated graphically. The Eq. (13) may be written as

$$\frac{kt}{2.303} = \log\frac{[R]_0}{[R]} \quad ...(17)$$

or $$\frac{kt}{2.303} = \log [R]_0 - \log [R]$$

or $$\log [R] = -\frac{k}{2.303} t + \log[R]_0 \quad ...(18)$$

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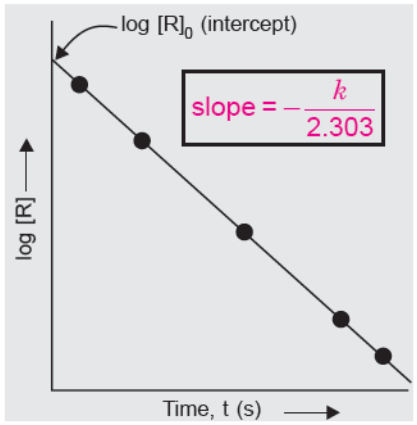


Fig. 6. Plot of t versus log [R] to calculate rate constant for the first order reactions.

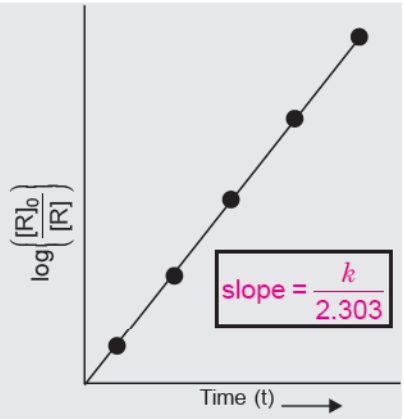


Fig. 7. Plot of log $[R]_0/[R]$ vs t for a first order reaction.

For the **second order** rate law, there are two cases :

(*i*) The reaction is second order in only one reactant :

$$\text{rate} = k\,[A]^2$$

(*ii*) The reaction is first order in two different species :

$$\text{rate} = k\,[A][B]$$

In second order reactions with only one reactant, the integrated rate law is

$$\frac{1}{[R]} = kt + \frac{1}{[R]_0}$$

or $$k = \frac{1}{t}\left[\frac{1}{[R]} - \frac{1}{[R]_0}\right]$$

This equation is comparable to equation of a straight line ($y = mx + c$). When a graph is plotted between log [R] and time t at different intervals of time we get a straight line. This is shown in Fig. 6.

The slope of this line is equal to

$$\text{Slope} = -\frac{k}{2.303}$$

From this, rate constant k, can be calculated.

Alternatively, if we write the equation (17) as

$$\log\frac{[R]_0}{[R]} = \frac{kt}{2.303}$$

The plot of $\log\frac{[R]_0}{[R]}$ vs t will give a straight line with slope = $\frac{k}{2.303}$

This is shown in Fig. 7.

Hydrogenation of ethene is an example of first order reaction.

$$C_2H_4(g) + H_2(g) \longrightarrow C_2H_6(g)$$

$$\text{Rate} = k\,[C_2H_4]$$

Decomposition of N_2O_5 and N_2O also follow first order kinetics.

Integrated Rate Equation for a Typical First Order Gas Phase Reaction

Let us consider a typical first order reaction in gaseous phase :

$$A(g) \longrightarrow B(g) + C(g)$$

Let p_i be the initial pressure of A and p_t be the total pressure at time t.

Integrated rate equation may be written as :

$$k = \frac{2.303}{t}\log\frac{p_i}{p_A} \qquad ...(19)$$

where p_A is the partial pressure of A at time t. The partial pressure of A can be derived as follows :

Total pressure, p_t will be

$$p_t = p_A + p_B + p_C$$

where p_A, p_B and p_C are the partial pressures of A, B and C respectively. Let the pressure of A decreases by x atm after time t. Since one mole of B and C are formed from 1 mole of A, then increase in pressure of B and C will also be x atm each as :

	$A(g)$	$\longrightarrow$ $B(g)$	+	$C(g)$
At $t = 0$	p_i atm	0		0
At time t	$(p_i - x)$ atm	x atm		x atm

Now, $p_t = (p_i - x) + x + x = p_i + x$

or $x = p_t - p_i$

Now, at time t, $p_A = p_i - x = p_i - (p_t - p_i) = 2p_i - p_t$

Substituting in Eqn. (19) we get

$$k = \frac{2.303}{t}\log\frac{p_i}{2p_i - p_t}$$

Knowing the values of p_i and p_t, k can be calculated. However, it may be noted that the relation will depend upon the reaction.

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❑ **Example 17.**

The rate constant for a reaction of zero order in A is 0.0030 mol $L^{-1}s^{-1}$. How long will it take for the initial concentration of A to fall from 0.10 M to 0.075 M

(D.S.B. 2010)

Solution : For a zero order reaction,

$k = 0.0030$ mol $L^{-1}s^{-1}$

$[A]_0 = 0.10$ M, $[A] = 0.075$ M

$$k_0 = \frac{[A]_0 - [A]}{t}$$

$$t = \frac{[A]_0 - [A]}{k} = \frac{0.10 - 0.075}{0.0030} = 8.33 \text{ s.}$$

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❑ Example 18.

The decomposition of N_2O_5 at 318 K according to the following equation follows first order reaction :

$$N_2O_5(g) \longrightarrow 2NO_2(g) + \frac{1}{2} O_2(g)$$

The initial concentration of N_2O_5 was 1.24×10^{-2} mol L^{-1} and that after 60 minutes was 0.20×10^{-2} mol L^{-1}. Calculate the rate constant of the reaction at 318 K.

N.C.E.R.T. *(Meghalaya S.B. 2015)*

Solution : For a first order reaction

$$k = \frac{2.303}{k} \log \frac{[R]_0}{[R]}$$

$t = 60$ min. $[R]_0 = 1.24 \times 10^{-2}$ mol L^{-1},

$[R] = 0.20 \times 10^{-2}$ mol L^{-1}

$$k = \frac{2.303}{60} \log \frac{1.24 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol L}^{-1}}{0.20 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol L}^{-1}}$$

$$= \frac{2.303}{60} \log 6.2 = \frac{2.303}{60} \times 0.7924$$

$$= \mathbf{0.0304\ min^{-1}}$$

❑ Example 19.

The decomposition of a compound is found to follow first order rate law. If it takes 15 minutes for 20 per cent of original material to react, calculate

(i) the specific rate constant

(ii) the time at which 10 per cent of the original material remains unreacted

(iii) the time it takes for the next 20 per cent of the reactant left to react after first 15 minutes.

(D.S.B. 2002)

Solution : (*i*) For the first order reaction :

$$k = \frac{2.303}{t} \log \frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$$

Let $[A]_0 = 100$, $[A] = 100 - 20 = 80$

$$\therefore \quad k = \frac{2.303}{15} \log \frac{100}{80}$$

$$= \frac{2.303}{15} \times 0.0969 = \mathbf{0.0149\ min^{-1}}$$

(*ii*) If $[A]_0 = 100$, and $[A] = 10$, then

$$t = \frac{2.303}{k} \log \frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$$

$$= \frac{2.303}{0.0149} \log \frac{100}{10} = \mathbf{154.6\ min}$$

(*iii*) If $[A]_0 = 80$, $[A] = 80 - \frac{80 \times 20}{100} = 64$

$$t = \frac{2.303}{0.0149} \log \frac{80}{64}$$

$$= \frac{2.303}{0.0149} \times 0.0969 = \mathbf{15.0\ min.}$$

❑ Example 20.

The following data were obtained during the first order thermal decomposition of $N_2O_5(g)$ at constant volume,

$$2N_2O_5(g) \longrightarrow 2N_2O_4(g) + O_2(g)$$

S.No.	*Time* (s)	*Total pressure (atm)*
1.	*0*	*0.5*
2.	*100*	*0.512*

Calculate the rate constant. ***N.C.E.R.T.***

Solution : Let the pressure of N_2O_5 decreases by $2x$ atm. Since 2 moles of N_2O_5 decompose to give 2 moles of N_2O_4 and 1 mole of O_2, then the pressure of $N_2O_4(g)$ increases by $2x$ atm and that of $O_2(g)$ increases by x atm.

	$2N_2O_5(g)$	$\longrightarrow$	$2N_2O_4(g)$	+	$O_2(g)$
At time, $t = 0$	0.5 atm		0		0
At time t (100 s)	$(0.5 - 2x)$ atm		$2x$ atm		x atm

Total pressure, $p_t = (0.5 - 2x) + 2x + x = 0.5 + x$

or $x = p_t - 0.5$

$t = 100$ s, $p_t = 0.512$ atm

or $x = p_t - 0.5 = 0.512 - 0.5 = 0.012$ atm

Now, $p(N_2O_5) = 0.5 - 2x = 0.5 - 2 \times 0.012 = 0.476$ atm

For a first order reaction,

$$k = \frac{2.303}{t} \log \frac{p(N_2O_5)_0}{p(N_2O_5)_t} = \frac{2.303}{100} \log \frac{0.5 \text{ atm}}{0.476 \text{ atm}}$$

$$= \frac{2.303}{100} \log 1.0504 = \frac{2.303}{100} \times 0.0214$$

$$= \mathbf{4.93 \times 10^{-4}\ s^{-1}}$$

❑ Example 21.

The following data were obtained during the first order thermal decomposition of SO_2Cl_2 at constant volume.

$$SO_2Cl_2(g) \longrightarrow SO_2(g) + Cl_2(g)$$

Experiment	*Times / s*	*Total pressure / atm*
1	*0*	*0.5*
2	*100*	*0.6*

Calculate the rate of reaction when total pressure is 0.65 atm. *(CBSE Sample Paper 2011)*

Solution : For the decomposition of SO_2Cl_2

	$SO_2Cl_2(g)$	$\longrightarrow$	$SO_2(g)$	+	$Cl_2(g)$
At $t = 0$	p_0 atm		0		0
At time t	$(p_0 - x)$ atm		x		x

$$p_t = p_0 - x + x + x = p_0 + x$$

or $x = p_t - p_0$

Now at time t, $p(SOCl_2) = p_0 - x = p_0 - (p_t - p_0) = 2p_0 - p_t$

$$\therefore \quad k = \frac{2.303}{t} \log \frac{p_0}{2p_0 - p_t}$$

when $t = 100\ s$

$$k = \frac{2.303}{100} \log \frac{0.5}{2 \times 0.5 - 0.6} = \frac{2.303}{100} \log 1.25$$

$$= 2.2316 \times 10^{-3}\ s^{-1}$$

When $p_t = 0.65$ atm *i.e.* $p_0 + p = 0.65$ atm

$$p = 0.65 - p_0 = 0.65 - 0.50 = 0.15 \text{ atm}$$

$\therefore$ Pressure of SO_2Cl_2 at time t $= 0.50 - 0.15$

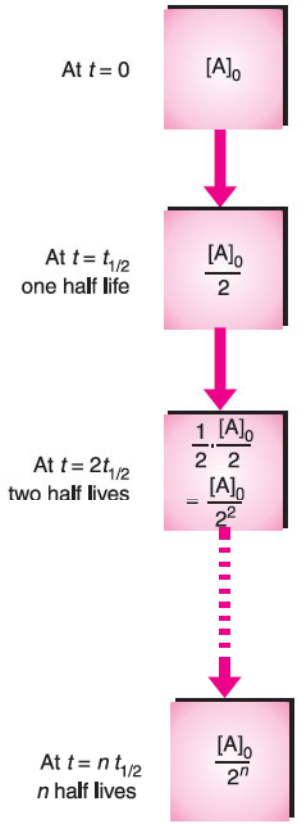
$= 0.35$ atm

Rate $= 2.2316 \times 10^{-3} \times 0.35$

$$= \mathbf{7.8 \times 10^{-5}\ atm\ s^{-1}}$$

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For a first order reaction



REMEMBER

Thus, the time required to reach the concentration values $[A]_0/2$, $[A]_0/4$, $[A]_0/8$, $[A]_0/16$, $[A]_0/32$... are $t_{1/2}$, $2t_{1/2}$, $3t_{1/2}$, $4t_{1/2}$, $5t_{1/2}$... respectively

REMEMBER

It is clear from the above illustration that for a first order reaction: The amount of substance left after ***n*** **half life periods** is given as :

$$[A] = [A]_0\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n \text{ or } \frac{[A]}{[A]_0} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n$$

e.g., if half life period of a substance is 10 min, then time taken to reduce its concentration to 1/16 of its original value can be calculated as :

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n = \frac{1}{16} \text{ or } \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 \text{ or } n = 4$$

i.e., 4 half life periods.

$\therefore$ Time taken = 10 × 4 = 40 min.

Alternatively, if we want to calculate the amount of substance left after 40 min. *i.e.*, 4 half life periods, then

$$\frac{[A]}{[A]_0} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 = \frac{1}{16}$$

i.e., its concentration is reduced to $\frac{1}{16}$ th of its original value.

HALF LIFE PERIOD OF A REACTION

Half life period of a reaction is defined as ***the time during which the concentration of a reactant is reduced to half of its initial concentration.***

In other words, it may also be stated as the time in which half of a reaction is completed. It is generally denoted as $t_{1/2}$. The half life period for different order reactions may be calculated as given below :

Half life period for zero order reaction

For a zero order reaction,

$$A \longrightarrow \text{Products}$$

the rate constant is given as

$$k = \frac{[A]_0 - [A]}{t}$$

Now, half life period corresponds to time during which the initial concentration, $[A]_0$ is reduced to half, i.e.,

At $t = t_{1/2}$, $[A] = [A]_0/2$

$$\therefore \quad k = \frac{[A]_0 - [A]_0/2}{t_{1/2}} = \frac{[A]_0}{2t_{1/2}}$$

$$\text{or} \quad t_{1/2} = \frac{[A]_0}{2k}$$

It is clear that $t_{1/2}$ for a zero order reaction is ***directly proportional to the initial concentration of the reactants and inversely proportional to the rate constant.***

Half life period for first order reaction

The first order rate equation for the reaction :

$$A \longrightarrow \text{Products is :}$$

$$kt = 2.303 \log \frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$$

$$\text{or} \quad t = \frac{2.303}{k} \log \frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$$

Now, half life period corresponds to time during which the initial concentration, $[A]_0$ is reduced to half *i.e.,*

$$[A] = [A]_0/2 \text{ at } t = t_{1/2}$$

Then half life period, $t_{1/2}$ becomes

$$t_{1/2} = \frac{2.303}{k} \log \frac{[A]_0}{[A]_0/2} = \frac{2.303}{k} \log 2$$

$$\text{or} \quad t_{1/2} = \frac{2.303 \times 0.3010}{k} = \frac{0.693}{k} \qquad [\because \log 2 = 0.3010]$$

$$\text{or} \quad \boxed{t_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{k}} \qquad \ldots(20)$$

Thus, **half life period of a first order reaction is independent of the initial concentration of the reactant.** Further, it is also clear from the relation that half life period for the first order reaction is inversely proportional to the rate constant.

Similarly, the relation for the time required to reduce the concentration of the reactant to any fraction of the initial concentration can be calculated. For example, for the first order reaction:

(i) time required to complete 1/3 of the reaction will be given as :

$$[A]_0 = a,\ [A] = a - a/3 = 2/3\ a$$

$$\therefore \quad t_{1/3} = \frac{2.303}{k} \log \frac{a}{2/3a} = \frac{2.303}{k} \log \frac{3}{2}$$

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(ii) time required to complete 3/4 of the reaction will be

$$[A]_0 = a,\ [A] = a - 3/4\ a = 1/4\ a$$

$$\therefore \quad t_{3/4} = \frac{2.303}{k}\log\frac{a}{1/4a} = \frac{2.303}{k}\log 4$$

In general, the time required to complete ***n*th fraction** of the first order reaction will be

$$[A]_0 = a,\ [A] = a - \frac{a}{n} = a\left(1-\frac{1}{n}\right)$$

$$\therefore \quad t_{1/n} = \frac{2.303}{k}\log\frac{a}{a\left(1-\frac{1}{n}\right)} = \frac{2.303}{k}\log\frac{1}{\left(1-\frac{1}{n}\right)}$$

Half life period for a second order reaction

The rate equation for second order reaction is

$$kt = \frac{1}{[A]} - \frac{1}{[A]_0}$$

For half life period, $t_{1/2} = [A] = [A]_0/2$

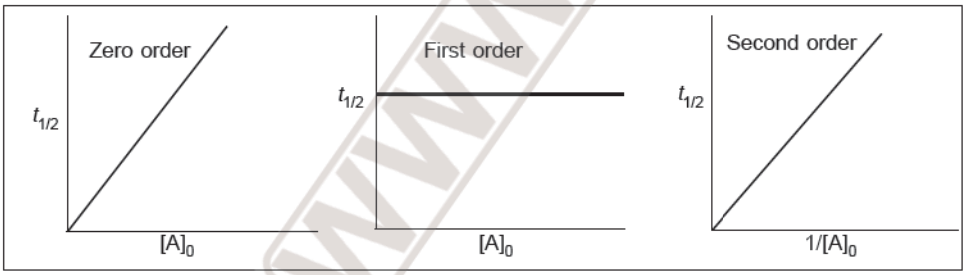
$$\therefore \quad kt_{1/2} = \frac{2}{[A]_0} - \frac{1}{[A]_0} = \frac{1}{[A]_0}$$

$$\therefore \quad \boxed{t_{1/2} = \frac{1}{k[A]_0}}$$

These are summed up below:

Type of reaction	Rate equation	$t_{1/2}$
Zero order	Rate = $k[A]^\circ$	$\frac{[A]_0}{2k}$
First order	Rate = $k[A]$	$\frac{0.693}{k}$
Second order	Rate = $k[A]^2$	$\frac{1}{k[A]_0}$

These results give very interesting observation that only the half life of first order reactions are independent of the concentrations. The half life *vs* concentration $[A]_0$ or $1/[A]_0$ plots are shown below:



Thus we have observed that

For a zero order reaction, $t_{1/2} \propto [A]_0$

For a first order reaction, $t_{1/2} \propto [A]_0^0$

For a second order reaction, $t_{1/2} \propto [A]_0^{-1}$

In general, for a nth order reaction,

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$$t_{1/2} \propto [A]_0^{1-n} \quad \text{or} \quad t_{1/2} \propto \frac{1}{[A]_0^{n-1}}$$

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Competition Plus

Radioactive decay of radioactive substances follows first order reaction. The carban dating technique has been developed by Willard Libby to find the age of archaeological object (wood plants or animal fossils). For detail, refer **Compitition File** (Page 94)

Rate of Radioactive Decay

All natural and artificial radioactive decay of unstable nuclei take place by first order kinetics. For example, radium decays as :

$$^{226}_{88}\text{Ra} \longrightarrow {}^{222}_{86}\text{Rn} + {}^{4}_{2}\text{He}$$

$$\text{Rate} = k[\text{Ra}]$$

Since radioactive decay follows first order kinetics, this means that rate of disintegration is directly proportional to the number of atoms present in the sample at that time.

Suppose a radioactive element A disintegrates to form B,

$$\text{A} \longrightarrow \text{B}$$

Let N_0 be the number of atoms present in the beginning, at $t = 0$ and N be the number of atoms present at time t, then

$$\lambda = \frac{2.303}{t}\log\frac{N_0}{N}$$

where λ is a constant known as **decay constant or disintegration constant.** Its value depends upon the nature of the decaying element.

Half life period for radioactive decay is

$$t_{½} = \frac{0.693}{\lambda}$$

The half life period of a radioactive element gives idea about its stability. *If the half life period is small, it means that the element is extremely unstable and will decay in a short period. On the other hand, longer half life periods indicate stability of the radioactive element.* For example, the half life period of Ra-224 is 3.64 days, while the half life period of Ra-228 is 6–7 years and the half life period of Ra-226 is 1596 years. This means that Ra-226 is most stable among the three isotopes of radium while Ra-224 is least stable.

It may be noted that in case of a radioactive substance, the whole of the substance never disintegrates. In other words, the time required for complete disintegration is infinity. Therefore, the term **average life** is used. As faster is the disintegration, smaller is the average life, therefore, average life (expressed as τ, tau) is taken as reciprocal of disintegration constant, λ, ie

$$\tau = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

But $$t_{½} = \frac{0.693}{\lambda}$$

$$\therefore \quad \tau = \frac{1}{\lambda} = \frac{t_{1/2}}{0.693}$$

$$\therefore \quad \tau = 1.44\, t_{½}$$

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Example 22.

Calculate the half life period of a first order reaction where the specific rate constant is

(a) 200 s^{-1} (b) 2 min^{-1} (c) 4 $year^{-1}$ **N.C.E.R.T.**

Solution : For the first order reaction,

$$t_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{k}$$

(a) $k = 200\ s^{-1}$

$$\therefore \quad t_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{200} = 3.465 \times 10^{-3}\ \text{s}.$$

(b) $k = 2\ \text{min}^{-1}$

$$\therefore \quad t_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{2} = 0.3465\ \text{min}.$$

(c) $k = 4\ \text{year}^{-1}$

$$\therefore \quad t_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{4} = 0.1732\ \text{year}.$$

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❑ Example 23.

A first order reaction is found to have a rate constant, $k = 5.5 \times 10^{-14}\ s^{-1}$. Find the half life period of the reaction. **N.C.E.R.T.** *,(A.I.S.B. 2013)*

Solution : For the first order reaction,

$$t_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{k}$$

$$= \frac{0.693}{5.5 \times 10^{-14}\ s^{-1}} = \mathbf{1.26 \times 10^{13}\ s.}$$

❑ Example 24.

For a first order reaction, calculate the ratio between the time taken to complete three-fourth of the reaction and the time taken to complete half of the reaction.

Solution : For first order reaction,

$$t = \frac{2.303}{k} \log \frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$$

For 3/4 of a reaction to take place, $t = t_{3/4}$, $[A] = [A]_0 - \frac{3}{4}[A]_0$

$$= \frac{1}{4}[A]_0$$

Thus, $$t_{3/4} = \frac{2.303}{k} \log \frac{[A]_0}{1/4[A]_0} = \frac{2.303}{k} \log 4 \quad ...(i)$$

Now, for half of a reaction to take place,

$$t = t_{1/2};\ [A] = [A]_0 - \frac{1}{2}[A]_0 = \frac{1}{2}[A]_0$$

Thus, $$t_{1/2} = \frac{2.303}{k} \log \frac{[A]_0}{[A]_0/2} = \frac{2.303}{k} \log 2 \quad ...(ii)$$

Dividing eq. (*i*) by eq. (*ii*)

$$\frac{t_{3/4}}{t_{1/2}} = \frac{\log 4}{\log 2} = \frac{0.6020}{0.3010} = 2$$

Thus, **the time required for 3/4 th of the reaction to occur is two times that required for half of the reaction.**

Practice Problems

17. During the decomposition of N_2O_5 dissolved in carbon tetrachloride at 303 K, the following results were obtained :

Time (min)	0	40	80	120	160	∞
Vol. of O_2 collected (cc)	0	15.6	28.6	38.6	46.8	84.6

Show that the reaction is of first order. Also calculate the rate constant.

18. Diazobenzene chloride decomposes as :

$$C_6H_5N_2Cl \longrightarrow C_6H_5Cl + N_2$$

The volume of N_2 evolved at different times was measured and following results were obtained :

Time (min)	0	20	70	∞
Vol. of N_2 (ml)	0	10	33	162

Calculate the (*i*) order of the reaction and (*ii*) rate constant.

19. The rate constant for the decomposition of N_2O_5 is $6.0 \times 10^{-4}\ s^{-1}$. At what time will the initial concentration of 1 M be reduced to 0.2 M if the reaction is of first order ?

20. For the reaction, $N_2O_5(g) \longrightarrow 2NO_2(g) + \frac{1}{2}O_2(g)$, the initial concentration of N_2O_5 was 1.24×10^{-2} mol L^{-1} at 318 K. The concentration of N_2O_5 after 60 minutes was 0.20×10^{-2} mol L^{-1}. Calculate the rate constant of the reaction at 318 K. *(Meghalaya S.B. 2013)*

21. The decomposition of N_2O_5 in CCl_4 solution follows the first order rate law. The concentration of N_2O_5 measured at different time intervals are given below :

Time in seconds (t)	0	80	160	410	600	1130	1720
$[N_2O_5]$ mol/L	5.5	5.0	4.8	4.0	3.4	2.4	1.6

Calculate the rate constant at t = 410 s and t = 1130 s. What do these results show ?

22. The decomposition of N_2O_5 in CCl_4 at 45°C

$$2N_2O_5 \xrightarrow{CCl_4} 4NO_2 + O_2$$

is first order reaction with $k = 6.32 \times 10^{-4}\ s^{-1}$. Calculate the concentration of N_2O_5 remaining after one hour when the initial concentration of N_2O_5 was 0.40 mol L^{-1}. What percentage of N_2O_5 has reacted ?

Answers to Practice Problems

17. k is almost constant therefore, reaction is of first order. $k = 5.08 \times 10^{-3}\ min^{-1}$.

18. (*i*) order = 1 (*ii*) $3.21 \times 10^{-3}\ min^{-1}$.

19. 2683 s.

20. $3.04 \times 10^{-2}\ min^{-1}$

21. $7.769 \times 10^{-4}\ s^{-1}$, $7.340 \times 10^{-4}\ s^{-1}$.

22. 0.041 mol L^{-1}, 89.75 %

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EXPERIMENTAL DETERMINATION OF ORDER OF A REACTION

There are a number of methods for determining rate law or order of a reaction. The following methods are commonly used :

1. Graphical Method

This method is used when there is **only one reactant.** It involves the following steps :

1. The concentrations of the reactants are measured by some suitable method.

2. A graph is plotted between concentration and time.

3. The instantaneous rates of the reaction at different times are calculated by finding out the slopes of the tangents corresponding to different times.

4. The rate of reaction (calculated above step 3) is plotted versus concentration, [R] or (concentration)^2, $[R]^2$ and so on.

(*a*) If rate of reaction remains constant in rate versus concentration graph, it means that the rate is independent of the concentration of the reactant, *i.e,*.

Rate = $k\ [R]^0 = k$

Therefore, the reaction is of **zero order.**

(*b*) If a straight line is obtained in rate versus concentration graph, it means that the rate is directly proportional to concentration of the reactant *i.e.*,

$$\text{Rate} = k[R]$$

Therefore, the reaction is of *first order.*

(*c*) If a straight line is obtained in rate versus (concentration)^2 graph, it means that

$$\text{Rate} = k[R]^2$$

Therefore, the order of the reaction is two.

(*d*) Similarly, if we get straight line in rate versus (concentration)^3 graph, then

$$\text{Rate} = k[R]^3$$

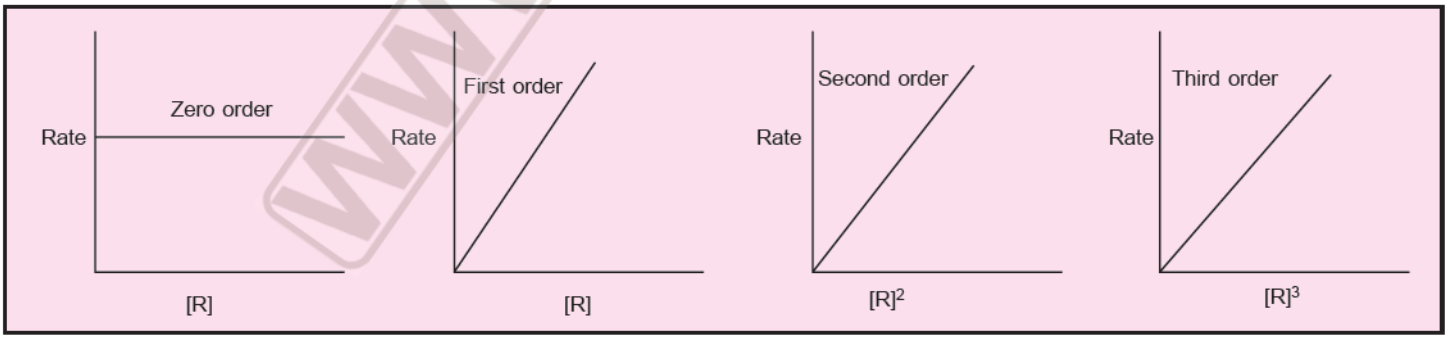
and the order of reaction is 3.

In general, if we get straight line by plotting graph of rate versus (concentration)^n, where n = 1, 2, 3 .... so on, then

$$\text{Rate} = k[R]^n$$

and the order of reaction is n.

These graphs are given below :



Let us illustrate the above method by taking the example of the decomposition of nitrogen pentoxide.

$$2N_2O_5(g) \longrightarrow 4NO_2(g) + O_2(g)$$

This reaction involves the gaseous reactants and products. Therefore, the reaction can be easily studied by measuring the increase in pressure of the gaseous mixture at different intervals of time. From the measured values of

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total pressure, the partial pressure of N_2O_5 at different times can be calculated. From this, the concentration of N_2O_5 in moles per litre can be calculated. The molar concentrations of N_2O_5 obtained are plotted against time. The rates at different times are obtained by measuring the slopes of the tangents corresponding to these times.

The rate of this reaction at different concentration of N_2O_5 is given in Table 1. The table indicates that the rate of the reaction is proportional to the concentration of N_2O_5 and it may be expressed as :

$$\text{Rate} \propto [N_2O_5]^n \text{ or } \text{Rate} = k[N_2O_5]^n$$

Table 1. Rate of reaction corresponding to different concentrations of N_2O_5.

$[N_2O_5]$ (mol L^{-1})	Rate (mol L^{-1} min^{-1})
1.13×10^{-2}	3.4×10^{-4}
0.84×10^{-2}	2.5×10^{-4}
0.62×10^{-2}	1.1×10^{-4}
0.46×10^{-2}	1.3×10^{-4}
0.35×10^{-2}	1.0×10^{-4}
0.26×10^{-2}	0.8×10^{-4}

Now, different graphs are drawn by plotting rate versus $[N_2O_5]$, rate versus $[N_2O_5]^2$, etc. These are given in Fig. 8 and Fig. 9 respectively. We observe that the plot of rate versus $[N_2O_5]$ is a straight line (Fig. 8). This means that the rate of the reaction is directly proportional to the $[N_2O_5]$. Therefore, the rate law is :

$$\text{Rate} = k[N_2O_5]$$

However, we do not get straight line by plotting rate of reaction against $[N_2O_5]^2$. This means that the reaction is not of second order.

Thus, the correct rate law for this reaction is :

$$\text{Rate} = -\frac{dx}{dt} = k[N_2O_5]$$

and order of the reaction is 1.

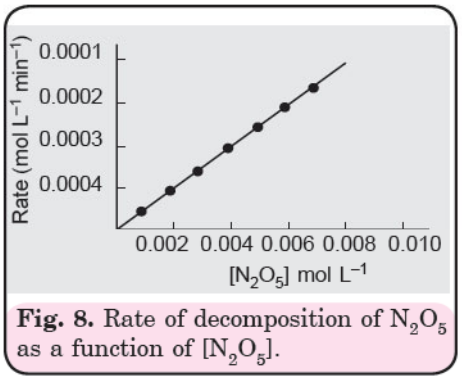


Fig. 8. Rate of decomposition of N_2O_5 as a function of $[N_2O_5]$.

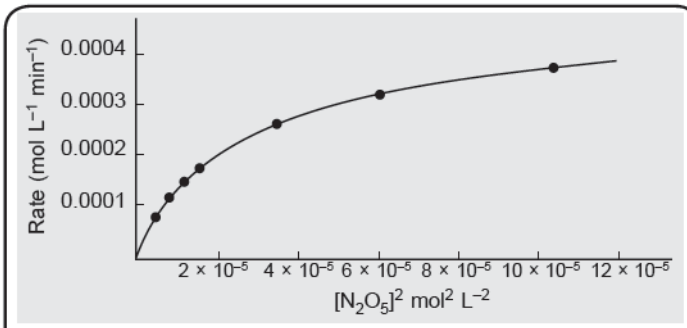


Fig. 9. Rate of decomposition of N_2O_5 as a function of $[N_2O_5]^2$.

From the above discussion, we notice that the coefficient of N_2O_5 in the balanced equation is 2 while the exponent in the rate law is 1. Thus, *the order of the reaction is not same as the coefficient in the balanced chemical equation.*

Calculation of Rate Constant

The rate constant can be calculated by substituting the values of rate and concentration of N_2O_5 in the rate law expression

$$\text{Rate} = k[N_2O_5]$$

For example, when

$$[N_2O_5] = 1.13 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol } L^{-1} \text{ and}$$

$$\text{rate} = 3.4 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol } L^{-1} \text{ min}^{-1}$$

$$k = \frac{\text{Rate}}{[N_2O_5]} = \frac{3.4 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol } L^{-1} \text{ min}^{-1}}{1.13 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol } L^{-1}}$$

$$= 3.0 \times 10^{-2} \text{ min}^{-1}$$

2. Use of integrated rate equation

This method is also known as method of trial and error. The kinetic data is fitted to different integrated rate equation. Wherever the data fit with the

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equation for the correct order of the reaction, it will give constant value of rate constant for all data points (concentrations at different times). Alternatively, graphical method can also be applied for integrated rate equation. In the method, appropriate function of concentration is plotted against time. The resulting curve will be straight line only for the case in which the appropriate integrated equations has been used. For a general reaction :

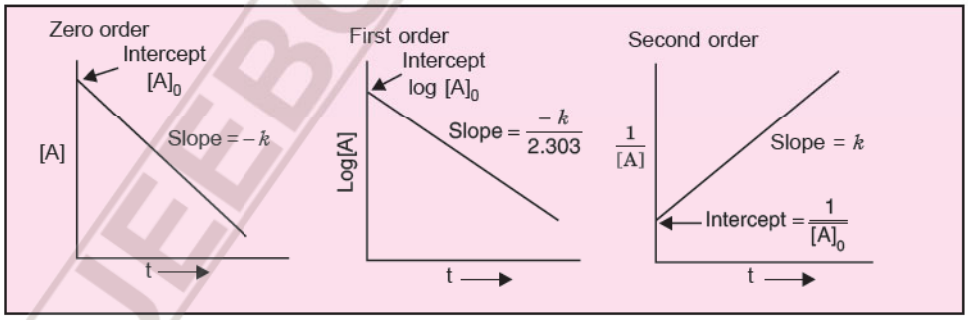
$$A \longrightarrow \text{Products}$$

the integrated rate equation for zero, first and second order reactions are given below :

Type of reaction	Equation corresponding	Linear plot to $y = mx + c$	Slope	Intercept
Zero order (rate = k)	$[A] = -kt + [A]_0$	[A] vs t	$-k$	$[A]_0$
First order (rate = $k[A]$)	$\log [A] = -\frac{kt}{2.303} + \log [A]_0$	log [A] vs t	$-\frac{k}{2.303}$	$\log [A]_0$
Second order (rate = $k[A]^2$)	$\frac{1}{[A]} = kt + \frac{1}{[A]_0}$	$\frac{1}{[A]}$ vs t	k	$\frac{1}{[A]_0}$

It is clear from the above relations that the straight lines are obtained for a plot of [A] versus t for a zero order reaction, of log [A] versus t for a first order reaction and of 1/[A] versus t above for second order reaction as shown below:

The plot of ln [A] against t for a first order reaction is a straight line with slope = $-k$.



These curves also help to calculate the value of k from the slope of the straight line.

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Example 25.

The rate of decomposition of hydrogen peroxide at a particular temperature was measured by titrating its solution with acidic $KMnO_4$ solution. Following results were obtained :

Time, t (min)	*0*	*10*	*20*
mol ($KMnO_4$)	*22.8*	*13.8*	*8.3*

(i) Show that the reaction is of first order.

(ii) Calculate the rate constant.

Solution : Volume of $KMnO_4$ used is proportional to the amount of H_2O_2 present. If the reaction is of first order, it must obey the equation,

$$k = \frac{2.303}{t} \log \frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$$

or $$k = \frac{2.303}{t} \log \frac{V_0}{V_t}$$

Here $V_0 = 22.8$ and the value of k can be calculted by substituting the concentration of V_t at different times.

$t = 10$ min, $V_t = 13.8$

$$\therefore \quad k = \frac{2.303}{10} \log \frac{22.8}{13.8} = 0.05022 \text{ min}^{-1}$$

$t = 20$ min, $V_t = 8.3$

$$\therefore \quad k = \frac{2.303}{20} \log \frac{22.8}{8.3} = 0.05053 \text{ min}^{-1}$$

(*i*) Since the value of k comes out to be almost constant, the reaction therefore, is of **first order.**

(*ii*) The mean value of k = **0.05037 min^{-1}.**

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❑ Example 26.

The following results were obtained for the decomposition of nitrogen peroxide in an inert solvent :

t (s)	*0*	*300*	*600*	*900*	*∞*
Vol. of O_2 evolved (cm^3)	*0*	*3.42*	*6.30*	*8.95*	*34.75*

Show that the reaction is of first order and also calculate the rate constant.

Solution : The reaction will be of first order, if it obeys the equation,

$$k = \frac{2.303}{t} \log \frac{a}{a-x}$$

In this reaction, oxygen is liberated and collected at different times. The total volume of oxygen collected at the end of reaction (after infinite time, $t = \infty$) gives a measure of the total concentration of nitrogen peroxide taken initially *i.e.,* a. If V_t is the volume collected after time t and V_∞ is the total volume collected at the end of the reaction, then the concentration of nitrogen peroxide at any time t *i.e.,* $(a - x)$ is $V_\infty - V_t$. Thus,

$$V_\infty = a, \quad V_t \propto x \text{ and } a - x = V_\infty - V_t$$

Thus, the above equation becomes

$$k = \frac{2.303}{t} \log \frac{V_\infty}{V_\infty - V_t}$$

Substituting the values,

t = 300 s, V_∞ = 34.75, V_t = 3.42

$$\therefore \quad k = \frac{2.303}{300} \log \frac{34.75}{34.75 - 3.42}$$

$$= 0.000345$$

t = 600 s, V_∞ = 34.75, V_t = 6.30

$$k = \frac{2.303}{600} \log \frac{34.75}{34.75 - 6.30} = 0.000333$$

t = 900 sec, V_∞ = 34.75, V_t = 8.95

$$k = \frac{2.303}{900} \log \frac{34.75}{34.75 - 8.95} = 0.000331$$

Since the value of k is almost constant, the reaction is of first order. The average value of rate constant is **0.000336**.

❑ Example 27.

The experimental data for decomposition of N_2O_5

$2N_2O_5 \longrightarrow 4NO_2 + O_2$

in gas phase at 318K are given below:

t/s	*0*	*400*	*800*	*1200*	*1600*	*2000*	*2400*	*2800*	*3200*
$10^2 \times [N_2O_5]$/ mol L^{-1}	*1.63*	*1.36*	*1.14*	*0.93*	*0.78*	*0.64*	*0.53*	*0.43*	*0.35*

(i) Plot $[N_2O_5]$ against t.

(ii) Find the half-life period for the reaction.

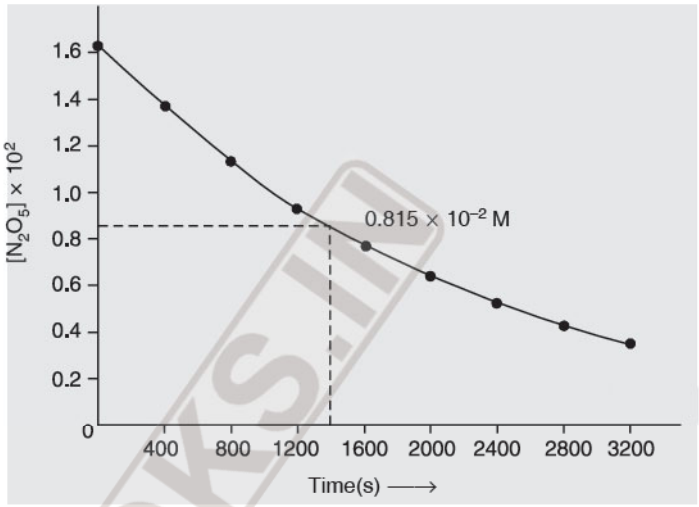
(iii) Draw a graph between log $[N_2O_5]$ and t.

(iv) What is the rate law?

(v) Calculate the rate constant.

(vi) Calculate the half-life period from k and compare it with (b).

Solution. *(i)* The plot of $[N_2O_5]$ versus time is shown below:



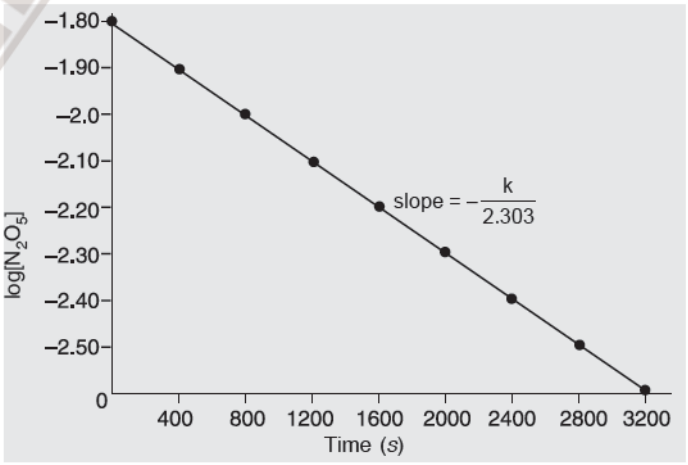
(ii) Initial conc. of N_2O_5 = 1.63×10^{-2} M

Half of initial conc. = $1.63 \times 10^{-2} \times \frac{1}{2}$

= 0.815×10^{-2} M

Time corresponding to half of initial conc. ($t_{1/2}$) from the plot = 1440s

(iii) Plot of $\log[N_2O_5]$ *vs* time



(iv) Since the graph between $\log[N_2O_5]$ *vs* time is a straight line, the reaction is of first order.

Rate equation :

$$\text{Rate} = k[N_2O_5]$$

(v) Slope of the line = $-\frac{k}{2.303}$

Slope = -2.10×10^{-4} (from graph)

$$\therefore \quad k = -2.10 \times 10^{-4} \times (-2.303)$$

$$= 4.84 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

(vi) $t_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{k} = \frac{0.693}{4.84 \times 10^{-4}} = \mathbf{1432\ s}$

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3. Initial Rate Method

The graphical methods cannot be applied for the reactions which involve more than one reactants. The rates of such reactions can be determined by *initial rate method*. This method involves the following steps :

1. The initial rate of the reaction *i.e.,* the rate at the beginning of the reaction is measured. This may be taken as the rate over an initial time interval that is short enough so that concentrations of the reactants do not change appreciably from their initial values. This corresponds to slope of the tangent to the concentration versus time graph at $t = 0$.

2. The initial concentration of only one reactant is changed (keeping other concentrations constant) and the rate is determined again. From this the order with respect to that particular reactant is calculated.

3. The procedure is repeated with respect to each reactant until the overall rate law is fully determined.

4. The sum of the individual orders with respect to each reactant gives the order of the reaction.

This method can be illustrated by taking a hypothetical reaction :

$$2A + 2B \longrightarrow \text{Products}$$

The order of this reaction can be experimentally determined by studying the concentration dependence of reactants A and B. Let us assume that we start with 0.01 M concentration of both A and B and the initial rate of the reaction is 0.005 (say). This has been listed in Table 2 in experiment I. In second experiment when the initial concentration of A is doubled (from 0.01 M to 0.02 M), keeping concentration of B constant, the rate becomes four times (i.e., changes from 0.005 to 0.020). This means that the rate of the reaction is proportional to the square of the concentration of A,

$$\text{Rate of reaction} \propto [A]^2$$

In other words, order of the reaction with respect to A is two.

Table 2. Data for the hypothetical reaction, $2A + 2B \longrightarrow$ Product.

Experiment	Concentration(M) [A]	[B]	Rate of reaction
I	0.01	0.01	0.005
II	0.02	0.01	0.020
III	0.02	0.03	0.060

Similarly, the comparison of results of experiments II and III shows that when the concentration of B is tripled (from 0.01 M to 0.03 M) keeping the concentration of A constant, rate becomes triple (from 0.020 to 0.060). The rate of reaction is, therefore, proportional to the concentration of B *i.e.*,

$$\text{Rate} \propto [B]$$

In other words, order of the reaction with respect to B is one.

The overall rate law equation may be written as :

$$\text{Rate} = k[A]^2[B].$$

Thus, the overall order of reaction is 2 + 1 = 3. Obviously, the powers of the reactants in rate law expression are different than the coefficients in the overall chemical equation.

Alternative Method

In some cases, it is not easy to compare the rates by simple inspection. Then an alternative mathematical method is used as given below :

Consider a general reaction :

$$aA + bB + cC \longrightarrow \text{Products}$$

The general form of the rate law may be written as :

$$\text{Rate} = k[A]^p [B]^q [C]^r \qquad ...(i)$$

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Then initial rate of the reaction may be given as :

r_0 = Rate = $k\ [A]_0^p\ [B]_0^q\ [C]_0^r$

If [B] and [C] are kept constant, then

$r_0 = k_0\ [A]_0^p$ where $k_0 = k[B]_0^q\ [C]_0^r$

The value of p can be determined by inspecting the rate at different values of [A]. Alternatively, if we know the initial rates at two different concentrations of A, we have :

$$(r_0)_1 = k_0\ [A_0]_1^p \quad \text{.....}(ii)$$

$$(r_0)_2 = k_0\ [A_0]_2^p \quad \text{....}(iii)$$

where $(r_0)_1$ and $(r_0)_2$ are the initial rates of reaction when the initial concentration of A are $[A_0]_1$ and $[A_0]_2$ respectively. Dividing eqn. (ii) by Eq. (iii) we get

$$\frac{(r_0)_1}{(r_0)_2} = \left\{\frac{[A_0]_1}{[A_0]_2}\right\}^p$$

Taking log on both sides we get

$$\log \frac{(r_0)_1}{(r_0)_2} = p \log \frac{[A_0]_1}{[A_0]_2}$$

$$\therefore \quad p = \frac{\log \{(r_0)_1 / (r_0)_2\}}{\log \{[A_0]_1 / [A_0]_2\}}$$

Therefore, the order of reaction with respect to A can be determined. In the same manner, the order of reaction with respect to other reactants can also be determined. The overall order of the reaction is the sum of all the exponents in equation (i) as

$$n = p + q + r.$$

This may be illustrated by considering the above reaction :

$$2A + 2B \longrightarrow \text{Product}$$

The general form of the rate law may be written as :

$$\text{Rate} = k[A]^p\ [B]^q$$

Then, the expression for the initial rate is

$$(\text{Rate})_0 = k[A]_0^p\ [B]_0^q$$

where subscript zero denotes initial values. The problem involves the determination *of* p and q.

Consider the experiments I and II (Table 3) and substituting the values we get,

$$(\text{Rate})_1 = k(0.01)^p\ (0.01)^q = 0.005 \quad \text{...}(i)$$

$$(\text{Rate})_2 = k(0.02)^p\ (0.01)^q = 0.020 \quad \text{...}(ii)$$

Dividing Eq. (ii) by Eq (i) we get

$$\frac{(0.02)^p}{(0.01)^p} = \frac{0.020}{0.005}$$

$$(2)^p = 4 \text{ or } (2)^p = 2^2 \qquad \therefore \ p = 2$$

Similarly, comparing experiments II and III

$$(\text{Rate})_2 = k(0.02)^p\ (0.01)^q = 0.020 \quad \text{...}(iii)$$

$$(\text{Rate})_3 = k(0.02)^p\ (0.03)^q = 0.060 \quad \text{...}(iv)$$

Dividing Eq. (iii) by Eq. (iv), we get :

$$\frac{(0.03)^q}{(0.01)^q} = \frac{0.060}{0.020}$$

$$3^q = 3 \quad \text{or} \quad q = 1$$

Therefore, the order with respect to A is 2 and the order with respect to B is 1. Thus, the rate law may be written as :

$$\text{Rate} = k[A]^2[B]$$

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❑ Example 28.

The following data were obtained for the reaction:

$$2NO(g) + Br_2(g) \longrightarrow 2NOBr(g)$$

Experiment	Initial conc. [NO]	[Br_2]	Initial rate (mol L^{-1} min^{-1})
I	0.10	0.10	1.3×10^{-6}
II	0.20	0.10	5.2×10^{-6}
III	0.20	0.30	1.56×10^{-5}

Determine (i) *the orders with respect to NO and* Br_2
(ii) *the rate law and*
(iii) *rate constant.*

Solution : The rate law may be written as :

$$\text{Rate} = k[NO]^p[Br_2]^q$$

The initial rate becomes

$$(\text{Rate})_0 = k[NO]^p[Br_2]^q$$

Comparing experiment I and II, we get

$$(\text{Rate})_1 = k(0.1)^p(0.1)^q = 1.3 \times 10^{-6} \quad ...(i)$$

$$(\text{Rate})_2 = k(0.2)^p(0.1)^q = 5.2 \times 10^{-6} \quad ...(ii)$$

Dividing Eq. (*ii*) by Eq. (*i*)

$$\frac{(\text{Rate})_2}{(\text{Rate})_1} = \frac{k(0.2)^p(0.1)^q}{k(0.1)^p(0.1)^q} = \frac{5.2\times10^{-6}}{1.3\times10^{-6}}$$

or $(2)^p = 4$ or $(2)^p = 2^2$

$\therefore$ $p = 2$

Thus, **order with respect to NO is 2**.

Comparing experiments II and III

$$(\text{Rate})_2 = k(0.2)^p(0.1)^q = 5.2 \times 10^{-6} \quad ....(iii)$$

$$(\text{Rate})_3 = k(0.2)^p(0.3)^q = 1.56 \times 10^{-5} \quad ....(iv)$$

Dividing Eq. (*iii*) by Eq. (*iv*) , we get :

$$\frac{k(0.2)^p(0.3)^q}{k(0.2)^p(0.1)^q} = \frac{1.56\times10^{-5}}{5.2\times10^{-6}}$$

or $(3)^q = 3$

or $q = 1$

Thus, **order with respect to Br_2 is 1.**

(*ii*) The rate law for the reaction

$$\text{Rate} = k[NO]^2[Br_2]$$

(*iii*) Rate constant can be calculated by substituting the values of rate, [NO] and [Br_2] for any experiment

$$k = \frac{\text{Rate}}{[NO]^2[Br_2]} = \frac{1.3\times10^{-6}}{(0.1)^2(0.1)}$$

$$= \mathbf{1.3 \times 10^{-3}\ mol^{-2}\ L^2\ s^{-1}.}$$

❑ Example 29.

The rates of a reaction starting with initial concentrations 2×10^{-3} *M and* 1×10^{-3} *M are equal to* 2.40×10^{-4} *M* s^{-1} *and* 0.60×10^{-4} *M* s^{-1} *respectively. Calculate the order of the reaction with respect to the reactant and also the rate constant.*

Solution : Let the initial rate be :

$$r_0 = k[A_0]^a$$

$$\frac{(r_0)_1}{(r_0)_2} = \left\{\frac{[A_0]_1}{[A_0]_2}\right\}^a$$

or $$a = \frac{\log\{(r_0)_1/(r_0)_2\}}{\log\{[A_0]_1/[A_0]_2\}}$$

$$= \frac{\log(2.40\times10^{-4}/0.60\times10^{-4})}{\log(2\times10^{-3}/1\times10^{-3})} = \frac{\log 4}{\log 2} = 2$$

$\therefore$ The order of reaction = 2

Now, Rate = $k[A]^2$

or $$k = \frac{\text{Rate}}{[A]^2} = \frac{2.4\times10^{-4}\ \text{mol L}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}}{(2\times10^{-3}\ \text{mol L}^{-1})^2}$$

$$= \mathbf{0.6 \times 10^2\ mol^{-1}\ L\ s^{-1}.}$$

❑ Example 30.

The following data were obtained for the reaction:

$$2NO_2(g) + F_2(g) \longrightarrow 2NO_2F$$

Experiment	Initial conc. $[NO_2]_0$	$[F_2]_0$	Initial rate mol L^{-1} min^{-1}
1	0.20	0.05	6.0×10^{-3}
2	0.40	0.05	1.2×10^{-2}
3	0.80	0.10	4.8×10^{-2}

Determine (i) *order of reaction*
(ii) *rate law*
(iii) *rate of reaction when* $[NO_2] = 0.50$ *mol* L^{-1} *and* $[F_2] = 0.60$ *mol* L^{-1}.

Solution : The initial rate expression may be written as :

$$(\text{Rate})_0 = k[NO_2]^p[F_2]^q$$

Comparing experiments 1 and 2, we get

$$(\text{Rate})_1 = k(0.2)^q(0.05)^q = 6.0 \times 10^{-3} \quad ...(i)$$

$$(\text{Rate})_2 = k(0.4)^q(0.05)^q = 1.2 \times 10^{-2} \quad ...(ii)$$

Dividing Eq. (*ii*) by Eq. (*i*)

$$\frac{(\text{Rate})_2}{(\text{Rate})_1} = \frac{k(0.4)^p(0.05)^q}{k(0.2)^p(0.05)^q} = \frac{1.2\times10^{-2}}{6.0\times10^{-3}}$$

or $(2)^p = 2$

$\therefore$ $p = 1$

Thus, **order with respect to NO_2 is 1**.

Comparing experiments 2 and 3,

$$(\text{Rate})_2 = k(0.4)^p(0.05)^q = 1.2 \times 10^{-2} \quad ...(iii)$$

$$(\text{Rate})_3 = k(0.8)^p(0.10)^q = 4.8 \times 10^{-2} \quad ...(iv)$$

Dividing Eq. (*iv*) by Eq. (*iii*), we get :

$$\frac{k(0.8)^p(0.10)^q}{k(0.4)^p(0.05)^q} = \frac{4.8\times10^{-2}}{1.2\times10^{-2}}$$

$$(2)^p\,(2)^q = 4$$

Now, we have obtained $p = 1$ for the reaction, so that

$$(2)^1\,(2)^q = 4 \quad \text{or} \quad (2)^q = 2 \quad \text{or} \quad q = 1$$

Thus, **order w.r.t. F_2 is 1**

(*i*) Order of reaction = 1 + 1 = 2

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(*ii*) Rate law for the reaction is :

$$\text{Rate} = k[NO_2][F_2]$$

(*iii*) Rate of reaction, when $[NO_2] = 0.50$ mol L^{-1} and $[F_2] = 0.60$ mol L^{-1}

Let us first calculate, k from first run.

$$\text{Rate} = k[NO_2][F_2]$$

$$6.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol L}^{-1} \text{ min}^{-1} = k(0.20 \text{ mol L}^{-1}) \times (0.05 \text{ mol L}^{-1})$$

$$\text{or} \quad k = \frac{6.0 \times 10^{-3}}{0.20 \times 0.05} = 0.6 \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ L min}^{-1}$$

Substituting the values of k, $[NO_2]$ and $[F_2]$

$$\text{Rate} = 0.6 \times (0.5) \times (0.60)$$
$$= \mathbf{0.18 \text{ mol L}^{-1} \text{ min}^{-1}}.$$

❑ Example 31.

The initial rate of reaction :

$$A + 5B + 6C \rightleftharpoons 3L + 3M$$

has been determined by measuring the rate of disappearance of A under the following conditions :

Expt. No.	$[A]_0$ *M*	$[B]_0$ *M*	$[C]_0$ *M*	*Initial rate* M/min^{-1}
1.	0.02	0.02	0.02	2.08×10^{-3}
2.	0.01	0.02	0.02	1.04×10^{-3}
3.	0.02	0.04	0.02	4.16×10^{-3}
4.	0.02	0.02	0.04	8.32×10^{-3}

Determine the order of reaction with respect to each reactant and overall order of the reaction. What is the rate constant ?

Calculate the initial rate of the reaction when the concentration of all the reactants is 0.01 M. Calculate the initial rate of change in concentration of B and L.

Solution : Rate law may be written as:

$$(\text{Rate}) = k[A]^a[B]^b[C]^c$$

The initial rate becomes $(\text{Rate})_0 = k[A_0]^a [B_0]^b[C_0]^c$ ...(*i*)

Comparing experiments 1 and 2

$$(\text{Rate})_1 = k(0.02)^a (0.02)^b (0.02)^c = 2.08 \times 10^{-3} \quad ...(ii)$$

$$(\text{Rate})_2 = k(0.01)^a (0.02)^b (0.02)^c = 1.04 \times 10^{-3} \quad ...(iii)$$

Dividing Eq. (*ii*) by Eq. (*iii*) we get

$$\frac{(\text{Rate})_1}{(\text{Rate})_2} = \frac{(0.02)^a}{(0.01)^a} = \frac{2.08 \times 10^{-3}}{1.04 \times 10^{-3}} = 2$$

$$\text{or} \quad 2^a = 2$$
$$\therefore \quad a = 1$$

Comparing experiment 3 and 1, we get

$$(\text{Rate})_1 = k(0.02)^a (0.02)^b (0.02)^c = 2.08 \times 10^{-3} \quad ...(iv)$$

$$(\text{Rate})_3 = k(0.02)^a (0.04)^b (0.02)^c = 4.16 \times 10^{-3} \quad ...(v)$$

Dividing Eqn. (*v*) by Eqn. (*iv*),

$$\frac{(0.04)^b}{(0.02)^b} = \frac{4.16 \times 10^{-3}}{2.08 \times 10^{-3}} = 2$$

$$2^b = 2$$
$$\therefore \quad b = 1$$

Comparing experiment 1 and 4, we get

$$(\text{Rate})_1 = k(0.02)^a (0.02)^b (0.02)^c = 2.08 \times 10^{-3} \quad ...(vi)$$

$$(\text{Rate})_4 = k(0.02)^a (0.02)^b (0.04)^c = 8.32 \times 10^{-3} \quad ...(vii)$$

Dividing eqn. (*vii*) by eqn. (*vi*), we get

$$\frac{(\text{Rate})_4}{(\text{Rate})_1} = \frac{(0.04)^c}{(0.02)^c} = \frac{8.32 \times 10^{-3}}{2.08 \times 10^{-3}} = 4$$

$$\text{or} \quad 2^c = 2^2$$
$$\therefore \quad c = 2$$

Therefore, the order of the reaction with respect to A, B and C are 1, 1 and 2 respectively and overall order of reaction = 1 + 1 + 2 = 4

$$\text{Rate} = k[A][B][C]^2$$

Substituting the values from expt. 1, we get

$$2.08 \times 10^{-3} = k \times 0.02 \times 0.02 \times (0.02)^2$$

$$\therefore \quad k = \frac{2.08 \times 10^{-3}}{(0.02)^4} = \frac{2.08 \times 10^{-3}}{16 \times 10^{-8}} = \mathbf{1.3 \times 10^4 \text{ M}^{-2} \text{ min}^{-1}}.$$

Rate of reaction when concentration of all reactants = 0.01 M

$$\text{Rate} = 1.3 \times 10^4 \times (0.01) \times (0.01) \times (0.01)^2$$
$$= 1.3 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M min}^{-1}.$$

According to the reaction,

$$\text{Rate} = -\frac{d[A]}{dt} = -\frac{1}{5}\frac{d[B]}{dt} = -\frac{1}{6}\frac{d[C]}{dt}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3}\frac{d[C]}{dt} = \frac{1}{3}\frac{d[M]}{dt}$$

Now, $\text{Rate} = -\frac{1}{5}\frac{d[B]}{dt}$

$$\text{or} \quad \frac{d[B]}{dt} = -5 \times \text{Rate} = -5 \times 1.3 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M min}^{-1}$$
$$= \mathbf{-6.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M min}^{-1}}.$$

Similarly,

$$\text{Rate} = \frac{1}{3}\frac{d[L]}{dt}$$

$$\text{or} \quad \frac{d[L]}{dt} = 3 \times \text{Rate} = 3 \times 1.3 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M min}^{-1}$$
$$= \mathbf{3.9 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M min}^{-1}}.$$

❑ Example 32.

Nitrogen pentoxide decomposes according to equation :

$$2N_2O_5(g) \longrightarrow 4NO_2(g) + O_2(g)$$

This first order reaction was allowed to proceed at 40°C and the data below were collected :

$[N_2O_5]$ *(M)*	*Time (min)*
0.400	0.00
0.289	20.0
0.209	40.0
0.151	60.0
0.109	80.0

(*a*) *Calculate the rate constant. Include units with your answer.*

(*b*) *What will be the concentration of N_2O_5 after 100 minutes ?*

(*c*) *Calculate the initial rate of reaction. (D.S.B. 2011)*

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Solution : (*a*) Since it is a first order reaction.

$$k = \frac{2.303}{t} \log \frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$$

k can be calculated as :
at t = 20 min

$$k = \frac{2.303}{20} \log \frac{0.400}{0.289}$$

$$= \frac{2.303}{20} \times 0.141$$

$$= 0.01624 \text{ min}^{-1}$$

at t = 40 min

$$k = \frac{2.303}{40} \log \frac{0.400}{0.209}$$

$$= \frac{2.303}{40} \times 0.282$$

$$= 0.01624 \text{ min}^{-1}$$

at t = 60 min

$$k = \frac{2.303}{60} \log \frac{0.400}{0.151}$$

$$= \frac{2.303}{60} \times 0.423$$

$$= 0.01624 \text{ min}^{-1}$$

at t = 80 min

$$k = \frac{2.303}{80} \log \frac{0.400}{0.109}$$

$$= \frac{2.303}{80} \times 0.565$$

$$= 0.01626 \text{ min}^{-1}$$

The average value of rate constant,

$k = 0.01624 \text{ min}^{-1}$ or $= \mathbf{1.624 \times 10^{-2} \text{ min}^{-1}}$.

(*b*) Concentration of $[N_2O_5]$ at t = 100 min

$$0.01624 = \frac{2.303}{100} \log \frac{0.400}{[N_2O_5]}$$

$$\frac{0.01624}{2.303} \times 100 = \log \frac{0.400}{[N_2O_5]}$$

or $$\log \frac{0.400}{[N_2O_5]} = 0.7052$$

$$\frac{0.400}{[N_2O_5]} = \text{antilog } (0.7052) = 5.072$$

$$\therefore \quad [N_2O_5] = \frac{0.400}{5.072} = \mathbf{0.0789\ M}$$

(*c*) Initial rate of reaction,

$$\text{rate} = k[N_2O_5]$$

$$= 0.01624 \times 0.400 = \mathbf{6.496 \times 10^{-3}}$$

Practice Problems

23. The following rate data were obtained for the reaction :

$$2NO(g) + O_2(g) \longrightarrow 2NO_2(g)$$

Experiment	Concentration (mol L^{-1}) [NO]	[O_2]	Rate of reaction mol L^{-1} s^{-1}
I	0.30	0.30	0.096
II	0.60	0.30	0.384
III	0.30	0.60	0.192
IV	0.60	0.60	0.768

Determine the rate law expression and order of the reaction.

24. For the reaction :

$$2NO(g) + Cl_2(g) \longrightarrow 2NOCl(g)$$

the following data were collected. All the measurements were taken at 263 K.

Experiment No	Initial [NO] (M)	Initial [Cl_2] (M)	Initial rate of disappearance of Cl_2 (M/min)
1	0.15	0.15	0.60
2	0.15	0.30	1.20
3	0.30	0.15	2.40
4	0.25	0.25	?

(*a*) Write the expression for rate law.
(*b*) Calculate the value of rate constant and specify its units.
(*c*) What is the initial rate of disappearance of Cl_2 in exp. 4 ? (*D.S.B. 2012*)

25. Fill in the blanks in the following table which treats a reaction of a compound A with a compound B, that is the first order with respect to A and zero order with respect to B.

Answers to Practice Problems

23. Rate = $k[NO]^2[O_2]$, order = 3
24. (*a*) Rate = $k[NO]^2[Cl_2]$
(*b*) 177.8 M^{-2} min^{-1}
(*c*) 2.78 M min^{-1}

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Experiment	[A] mol L^{-1}	[B] mol L^{-1}	Initial rate
I	0.1	0.1	2.0×10^{-2} mol L^{-1} min^{-1}
II	—	0.2	4.0×10^{-2} mol L^{-1} min^{-1}
III	0.4	0.4	—
IV	—	0.2	2.0×10^{-2} mol L^{-1} min^{-1}

26. In a reaction between A and B, the initial rate of reaction was measured for different initial concentrations of A and B as given below :

A (M)	0.20	0.20	0.40
B (M)	0.30	0.10	0.05
r_0(Ms^{-1})	8.93×10^{-5}	8.93×10^{-5}	2.53×10^{-4}

What is the order of reaction with respect to A and B ?

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25. 2nd line 0.2, 3rd line 8.0×10^{-2} mol L^{-1} min^{-1}, 4th line 0.1.

26. $n_A = 1.5$, $n_B = 0$.

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4. Ostwald isolation method

This method was introduced by Ostwald in 1902 and is used to find the order of a reaction with respect to one reactant at a time. The total order of the reaction is then equal to the sum of the orders of reaction for individual reactants. This method is based on the principle that if the concentrations of all but one reactant are taken in excess, then during the course of the reaction, the concentration of those reactants taken in excess will remain almost constant and hence variation in rate will correspond to the concentration of that reactant whose concentration is small. This process is repeated with other reactants one by one and order with respect to each reactant is determined. The overall order will be the sum of all these orders. For example, consider the general reaction:

$$aA + bB + cC \longrightarrow \text{Products}$$

Suppose we isolate A by taking B and C in large excess and get order of reaction with respect to A (say p). Similarly, we isolate B by taking A and C in excess and isolate C by taking A and B in excess and get order with respect to B and (say q) and C (say r) respectively.

Overall order of reaction $n = p + q + r$.

5. Half Life Period Method

The order of a reaction can also be determined by half life period method. This method is based on the principle that if a reaction is of the nth order in a reactant, then half life is inversely proportional to $(n-1)$th power of its initial concentration.

For example, if initial concentration of a reactant is C_1 and half life period is $(t_{1/2})_1$, if initial concentration of a reactant is C_2 and half life period is $(t_{1/2})_2$

then $$\frac{(t_{1/2})_1}{(t_{1/2})_2} = \left(\frac{C_2}{C_1}\right)^{n-1}$$

or $$\log(t_{1/2})_1 / (t_{1/2})_2 = (n-1)\log C_2 / C_1$$

or $$n = 1 + \frac{\log (t_{1/2})_1/(t_{1/2})_2}{\log C_2/C_1}$$

From this, n can be calculated.

SOLVED EXAMPLES

Example 33.

The reaction :

$CH_3COF + H_2O = CH_3COOH + HF$

has been studied under the following initial conditions:

Experiment I	*Experiment II*
$[H_2O]_0 = 1.00\ M$	$[H_2O]_0 = 0.02\ M$
$[CH_3COF]_0 = 0.01\ M$	$[CH_3COF]_0 = 0.80\ M$

Concentrations were measured as a function of time and are given as :

Expt. I		*Expt. II*	
t(min)	*$[CH_3COF]$ (M)*	*t(min)*	*$[H_2O]$ (M)*
0	*0.01000*	*0*	*0.02000*
10	*0.00857*	*10*	*0.0176*
20	*0.00735*	*20*	*0.0156*
40	*0.00540*	*40*	*0.0122*

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Calculate the order of the reaction and the rate constant for the reaction.

Solution : Let rate of reaction is

$$\text{Rate} = k[CH_3COF]^a\,[H_2O]^b$$

In the first case, $[H_2O] >> [CH_3COF]$. Therefore, we can determine rate with respect to CH_3COF according to Ostwald isolation method. Since rate of reaction changes with time, the reaction is not of zero order. We can now apply first order equation as :

$$k = \frac{2.303}{t}\log\frac{[CH_3COF]_0}{[CH_3COF]}$$

t (min)	$[CH_3COF]$ (M)	$k[H_2O]^b = \frac{2.303}{t}\log\left(\frac{[CH_3COF]_0}{[CH_3COF]}\right)$ (min^{-1})
0	0.0100	–
10	0.00857	0.0154
20	0.00735	0.0154
40	0.00540	0.0154

$\therefore\ k\,[H_2O] = 0.0154\ min^{-1}$

$\therefore$ Order of reaction with respect to CH_3COF is 1.

Now let us determine order of reaction with respect to H_2O. Since the concentration of water changes, it is not of zero order. We now apply first order equation as :

t (min)	$[H_2O]$ (M^{-1})	$k[CH_3COF]^a = \frac{2.303}{t}\log\frac{[H_2O]_0}{[H_2O]}$ (min^{-1})
0	0.0200	–
10	0.0176	0.0128
20	0.0156	0.0124
40	0.0122	0.0124

The value of k is almost constant and mean value = 0.0125 min^{-1}.

$\therefore$ The reaction is first order in H_2O and we have $k[CH_3COF]^b = 0.0125\ min^{-1}$.

The rate constant can be calculated as :

$$\text{In case I, } k = \frac{k[H_2O]^b}{[H_2O]} = \frac{0.0154\ min^{-1}}{1.0\ M} = 0.0154\ M^{-1}\,min^{-1}$$

$$\text{In case II, } k = \frac{k[CH_3COF]^a}{[CH_3COF]} = \frac{0.0125\ min^{-1}}{0.80\ M}$$

$$= 0.0156\ M^{-1}\,min^{-1}$$

$\therefore$ Rate constant = **0.0155 M^{-1} min^{-1}.**

❑ Example 34.

The half life period for the conversion of ammonium cyanate into urea at 303 K, at initial concentrations of ammonium cyanate of 0.1 mol L^{-1} and 0.2 mol L^{-1} are 1152 and 568 min respectively. What is the order of the reaction ?

Solution : For $C_1 = 0.1$ mol L^{-1}, $(t_{1/2})^1 = 1152$ min

For $C_2 = 0.2$ mol L^{-1}, $(t_{1/2})_2 = 568$ min

Since $t_{1/2} \propto \frac{1}{C^{n-1}}$

$$\frac{(t_{1/2})_1}{(t_{1/2})_2} = \left(\frac{C_2}{C_1}\right)^{n-1}$$

$$\frac{1152}{568} = \left(\frac{0.2}{0.1}\right)^{n-1}$$

$$2.02 = (2)^{n-1}$$

or $\quad n - 1 = 1$

$\therefore\quad n = 2$

Thus, order of reaction is 2.

Alternatively, applying the formula

$$n = 1 + \frac{\log (t_{1/2})_1/(t_{1/2})_2}{\log C_2/C_1}$$

$$= 1 + \frac{\log 1152/568}{\log 0.2/0.1} = 1 + \frac{0.3071}{0.3010}$$

$$= 1 + 1 = 2$$

MISCELLANEOUS SOLVED EXAMPLES

❑ Example 35.

A first order reaction has a rate constant of 0.0051 min^{-1}. If we begin with 0.10 M concentration of the reactant, what concentration of reactant will remain in solution after 3 hours ?(D.S.B. 2009; A.I.S.B. 2009)

Solution : For first order reaction,

$$t = \frac{2.303}{k}\log\frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$$

$[A]_0 = 0.10$ M, $k = 0.0051\ min^{-1}$, $t = 3 \times 60 = 180$ min, $[A] = ?$

$$180 = \frac{2.303}{0.0051}\log\frac{0.10}{[A]}$$

$$\log\frac{0.10}{[A]} = \frac{180 \times 0.0051}{2.303} = 0.3986$$

$$\frac{0.10}{[A]} = 2.504$$

$\therefore\quad [A] = \frac{0.10}{2.504} =$ **0.04 M**

❑ Example 36.

What will be the initial rate of a reaction if its rate constant is 10^{-3} min^{-1} and the concentration of the reactant is 0.2 mol dm^{-3} ? How much of the reactant will be converted into the products in 200 minutes ?

Solution : Rate constant, $k = 10^{-3}\ min^{-1}$,

$$\text{Initial rate} = k[A]$$

$$= (10^{-3}\ min^{-1}) \times (0.2\ mol\ dm^{-3})$$

$$= 2 \times 10^{-4}\ mol\ dm^{-3}\ min^{-1}$$

Now, the integrated rate equation for the first order reaction is :

$$kt = 2.303 \log\frac{a}{a-x}$$

or $\quad \log\frac{a}{a-x} = \frac{kt}{2.303}$

$t = 200$ min, $k = 10^{-3}\ min^{-1}$ so that

$$\log\frac{a}{a-x} = \frac{10^{-3} \times 200}{2.303} = 8.68 \times 10^{-2}$$

or $\quad \frac{a}{a-x} = 1.22 \qquad (\text{antilog } 8.68 \times 10^{-2} = 1.22)$

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or $a = 1.22a - 1.22x$

or $1.22x = 1.22a - a = 0.22a$

or $x = \frac{0.22a}{1.22} = 0.18a$

$$\% \text{ conversion} = \frac{0.18a \times 100}{a} = \mathbf{18\%}$$

❑ Example 37.

A first order reaction takes 20 minutes for 25% decomposition. Calculate the time when 75% of the reaction will be completed. *(A.I.S.B. 2017)*

Solution : For the first order reaction :

$$k = \frac{2.303}{t}\log\frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$$

If $[A]_0 = a$, $[A] = a - \frac{a \times 25}{100} = 0.75\,a$, $t = 20$ min

$$\therefore \quad k = \frac{2.303}{20}\log\frac{a}{0.75\,a}$$

$$= \frac{2.303}{20} \times 0.1249 = 0.0144 \text{ min}^{-1}$$

In second case, if $[A]_0 = a$, $[A] = a - \frac{a \times 75}{100} = 0.25\,a$ and time, $t = ?$

Now, $$t = \frac{2.303}{k}\log\frac{[A]_0}{[A]} = \frac{2.303}{0.0144}\log\frac{a}{0.25a}$$

$$= \frac{2.303}{0.0144} \times 0.6021 = \mathbf{96.3\ min.}$$

❑ Example 38.

A first order reaction takes 23.1 minutes for 50% completion. Calculate the time required for 75% completion of this reaction. (log2 = 0.301, log3 = 0.4771, log4 = 0.6021) *(A.I.S.B. 2015)*

Solution : For a first order reaction,

$$k = \frac{2.303}{t}\log\frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$$

If $[A]_0 = a$, *then* $[A] = a - \frac{a \times 50}{100} = 0.50\,a$, $t = 23.1$ min

$$k = \frac{2.303}{23.1}\log\frac{a}{0.5\,a}$$

$$k = \frac{2.303}{23.1}\log 2$$

$$\frac{2.303}{23.1} \times 0.301 = 0.030 \text{ min}^{-1}$$

Now, if $[A]_0 = a$, and $[A] = a - \frac{a \times 75}{100} = 0.25\,a$

$$t = \frac{2.303}{k}\log\frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$$

$$t = \frac{2.303}{0.030}\log\frac{a}{0.25\,a}$$

$$t = \frac{2.303}{0.030}\log 4$$

$$t = \frac{2.303}{0.030} \times 0.6021 = \mathbf{46.2\ min}$$

❑ Example 39.

The rate constant for a first order reaction is 60 s^{-1}. How much time will it take to reduce the concentration of the reactant to 1/10th of its initial value ?

(A.I.S.B. 2007, H.P.S.B. 2012, Pb. S.B. 2013, 2016, Mizoram S.B. 2013)

Solution : For a first order reaction,

$$t = \frac{2.303}{k}\log\frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$$

$k = 60\ s^{-1}$, $[A] = [A]_0/10$

Now, $$t = \frac{2.303}{60}\log\frac{[A]_0}{[A]_0/10} = \frac{2.303}{60}\log 10$$

$$= 0.038 \text{ s } \mathbf{or\ 3.8 \times 10^{-2}\ s.}$$

❑ Example 40.

The half life period for radioactive decay of ^{14}C is 5730 year. An archaeological artefact contained wood had only 80% the ^{14}C found in a living tree. Estimate the age of the sample.

(H.P.S.B. 2010, Mizoram S.B.2014)

Solution : Decay constant, $k = \frac{0.693}{t_{1/2}}$

$t_{1/2} = 5730$ year

$$\therefore \quad k = \frac{0.693}{5730\,y} = 1.209 \times 10^{-4} \text{ year}^{-1}$$

Since the rate of counts is proportional to the number of ^{14}C atoms in the sample,

$N_0 = 100$, $N = 80$

Now, $$t = \frac{2.303}{k}\log\frac{N_0}{N}$$

$$= \frac{2.303}{1.209 \times 10^{-4}}\log\frac{100}{80}$$

$$= \frac{2.303}{1.209 \times 10^{-4}} \times 0.0969$$

$$= \mathbf{1846\ year}.$$

❑ Example 41.

Calculate two-third life of a first order reaction having $k = 5.48 \times 10^{-14}\ s^{-1}$. *(H.P.S.B. 2010, Pb. S.B. 2013)*

Solution : For two-third of a reaction,

$[A]_0 = a$, $[A] = a - 2/3\,a = a/3$

$$t_{2/3} = \frac{2.303}{k}\log\frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$$

$$= \frac{2.303}{k}\log\frac{a}{a/3} = \frac{2.303}{k}\log 3$$

$$\therefore \quad t_{2/3} = \frac{2.303}{5.48 \times 10^{-14}}\log 3 = \mathbf{2.01 \times 10^{13}\ s}.$$

❑ Example 42.

The reaction : $SO_2Cl_2 \xrightarrow{k_1} SO_2 + Cl_2$

is a first order reaction with half life 3.15×10^4s at 575 K. What percentage of SO_2Cl_2 would be decomposed on heating at 575 K for 90 minutes? *(A.I.S.B. 2003)*

Solution : For the first order reaction :

$$k = \frac{2.303}{t}\log\frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$$

Now, $t_{1/2} = 3.15 \times 10^4\ s^{-1}$

$$\therefore \quad k = \frac{0.693}{t_{1/2}} = \frac{0.693}{3.15 \times 10^4} = 2.2 \times 10^{-5}\ s^{-1}$$

time, $t = 90$ min $= 90 \times 60 = 5400$ s

$$\therefore \quad 2.2 \times 10^{-5} = \frac{2.303}{5400}\log\frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$$

or $$\log\frac{[A]_0}{[A]} = \frac{2.2 \times 10^{-5} \times 5400}{2.303} = 0.0516$$

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or $\frac{[A]_0}{[A]} = 1.126$

or $\frac{[A]}{[A]_0} = 0.888$

Amount of SO_2Cl_2 decomposed = 1 – 0.888 = 0.112

∴ Percentage of SO_2Cl_2 decomposed = $\frac{0.112}{1} \times 100$ = **11.2%.**

❑ Example 43.

The rate of decomposition of N_2O_5 in CCl_4 solution has been measured at 318 K and the following results were obtained :

t(min)	*0*	*135*	*339*	*689*	*1680*
c (M)	*2.08*	*1.91*	*1.67*	*1.35*	*0.57*

Find the order of reaction and calculate its rate constant. What is its half life period ?

Solution : It is clear that the rate of reaction does not remain constant with time and therefore, it is not a zero order reaction. We try integrated rate equation for first order reaction as :

$$k = \frac{1}{t} ln \frac{(C_0)}{(C)}$$

t (min)	C (M)	$k = \frac{2.303}{t} \log \frac{(C_0)}{(C)}$ min^{-1}
0	2.08	—
135	1.91	$\frac{2.303}{135} \log \frac{2.08}{1.91} = 6.32 \times 10^{-4}$
339	1.68	$\frac{2.303}{339} \log \frac{2.08}{1.68} = 6.30 \times 10^{-4}$
683	1.35	$\frac{2.303}{683} \log \frac{2.08}{1.35} = 6.33 \times 10^{-4}$
1680	0.72	$\frac{2.303}{1680} \log \frac{2.08}{0.72} = 6.31 \times 10^{-4}$

Since value of k remains to be constant, the reaction is of first order.

$k = 6.315 \times 10^{-4}$ min^{-1}

Now, $t_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{k} = \frac{0.693}{6.315 \times 10^{-4} \text{ min}^{-1}}$

= **1.097×10^3 min.**

❑ Example 44.

A first order reaction is 15% complete in 20 minutes. How long will it take to complete 60% ?

(Pb.S.B.2010, H.P.S.B. 2012, Mizoram S.B. 2018)

Solution : For the first order reaction :

$$k = \frac{2.303}{t} \log \frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$$

If $[A]_0 = a$, $[A] = a - \frac{a \times 15}{100} = 0.85\,a$, $t = 20$ min

$$k = \frac{2.303}{20} \log \frac{a}{0.85\,a}$$

$$= \frac{2.303}{20} \times 0.0706$$

$$= 8.13 \times 10^{-3} \text{ min}^{-1}$$

In second case, if $[A]_0 = a$, $[A] = a - \frac{a \times 60}{100} = 0.40\,a$ and time, t = ?

Now, $t = \frac{2.303}{k} \log \frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$

$$= \frac{2.303}{8.13 \times 10^{-3}} \log \frac{a}{0.40\,a}$$

$$= \frac{2.303}{8.13 \times 10^{-3}} \times 0.3979$$

= **112.7 min.**

❑ Example 45.

Show that in case of a first order reaction, the time taken for completion of 99.9% reaction is ten times the time required for half change of the reaction. ***N.C.E.R.T.***

Solution : When 99.9% reaction is completed,

$$[R] = [R]_0 - \frac{99.9}{100}[R]_0 = 0.001\,[R]_0$$

$$t_{(99.9\%)} = \frac{2.303}{k} \log \frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$$

$$= \frac{2.303}{k} \log \frac{[R]_0}{0.001[R]_0} = \frac{2.303}{k} \log 10^3$$

$$= \frac{2.303 \times 3}{k} \quad \ldots(i)$$

When half of the reaction is completed

$$[R] = [R]_0 - 0.5\,[R]_0 = 0.5\,[R]_0$$

$$t_{1/2} = \frac{2.303}{k} \log \frac{[R]_0}{0.5[R]_0} = \frac{2.303}{k} \log 2$$

$$= \frac{2.303 \times 0.3010}{k} \quad \ldots(ii)$$

Dividing eq. (*i*) by eq. (*ii*)

$$\frac{t_{(99.9\%)}}{t_{1/2}} = \frac{3}{0.3010} = \textbf{10 times.}$$

❑ Example 46.

The decomposition of phosphine, PH_3, proceeds according to the following equation :

$$4PH_3\,(g) \longrightarrow P_4\,(g) + 6H_2\,(g)$$

It is found that the reaction follows the following rate equation :

$$Rate = k[PH_3].$$

The half-life of PH_3 is 37.9 s at 120° C.

(i) How much time is required for 3/4th of PH_3 to decompose?

(ii) What fraction of the original sample of PH_3 remains behind after 1 minute? (A.I.S.B. 2010)

Solution : Half life period, $t_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{k}$

or $k = \frac{0.693}{t_{1/2}} = \frac{0.693}{37.9\,s} = 0.0183\ s^{-1}$

Now $t = \frac{2.303}{k} \log \frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$

(*i*) For 3/4th of a reaction to decompose,

$$[A] = [A]_0 - \frac{3}{4}[A]_0 = \frac{1}{4}[A]_0$$

$$t = \frac{2.303}{0.0183} \log \frac{[A]_0}{\frac{1}{4}[A]_0} = \frac{2.303}{0.0183} \log 4$$

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$$= \frac{2.303}{0.0183} \times 0.6020 = 75.76 \text{ s}$$

(ii) $$k = \frac{2.303}{t} \log \frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$$

For $t = 1 \text{ min.} = 60 \text{ s}$

$$0.0183 = \frac{2.303}{60} \log \frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$$

or $$\log \frac{[A]_0}{[A]} = \frac{0.0183 \times 60}{2.303} = 0.4768$$

or $$\frac{[A]_0}{[A]} = 2.998$$

$$\therefore \quad \frac{[A]}{[A]_0} = 0.33$$

❑ Example 47.

Sucrose decomposes in acid solution into glucose and fructose according to the first order rate law with $t_{1/2}$ = 3 hrs. Calculate the fraction of sucrose which remains after 8 hrs. *(CBSE Sample Paper 2011)*

Solution : $$k = \frac{0.693}{t_{1/2}} = \frac{0.693}{3 \text{ hr}} = 0.231 \text{ hr}^{-1}$$

Now, $$k = \frac{2.303}{t} \log \frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$$

$$0.231 = \frac{2.303}{8 \text{ hr}} \log \frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$$

$$\log \frac{[A]_0}{[A]} = \frac{0.231 \times 8}{2.303} = 0.8024$$

$$\frac{[A]_0}{[A]} = 6.345$$

$$\therefore \quad \frac{[A]}{[A]_0} = \mathbf{0.158}$$

❑ Example 48.

The thermal decomposition of HCO_2H is a first order reaction with a rate constant of 2.4×10^{-3} s^{-1} at a certain temperature. Calculate how long will it take for three-fourths of initial quantity of HCO_2H to decompose. (log 0.25 = – 0.6021). *(A.I.S.B. 2011)*

Solution : $$t = \frac{2.303}{k} \log \frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$$

If initial conc. of A is a, then

$$[A] = a - \frac{3}{4}a = \frac{1}{4}a$$

$$k = 2.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$\therefore \quad t = \frac{2.303}{2.4 \times 10^{-3}} \log \frac{a}{a/4} = \frac{2.303}{2.4 \times 10^{-3}} \log 4$$

$$= \frac{2.303}{2.4 \times 10^{-3}} \times 0.6021 = \mathbf{578\ s}$$

❑ Example 49.

Starting from 10g of a radioactive element, 0.25 g was left after 5 years. Calculate

(i) Rate constant for the decay of the radioactive element.
(ii) The amount left after one year.
(iii) The time required for half of the element to decay.
(iv) Average life of the element. *(A.I.S.B. 2011)*

Solution : (i) $$k = \frac{2.303}{k} \log \frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$$

$[A]_0 = 10 \text{ g}, \quad [A] = 0.25 \text{ g}, \quad t = 5 \text{ years}$

$$k = \frac{2.303}{5} \log \frac{10}{0.25}$$

$$= \frac{2.303}{5} \log 40 = 0.7379 \text{ year}^{-1}$$

(ii) Amount left after 1 year

$t = 1 \text{ year}, \quad [A]_0 = 10 \text{ g}, \quad [A] = ?$

$$k = \frac{2.303}{t} \log \frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$$

$$0.7379 = \frac{2.303}{1} \log \frac{10}{[A]}$$

$$\log \frac{10}{[A]} = \frac{0.7379 \times 1}{2.303} = 0.3204$$

$$\frac{10}{[A]} = \text{Antilog } (0.3204) = 2.09$$

$$\therefore \quad [A] = \frac{10}{2.09} = \mathbf{4.785\ g}$$

(iii) Time for decay of half of the element

$$t_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{k} = \frac{0.693}{0.7379} = \mathbf{0.9392 \text{ year}}$$

(iv) Average life,

$$\tau = \frac{1}{k} = \frac{1}{0.7379} = \mathbf{1.3552 \text{ year}}$$

Practice Problems

27. An acidic solution of sugar was hydrolysed to the extent of 57% after 66 minutes. Assuming the reaction to be of first order, calculate the time taken for 75% hydrolysis.

28. A first order reaction is 20% complete in 10 minutes. Calculate the time taken for the reaction to go to 80% completion. *(Hr.S.B. 2017)*

29. A first order decomposition reaction takes 40 minutes for 30% decomposition. Calculate its $t_{1/2}$ value. *(D.S.B. 2008, 2013)*

30. A first order reaction is 20% complete in 10 minutes. Calculate the time for 75% completion of the reaction.

(Pb.S.B. 2010, H.P.S.B. 2011, 2012, Hr. S.B. 2017)

Answers to Practice Problems

27. 108.4 min.
28. 72.12 min.
29. 77.69 min.
30. 62.18 min

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31. The three-fourth of a first order reaction is completed in 32 minutes. What is the half life period of the reaction ? *(J.K.S.B. 2000, H.P.S.B. 2011, Mizoram S.B. 2017)*

32. The half life period for a reaction of first order is 2.31×10^3 min. How long will it take for 1/5 of the reactant to be left behind ? *(Pb. S.B. 2013)*

33. A reaction is first order with respect to reactant P having rate constant 6 min^{-1}. If we start with [P] = 0.5 mol L^{-1}, when would [P] reach the value of 0.05 mol L^{-1} ? Calculate half life period of the reaction. *(Pb. S.B. 2013)*

34. For a first order reaction half life period is 100 seconds. How long will it take the reaction to complete 75%? *(Uttarakhand S.B. 2013)*

35. The rate constant for a first order reaction is 80 s^{-1}. How much time will it take to reduce the concentration of the reactant to 1/18th of its initial value? *(Pb. S.B. 2016)*

36. The pressure of a gas decomoposing at the surface of a solid catalyst has been measured at different times and the results are given below :

t(s)	0	100	200	300
p(Pa)	4.00×10^3	3.50×10^3	3.00×10^3	2.5×10^3

Determine the order of reaction, its rate constant and half life period.

37. The half life period of a substance is 60 min at a certain initial concentration. When the concentration is reduced to one half of the initial concentration, the half life period is found to be 30 min. Calculate the order of the reaction.

38. The thermal decomposition of a compound is of first order. If 50% of the compound is decomposed in 120 minutes, how long will it take for 90% of the compound to decompose ? *(H.P.S.B. 2011, Nagaland S.B. 2018)*

39. A first order reaction takes 69.3 minutes for 50% completion. Calculate the time required for 80% completion of this reaction. *(D.S.B. 2005)*

31. 16 min.
32. 5.36×10^3 min.
33. 0.383 min, 0.1155 min.
34. 200 min.
35. 3.61×10^{-2} s.
36. Order = 0, k = 5 Pa s^{-1}, $t_{1/2}$ = 400s.
37. Zero order.
38. 399 min.
39. 161 min.

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Advanced Level PROBLEMS *Accelerate Your Potential (for JEE Advance)*

Problem 2. The half life time of a first order decomposition of nitramide is 2.1 hour at 15°C.

$$NH_2NO_2\,(aq) \longrightarrow N_2O\,(g) + H_2O\,(l)$$

If 6.2 of NH_2NO_2 is allowed to decompose, calculate

(*i*) time taken for NH_2NO_2 to decompose 99% and

(*ii*) volume of dry N_2O produced at this point measured at S.T.P.

Solution (*i*) For first order reaction.

$$k = \frac{0.693}{t_{1/2}}$$

Here $t_{1/2} = 2.1$ hr

$$\therefore \quad k = \frac{0.693}{2.1} = 0.33\ hr^{-1}$$

Now, $$t = \frac{2.303}{k} \log \frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$$

If $[A]_0 = a$, $[A] = a - \frac{99\,a}{100} = 0.01\,a$

$$\therefore \quad t = \frac{2.303}{0.33} \log \frac{a}{0.01\,a} = \frac{2.303}{0.33} \times 2 = \mathbf{13.96\ hr}$$

(*ii*) 1 mole of NH_2NO_2 decomposed to give = 1 mole of N_2O

Moles of NH_2NO_2 taken = $\frac{6.2}{62}$ = 0.1 mol (Molecular mass of NH_2NO_2 = 62)

Moles of NH_2NO_2 decomposed = $\frac{0.1 \times 99}{100}$ = 0.099 mole

Moles of N_2O (*g*) produced = 0.099 mole

Now, 1 mole of N_2O (*g*) at S.T.P. = 22.4 L

0.099 mole of N_2O (*g*) at S.T.P. = 22.4×0.099

= **2.218 litres**.

Problem 3. The decomposition of Cl_2O_7 at 400 K in the gas phase to Cl_2 and O_2 is a first order reaction.

(*i*) After 55 seconds at 400 K, the pressure of Cl_2O_7 falls from 0.062 to 0.044 atm. Calculate the rate constant.

(*ii*) Calculate the pressure of Cl_2O_7 after 100 s of decomposition at this temperature.

Solution For the first order reaction :

$$k = \frac{2.303}{t} \log \frac{a}{(a-x)}$$

(*i*) Here, a = 0.062 atm, $(a - x)$ = 0.044 atm, t = 55 s

$$\therefore \quad k = \frac{2.303}{55} \log \frac{0.062}{0.044} = 6.24 \times 10^{-3}\ s^{-1}.$$

(*ii*) To calculate $(a - x)$ when t = 100 s, a = 0.062 atm.

$$6.24 \times 10^{-3} = \frac{2.303}{100} \log \frac{0.062}{(a-x)}$$

or $$\log \frac{0.062}{(a-x)} = \frac{6.24 \times 10^{-3} \times 100}{2.303} = 0.2709$$

or $$\frac{0.062}{(a-x)} = 1.866$$

or $$(a - x) = \mathbf{0.033\ atm.}$$

Problem 4. The gas phase decomposition of dimethyl ether (CH_3OCH_3) follows first order kinetics.

$$CH_3OCH_3(g) \longrightarrow CH_4(g) + H_2(g) + CO(g)$$

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The reaction is carried out in a constant volume container at 775 K and has a half life of 14.5 min. Initially only dimethyl ether is present at a pressure of 0.40 atmosphere. What is the total pressure of the system after 12 min? Assume ideal gas behaviour.

Solution

	$CH_3OCH_3(g)$	$\longrightarrow$ $CH_4(g)$	+ $H_2(g)$	+ $CO(g)$
Initial pressure	0.40 atm	–	–	–
Pressure after 12 min	(0.40 – P) atm	P	P	P

Since the reaction is of first order:

$$k = \frac{2.303}{t}\log\frac{[R]_0}{[R]}$$

For ideal behaviour, mole $\propto$ pressure(at constant T and V)

$[R]_0 = 0.40\ atm^{-1}$, $[R] = (0.40 - P)$ atm

$$k = \frac{0.693}{14.5} = 0.0478\ min^{-1}$$

$$\therefore \quad 0.0478 = \frac{2.303}{12}\log\frac{0.40}{(0.40-P)}$$

$$\log\frac{0.40}{(0.40-P)} = \frac{0.0478\times 12}{2.303} = 0.249$$

Taking antilog

$$\frac{0.40}{0.40-P} = 1.774$$

$$0.40 = 1.774 \times 0.40 - 1.774\ P$$

$$1.774\ P = 0.7096 - 0.40 = 0.3096$$

$$\therefore \quad P = \frac{0.3096}{1.774} = 0.175\ atm$$

$\therefore$ Pressure of dimethyl ether decomposed = 0.175 atm

Total pressure = 0.40 – P + P + P = 0.40 + 2P

= 0.40 + 2 × 0.175 = **0.75 atm**

Problem 5. A flask contains a mixture of A and B. Both the compounds decompose by first order kinetics. The half lives of A and B are 60 min and 15 min respectively. If the initial concentrations of A and B are equal, how long will it take for the concentration of A to be three times that of B?

Solution Let the initial concentration of both A and B be 1M.

$[A]_0 = 1M$, $[B]_0 = 1M$

Let at time t, [A] = 3[B]

For A, $k_A = \frac{0.693}{60}$. For B, $k_B = \frac{0.693}{15}$

For A after time t,

$$t_A = \frac{2.303}{0.693}\times 60\log\frac{1}{[A]} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{2.303}{0.693}\times 60\log\frac{1}{3[B]} \quad (i)$$

For B after time t,

$$t_B = \frac{2.303}{0.693}\times 15\log\frac{1}{[B]} \quad (ii)$$

Now $t_A = t_B$

$$\therefore \quad \frac{2.303}{0.693}\times 60\log\frac{1}{3[B]} = \frac{2.303}{0.693}\times 15\log\frac{1}{[B]}$$

$$\text{or} \quad 4 = \frac{\log\frac{1}{[B]}}{\log\frac{1}{3[B]}} = \frac{\log 1 - \log[B]}{\log 1 - \log 3[B]}$$

$$4 = \frac{-\log[B]}{-\log 3[B]} = \frac{\log[B]}{\log 3[B]} \quad (\because \log 1 = 0)$$

$$4 = \frac{\log[B]}{\log 3 + \log[B]}$$

$$4(\log 3 + \log[B]) = \log[B]$$

$$4(0.477 + \log[B]) = \log[B]$$

$$1.908 + 4\log[B] = \log[B]$$

$$\text{or} \quad 3\log[B] = -1.908$$

$$\text{or} \quad \log[B] = -0.636$$

$$\therefore \quad [B] = \text{antilog}\ (-0.636) = 0.231 \quad ...(iii)$$

Substituting the value of B in eqn (*ii*)

$$t = \frac{2.303\times 15}{0.693}\log\frac{1}{0.231}$$

$$= \frac{2.303\times 15}{0.693}\times 0.636$$

$$= 31.7\ min$$

PSEUDO CHEMICAL REACTIONS

Some reactions are first order each with respect to two different reactants *i.e.*,

$$A + B \longrightarrow \text{Products}$$

$$\text{Rate} = k[A]\ [B]$$

However, if one of the reactants is present in high concentration (solvent) then there is very little change in its concentration. In other words, the concentration of that reactant remains practically constant during the reaction. For example, if [A] = 0.01 M and that of solvent water [B] = 55.5 M, the concentration of B changes only from 55.50 to 55.49 M even after the completion of the reaction. Under such conditions, we may write,

Rate = $k_0[A]$ where $k_0 = k[B]$

The reaction, therefore, behaves as a first order reaction in A. Such reactions are called **pseudo first order reactions**.

The reactions which are not truly of first order but under certain conditions become reactions of first order *are called* ***pseudo first order reactions.***

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Consider the hydrolysis of ethyl acetate :

$$CH_3COOC_2H_5 + H_2O \xrightleftharpoons{Acid} CH_3COOH + C_2H_5OH$$

The molecularity of the reaction is **two** because it involves two reacting species, namely ethyl acetate and water. However, the concentration of ethyl acetate changes during the reaction while water is present in **such a large excess** that its concentration remains practically unchanged. Therefore, the rate of the reaction depends only on the concentration of ethyl acetate and hence the order of the reaction is **one**.

$$\text{Rate} = k' [CH_3COOC_2H_5] [H_2O]$$

$[H_2O]$ can be takes as constant so that

$$\text{Rate} = k [CH_3COOC_2H_5]$$

where $k = k' [H_2O]$

Thus, the reaction appears to be second order but follows the first order kinetics. Such reactions which appear to be of higher order but actually follow lower order kinetics are called **pseudo chemical reactions**. For example, the above reaction is called **pseudo first order reaction**. Another important example is the hydrolysis of cane sugar or inversion of cane sugar to give glucose and fructose :

$$\underset{\text{Sugar}}{C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}} + \underset{\text{Excess}}{H_2O} \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Glucose}}{C_6H_{12}O_6} + \underset{\text{Fructose}}{C_6H_{12}O_6}$$

$$\text{Rate} = k[C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}]$$

In this case also molecularity is **two** while order is **one**.

SOLVED EXAMPLES

❑ **Example 50.**

Hydrolysis of methyl acetate in aqueous solution has been studied by titrating the liberated acetic acid against sodium hydroxide. The concentraction of the ester at different times is given below :

t (min)	*0*	*30*	*60*	*90*
c (mol L^{-1})	*0.8500*	*0.8004*	*0.7538*	*0.7096*

Show that it follows a pseudo first order reaction as the concentration of H_2O remains nearly constant (55 mol L^{-1}) during the course of the reaction. What is the value of k in this equation ?

rate = $k' [CH_3COOCH_3] [H_2O]$ **N.C.E.R.T.**

Solution : For pseudo first order reaction, the reaction should be first order with respect to ester because $[H_2O]$ = constant $k = k'[H_2O]$. Let us calculate the value of k for the first order reaction :

t(min)	c(M)	$k = \frac{2.303}{t} \log \frac{C_0}{C}$ (min^{-1})
0	0.8500	—
30	0.8004	$\frac{2.303}{30} \log \frac{0.8500}{0.8004} = 2.004 \times 10^{-3}$
60	0.7538	$\frac{2.303}{60} \log \frac{0.8500}{0.7538} = 2.002 \times 10^{-3}$
90	0.7096	$\frac{2.303}{90} \log \frac{0.8500}{0.7096} = 2.005 \times 10^{-3}$

Since $k[H_2O]$ is constant, it is pseudo first order reaction.

$$k[H_2O] = 2.004 \times 10^{-3} \text{ min}^{-1}$$

$$[H_2O] = 55 \text{ M}$$

$$\therefore \quad k = \frac{2.004 \times 10^{-3}}{55} = \mathbf{3.64 \times 10^{-5} \ M^{-1} \ min^{-1}}.$$

COLLISION THEORY : ENERGY AND ORIENTATION BARRIERS TO REACTIONS

We have learnt that the basic requirement for a reaction to occur is that the reacting species (atoms, molecules or ions) must collide with one another. This is also the basis of **collision theory** for reactions. This theory was put forward by Max Trautz and William Lewis in 1916–18. It is based on kinetic theory of gases. According to this theory, the reactant molecules are assumed to be hard spheres and reaction is postulated to occur when molecules collide with each other.

***The number of collisions that take place per second per unit volume of the reaction mixture is known as* collision frequency Z.**

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The value of collision frequency is normally very high. For instance, under ordinary conditions of temperature and pressure, in a gaseous system, the collision frequency of binary collisions is of the order of 10^{25} to 10^{28}. If all the collisions are effective in forming the products, the reactions must be completed in a very short time. However, in actual practice, most of the chemical reactions are slow and take much longer time for their completion.

This means that all the collisions among the reacting species at a given temperature are not effective in bringing about the chemical reaction. *The collisions which actually produce the products and therefore, result in the chemical reactions* are called **effective collisions.**

There are two important barriers to a reaction namely

(*i*) *energy barrier* (*ii*) *orientation barrier.*

(*i*) **Energy barrier.** For the reacting species to make effective collisions, they should have sufficient energy to break the chemical bonds in the reacting molecules. *The minimum amount of energy which the colliding molecules must possess is* known as **threshold energy.** This means that only those collisions of reactants will give products which possess energies greater than threshold energy.

(*ii*) **Orientation barrier.** The colliding molecules should also have proper orientation so that the old bonds may break and new bonds are formed.

For example, consider the reaction :

$$NO_2\,(g) + NO_2\,(g) \longrightarrow N_2O_4\,(g)$$

During this reaction, the products are formed only when the colliding molecules have proper orientation at the time of collisions. These are called effective collisions [Fig. 10 (*a*)].

On the other hand, when the molecules do not have proper orientation at the time of collision as shown in Fig. 10 (*b*), they result in ineffective collisions and do not form the products.

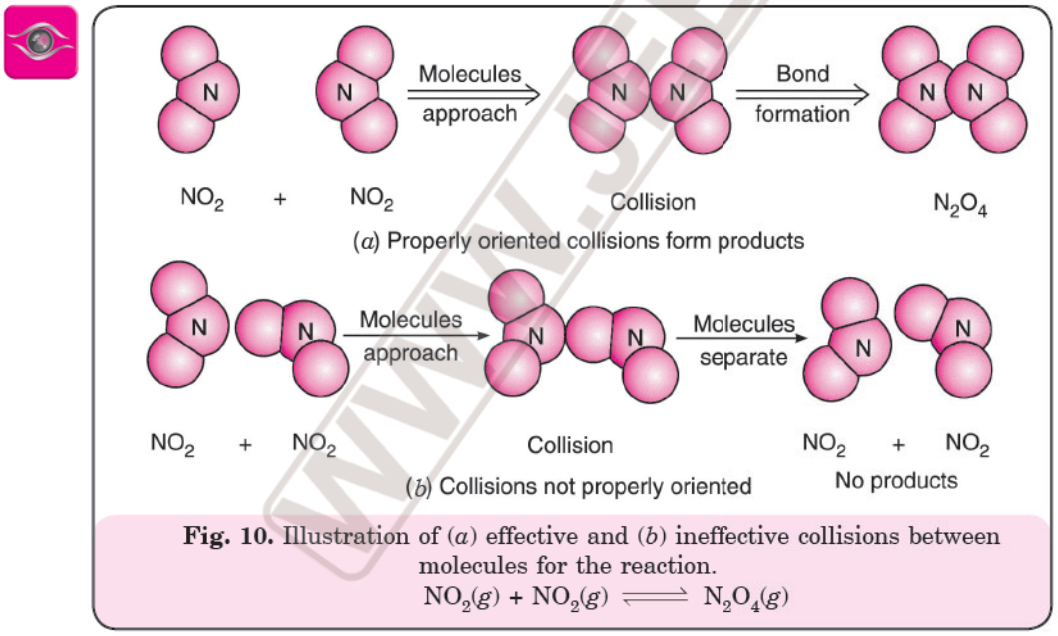


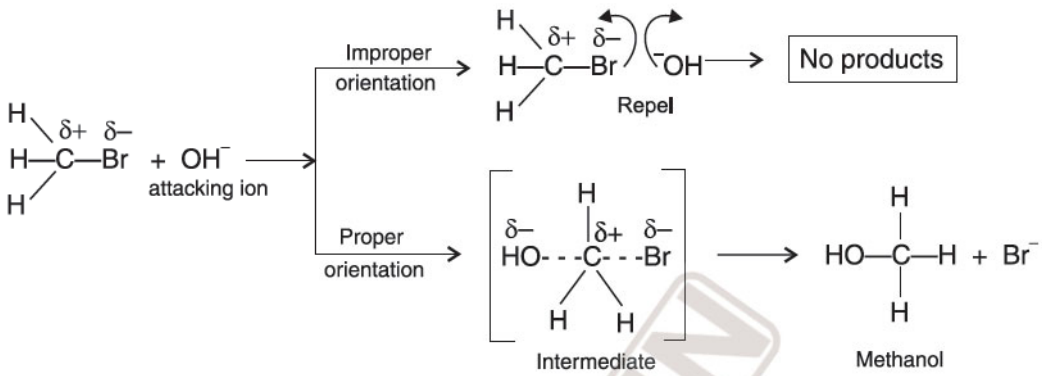
Fig. 10. Illustration of (*a*) effective and (*b*) ineffective collisions between molecules for the reaction.

$$NO_2(g) + NO_2(g) \rightleftharpoons N_2O_4(g)$$

Similarly, consider the reaction of bromomethane (CH_3Br) with OH^- ions to form methanol. The OH^- ion must attack the positively charged carbon to form an intermediate which changes to product after elimination of Br^- ion. If OH^- does not get proper site for attack, reaction will not occur. It is observed that in this reaction, first an intermediate is formed by the attack of OH^- at the site away form Br^- and finally product is formed as shown below :

$$CH_3Br + OH^- \longrightarrow CH_3OH + Br^-$$

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It is clear that proper orientation of reactants leads to the bond formation whereas improper orientation simply makes them to bounce back and products are not formed.

Thus, the collisions in which the colliding molecules do not possess the minimum energy for effective collisions (threshold energy) or proper orientation do not form products. In other words, the colliding species rebound unchanged in such cases. Therefore, it follows that *only a small fraction of collisions is effective.*

Thus, the main points of **collision theory** are summed up below :

(*i*) *For a reaction to occur, there must be collisions between the reacting species.*

(*ii*) *Only a certain fraction of the total number of collisions are effective in forming the products.*

(*iii*) *For effective collisions, the molecules should possess sufficient energy as well as orientation.*

The fraction of effective collisions, under ordinary conditions may vary from nearly zero to about one for ordinary reactions.

Thus, the rate of reaction is proportional to

(*a*) the number of collisions per unit volume per second (collision frequency, Z) between the reacting species,

(*b*) the fraction of effective collisions (properly oriented and possessing sufficient energy), f :

$$i.e.,\ \text{Rate} = -\frac{dx}{dt} = f \times Z$$

Table 3. Rate constant for N_2O_5 at different temperatures.

Temperature (K)	k (s^{-1})
273	7.87×10^{-7}
298	3.56×10^{-5}
318	4.98×10^{-4}
338	4.87×10^{-3}

DEPENDENCE OF REACTION RATES ON TEMPERATURE

Temperature has a great influence on reaction rates. In general, an increase in temperature increases the rate of almost all reactions. On the other hand, a decrease in temperature decreases the rate. This effect is observed for exothermic as well as for endothermic reactions. For example, the rate constant for the decomposition of N_2O_5 is 7.87×10^{-7} s^{-1} at 273 K but it becomes 3.56×10^{-5} s^{-1} at 298 K. This means that for a rise of 25° in temperature, the rate constant is increased by about 45 times. Similarly, it has been observed that the time taken for the decomposition of N_2O_5 to half of its original concentration is 10 days at 0°C, 5 hour at 25°C and 12 min at 50°C. You must have observed in practicals that in a mixture of potassium permanganate ($KMnO_4$) and oxalic acid ($H_2C_2O_4$), potassium permanganate gets decolourised faster at a higher temperature than at a lower temperature.

A general **approximate rule** for the effect of temperature on reaction rates is that *the rate of a reaction or rate constant becomes almost double for every 10° rise in temperature.* This is also called **temperature coefficient.** It is *the ratio of rate constants* of the reaction at two temperatures differing by 10°. Thus,

$$\text{Temperature coefficient} = \frac{\text{Rate constant } (T + 10)^\circ C}{\text{Rate constant at } T^\circ C}$$

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Explanation for Increase in Rate of Reaction with Rise in Temperature

According to collision theory of chemical reactions, we know that the rate of a reaction depends upon collision frequency (Z) and fraction of the effective collisions (*f*). Obviously, we may think that the increase in rate of a reaction with temperature is brought about by either of the two or a combination of both factors. These are discussed below :

(*i*) Increase in collision frequency. With the increase in temperature, the average kinetic energy of the molecules increases and this leads to an increase in number of collisions per unit time (Z). The average kinetic energy of the molecules is directly proportional to the absolute temperature. This increases only by 3% when the temperature rises from 300 K to 310 K.

This means that if the increase in the collision frequency is the only reason for increase in rate of reaction with temperature, then the reaction rate would have been increased by a factor of only 3%. This is very small in comparison to the experimentally observed factor of 2 or even more in some cases. *Therefore, the increase in rate of a reaction is not simply due to the increase in collision frequency.*

(*ii*) Effective collisions. According to the collision theory, only a small fraction of collisions is effective in bringing about the chemical reaction and the rest of the collisions are ineffective. *For effective collision (to yield products) the colliding molecules must have more than or equal to certain minimum amount of energy called* **threshold energy.** If the energy of the reacting molecules is less than this value, collisions will be ineffective. Thus, the energy of collisions determines the possibility of a reaction.

Now let us consider as to why some collisions should be highly energetic while others are not so. Ludwig Boltzmann and James Clark Maxwell used statistics to predict the behaviour of large number of molecules.

We know that all the molecules in a substance do not possess the same kinetic energy. This is due to collisions between the moving molecules so that their energies are transferred from one molecule to another. Thus, there is a distribution of kinetic energies among reacting molecules. If the energy of molecules are plotted against the corresponding fraction of molecules, N_E/N_T with a given energy (where N_E = number of molecules having kinetic energy E and N_T = total number of molecules), at a particular temperature, a curve of the type shown in Fig. 11, is obtained. This is called *Maxwell's distribution of energies.* From the figure, it is evident that the fraction of molecules having very low or very high energies is very small. Most of the molecules have intermediate kinetic energies as shown by the peak in the graph. This peak corresponds to **most probable kinetic energy** *i.e.*, kinetic energy of maximum fraction of molecules. In the figure, E corresponds to minimum or threshold energy required for effective collisions. The molecules having energy equal to or greater than E will result in the formation of products and this fraction of molecules capable of effective collisions is very small.

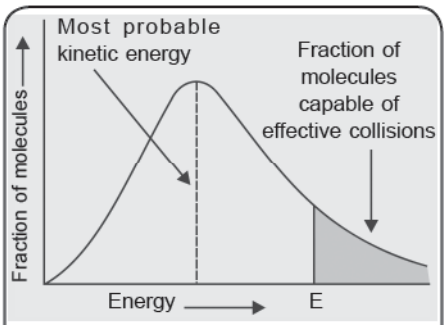


Fig. 11. Distribution of molecular energies.

It may be noted that for reactions having low values of E, there will be larger fraction of colliding molecules which produce effective collisions and hence, rate of the reaction will be **high.** On the other hand, if the value of E for a particular reaction is high, then only a few collisions will be sufficiently energetic to give products while all other collisions will be ineffective. The reaction will proceed very **slowly.**

Let us now consider the **effect of increase in temperature** on the number of effective collisions. Fig. 12 shows the energy distribution of molecules at two different temperatures T_1 and T_2, where $T_2 = T_1 + 10°$.

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From the figure, it is evident that the curve at higher temperature gets shifted towards the right indicating that at higher temperature, the molecules have higher energies. Further, the curve at higher temperature is flatter than that at lower temperature which also indicates that the number of molecules with higher energy content have increased.

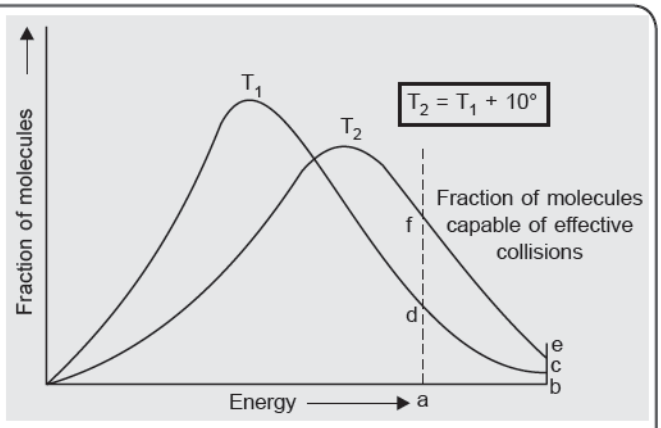


Fig. 12. Distribution of molecular energies at temperatures T_1 and T_2.

The minimum energy required for the effective collisions is also shown in the diagram and the number of molecules possessing energies equal to or greater than E, is proportional to area *abcd* at temperature T_1 and area *abef* at temperature T_2. In the figure, the area *abef is* roughly twice as large as *abcd*. Since the rate of reaction depends upon the number of molecules which possess energies larger than threshold energy (for effective collisions), it may be interpreted that the fraction of molecules possessing threshold energy has increased approximately two times and thereby, increases the rate by two times for a rise of 10 degrees.

Thus, we may conclude that *increase in the rate of reaction with the rise in temperature is mainly due to the increase in number of effective collisions.*

ARRHENIUS EQUATION AND CALCULATION OF ACTIVATION ENERGY

Arrhenius proposed a quantitative relationship between rate constant and temperature as :

$$k = Ae^{-E_a/RT} \qquad ...(21)$$

This equation is called **Arrhenius equation** in which constant A is known as **Arrhenius factor or frequency factor.** It is also called **pre-exponential factor.** It is a constant specific to a particular reaction. This factor is related to how many successfully oriented collisions occur in a particular reaction. E_a is the **activation energy** which represents the minimum energy that the reacting molecules must possess before undergoing a reaction. Both A and E_a are characteristic of the reaction. These are collectively called **Arrhenius parameters.** The factor $e^{-E_a/RT}$ corresponds to the fraction of molecules that have energy greater than E_a. T is the absolute temperature and R is the gas constant.

Taking logarithm, Eqn. (21) may be written as

$$ln\ k = ln\ A - \frac{E_a}{R} \times \frac{1}{T} \qquad [\because ln\ e = 1]$$

Converting to common logarithm ($ln\ X = 2.303\ \log X$), we get

$$2.303\ \log k = 2.303\ \log A - \frac{E_a}{RT}$$

Dividing each side by 2.303, we get

$$\log k = \log A - \frac{E_a}{2.303\ RT} \qquad ...(22)$$

It is clear that by **increasing the temperature or decreasing the activation energy will result in an increase in the rate of reaction.**

Calculation of activation energy.

The activation energy can be calculated from Eqn. (22). As is clear the equation is in the form $y = mx + c$ which represents a straight line. When log k is plotted against $\frac{1}{T}$, we get a straight line (Fig. 13). The intercept of this line is equal to log A and slope is equal to $-\frac{E_a}{2.303\ R}$.

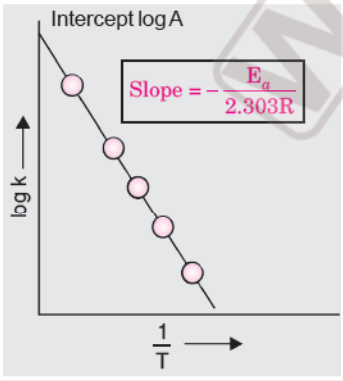


Fig. 13. Plot of log k versus 1/T to calculate activation energy.

Therefore,

$$\text{Slope} = -\frac{E_a}{2.303\ R} \qquad ...(23)$$

Knowing the value of slope and gas constant R, activation energy can be calculated as

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$$E_a = -2.303\ R \times \text{Slope}$$

Alternatively, E_a and A can be determined by measuring the values of rate constant at two different temperatures. Let k_1 and k_2 are the rate constants for the reaction at two different temperatures T_1 and T_2 respectively. Then,

$$\log k_1 = \log A - \frac{E_a}{2.303\ RT_1} \quad ...(24)$$

and

$$\log k_2 = \log A - \frac{E_a}{2.303\ RT_2} \quad ...(25)$$

Subtracting Eq. (24) from Eqn. (25), we get

$$\log k_2 - \log k_1 = \frac{E_a}{2.303\ R}\left[\frac{1}{T_1} - \frac{1}{T_2}\right]$$

or

$$\boxed{\log \frac{k_2}{k_1} = \frac{E_a}{2.303\ R}\left[\frac{1}{T_1} - \frac{1}{T_2}\right]} \quad ...(26)$$

or

$$\log \frac{k_2}{k_1} = \frac{E_a}{2.303\ R}\left[\frac{T_2 - T_1}{T_1 \times T_2}\right]$$

Collision Theory and Arrhenius Equation

Though Arrhenius equation is applicable under a wide range of circumstances, collision theory provides a greater insight into the energetics and mechanistic aspects of reactions. For a bimolecular elementary reaction:

$$A + B \longrightarrow \text{Products}$$

rate of reaction may be expressed as

$$\text{Rate} = Z_{AB}\, e^{-E_a/RT} \quad ...(27)$$

where Z_{AB} represents the collision frequency of reactants A and B and $e^{-E_a/RT}$ represents the fraction of molecules with energies equal to or greater than E_a. Since rate of reaction is directly related to rate constant, k, we can also write

$$k = Z_{AB}\, e^{-E_a/RT} \quad ...(28)$$

This equation predicts the values of rate constants fairly accurately for reactions involving atomic species or simple molecules. However, if reactant molecules are complex, significant deviations are observed. This is because, even if the colliding molecules have energy greater than threshold energy, they may not have proper orientation at the time of collision and therefore, no breaking of bonds between reacting species and formation of new bonds to form products may occur. In other words, besides the requirement of sufficient energy, the molecules must be properly oriented in space also for a collision to be successful resulting effective collisions.

To account for effective collisions, another factor P, called the **orientation factor** or **stearic factor** or **probability factor** is introduced. Hence, eqn. (28) may modified as

$$k = P Z_{AB}\, e^{-E_a/RT} \quad (29)$$

if we compare this equation with Arrhenius equation,

$$k = A e^{-E_a/RT}$$

we observe that pre-exponential term, A in Arrhenius equation is

$$A = PZ_{AB}$$

Thus, in collision theory, activation energy and proper orientation of the molecules determine the criteria for an effective collision and hence the rate of a chemical reaction.

It may be noted that collision theory has certain drawbacks. It considers the atoms or molecules to be hard spheres and does not take into account the structural aspects. Some other theories such as 'transition state theory' have been proposed to explain reaction rates. However, their discussion is beyond the scope of present class.

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Solving Numerical Problems

FORMULAE AND UNITS

Arrhenius equation

$$\log k = \log A - \frac{E_a}{2.303\,RT}$$

k = rate constant,
A = frequency factor
E_a = Activation energy
R = Gas constant
= 8.314 JK^{-1} mol^{-1}

For two different temperatures T_1 and T_2,

$$\log \frac{k_2}{k_1} = \frac{E_a}{2.303\,R}\left[\frac{1}{T_1} - \frac{1}{T_2}\right]$$

where k_1 and k_2 are rate constants at temperatures T_1 and T_2 respectively.

SOLVED EXAMPLES

Example 51.

For a decomposition reaction, the values of rate constant k at two different temperatures are given below :

$k_1 = 2.15\times10^{-8}\ s^{-1}$ *at 650 K*

and $k_2 = 2.39 \times 10^{-7}\ s^{-1}$ *at 700 K.*

Calculate the activation energy for the reaction.

(A.I.S.B. 2009, Pb. S.B. 2014)

Solution : The Arrhenius equation is :

$$\log \frac{k_2}{k_1} = \frac{E_a}{2.303\,R}\left[\frac{1}{T_1} - \frac{1}{T_2}\right]$$

$k_1 = 2.15 \times 10^{-8}\ s^{-1}$ $T_1 = 650$ K
$k_2 = 2.39 \times 10^{-7}\ s^{-1}$ $T_2 = 700$ K

Substituting the values,

$$\log \frac{2.39\times10^{-7}}{2.15\times10^{-8}} = \frac{E_a}{2.303\times8.314}\left[\frac{1}{650} - \frac{1}{700}\right]$$

$$1.046 = \frac{E_a}{2.303\times8.314}\left[\frac{700-650}{650\times700}\right]$$

$$E_a = \frac{1.046\times2.303\times8.314\times650\times700}{50}$$

$$= 182254\ J\ mol^{-1}$$

or $$= \mathbf{182.254\ kJ\ mol^{-1}}$$

Example 52.

In general, it is observed that the rate of a chemical reaction becomes double with every 10° rise in temperature. If this generalization holds for a reaction in the temperature range 298 to 308 K what would be the value of activation energy for this reaction ? (R = 8.314 JK^{-1} mol^{-1})

(D.S.B. 2000, Pb. S.B. 2014)

Solution : Arrhenius equation is :

$$\log \frac{k_2}{k_1} = \frac{E_a}{2.303\,R}\left[\frac{1}{T_1} - \frac{1}{T_2}\right]$$

$T_1 = 298$ K, $T_2 = 308$ K, R = 8.314 JK^{-1} mol^{-1}

$$\frac{k_2}{k_1} = 2$$

$$\log 2 = \frac{E_a}{2.303\times8.314}\left[\frac{1}{298} - \frac{1}{308}\right]$$

$$0.3010 = \frac{E_a}{2.303\times8.314}\times\frac{10}{298\times308}$$

or $$E_a = \frac{0.3010\times2.303\times8.341\times298\times308}{10}$$

$$= 52898\ J\ mol^{-1}$$

$$= \mathbf{52.898\ kJ\ mol^{-1}}.$$

Example 53.

The rate constant of a first order reaction becomes 5 times when the temperature is raised from 350K to 400K. Calculate the activation energy of the reaction. (R = 8.314 JK^{-1}, log 5 = 0.69897).

(Nagaland S.B. 2018)

Solution : $\log \frac{k_2}{k_1} = \frac{E_a}{2.303R}\left[\frac{1}{T_1} - \frac{1}{T_2}\right]$

$\frac{k_2}{k_1} = 5$, R = 8.314 JK^{-1} mol^{-1}, $T_1 = 350$ K, $T_2 = 400$ K

$$\log 5 = \frac{E_a}{2.303\times8.314}\left[\frac{1}{350} - \frac{1}{400}\right]$$

$$0.69897 = \frac{E_a}{2.303\times8.314}\times\left[\frac{400-350}{350\times400}\right]$$

$$\therefore \quad E_a = \frac{0.69897\times2.303\times8.314\times350\times400}{50}$$

or $$= 37473.2\ J\ mol^{-1} = \mathbf{37.473\ kJ\ mol^{-1}}.$$

Example 54.

The rate constants of a reaction at 700 K and 760 K are 0.011 s^{-1} and 0.105 s^{-1} respectively. Calculate the values of Arrhenius parameters.

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Solution : $\log \frac{k_2}{k_1} = \frac{E_a}{2.303\,R}\left[\frac{1}{T_1} - \frac{1}{T_2}\right]$

$k_1 = 0.011\ s^{-1}$, $T_1 = 700\ K$, $k_2 = 0.015\ s^{-1}$, $T_2 = 760\ K$, $R = 8.314\ JK^{-1}\ mol^{-1}$

$$\therefore \quad \log \frac{0.105}{0.011} = \frac{E_a}{2.303 \times 8.314}\left[\frac{1}{700} - \frac{1}{760}\right]$$

$$\log 9.545 = \frac{E_a}{2.303 \times 8.314}\left[\frac{760-700}{700 \times 760}\right]$$

$$0.9798 = \frac{E_a \times 60}{2.303 \times 8.314 \times 700 \times 760}$$

$$\therefore \quad E_a = \frac{0.9798 \times 2.303 \times 8.314 \times 700 \times 760}{60}$$

$$= 166.342 \times 10^3\ J\ mol^{-1}$$

$$= \mathbf{166.342\ kJ\ mol^{-1}.}$$

Now, $\log k = \log A - \frac{E_a}{2.303\,RT}$

or $\log A = \log k + \frac{E_a}{2.303\,RT}$

$$\log A = \log 0.011 + \frac{166.342 \times 10^3}{2.303 \times 8.314 \times 700}$$

$$= -1.9586 + 12.411$$

$$= 10.4524$$

$$\therefore \quad A = \mathbf{2.834 \times 10^{10}\ s^{-1}}.$$

❑ Example 55.

The first order rate constant for the decomposition of ethyl iodide by the reaction:

$$C_2H_5I(g) \longrightarrow C_2H_4(g) + HI(g)$$

at 600 K is $1.60 \times 10^{-5}\ s^{-1}$. Its energy of activation is 209 kJ mol^{-1}. Calculate the rate constant of the reaction at 700 K. **N.C.E.R.T.** *(Kerala S.B. 2013)*

Solution : $E_a = 209\ kJ\ mol^{-1} = 209 \times 10^3\ J\ mol^{-1}$

$k_1 = 1.60 \times 10^{-5}\ s^{-1}$, $T_1 = 600\ K$

$k_2 = ?$ $T_2 = 700\ K$

Substituting the values

$$\log \frac{k_2}{1.60 \times 10^{-5}} = \frac{209 \times 10^3}{2.303 \times 8.314}\left[\frac{700-600}{700 \times 600}\right]$$

$$\log \frac{k_2}{1.60 \times 10^{-5}} = 2.599$$

$$\frac{k_2}{1.60 \times 10^{-5}} = 397.19$$

$$\therefore \quad k_2 = 397.19 \times 1.60 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$= \mathbf{6.36 \times 10^{-3}\ s^{-1}.}$$

❑ Example 56.

In the Arrhenius equation for a certain reaction, the values of A and E_a are $4 \times 10^{13}\ s^{-1}$ and 98.6 kJ mol^{-1} respectively. If the reaction is of first order, at what temperture will its half life period be 10 min ? *(H.P.S.B. Sample paper)*

Solution : Accroding to Arrhenius equation,

$$k = A\,e^{-Ea/RT}$$

or $\log \frac{k}{A} = -\frac{E_a}{RT} \times \frac{1}{2.303}$

Calculation of k

$$k = \frac{0.693}{t_{1/2}} = \frac{0.693}{10 \times 60} = 1.155 \times 10^{-3} s^{-1}$$

$$\therefore \log \frac{1.155 \times 10^{-3}}{4 \times 10^{13}} = -\frac{98.6 \times 10^3}{8.314 \times T \times 2.303}$$

or $-16.54 = -\frac{98600}{8.314 \times 2.303\,T}$

or $T = \frac{98600}{8.314 \times 2.303 \times 16.54} = \mathbf{311.34\ K.}$

❑ Example 57.

A first order reaction is 50% completed in 40 minutes at 300 K and in 20 minutes at 320 K. Calculate the activation energy of the reaction.

(Given : log 2 = 0.3010, log 4 = 0.6021, R = 8.314 JK^{-1} mol^{-1}) *(A.I.S.B. 2018)*

Solution : Let us first calculate k_1 and k_2 at temperatures 300 K and 320 K. We know that

$$t_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{k} \quad \text{or} \quad k = \frac{0.693}{t_{1/2}}$$

At 300 K, $t_{1/2} = 40$ min $\quad k_1 = \frac{0.693}{40}$

At 320 K, $t_{1/2} = 20$ min $\quad k_2 = \frac{0.693}{20}$

Now, $\log \frac{k_2}{k_1} = \frac{E_a}{2.303\,R}\left[\frac{1}{T_1} - \frac{1}{T_2}\right]$

Substituting the values,

$$\log \frac{0.693}{20} \times \frac{40}{0.693} = \frac{E_a}{2.303 \times 8.314}\left[\frac{1}{300} - \frac{1}{320}\right]$$

$$\log 2 = \frac{E_a}{2.303 \times 8.314}\left[\frac{320-300}{300 \times 320}\right]$$

$$0.3010 = \frac{E_a}{2.303 \times 8.314} \times \frac{20}{300 \times 320}$$

or $E_a = \frac{0.3010 \times 2.303 \times 8.314 \times 300 \times 320}{20}$

$$= 27663.8\ J\ mol^{-1} \text{ or } \mathbf{27.66\ kJ\ mol^{-1}}.$$

❑ Example 58.

The values of rate constant for the decomposition of HI into H_2 and I_2 at different temperatures are given below:

T(K)	*633*	*667*	*710*	*738*
k(s^{-1})	*0.19*	*1.00*	*8.31*	*25.1*

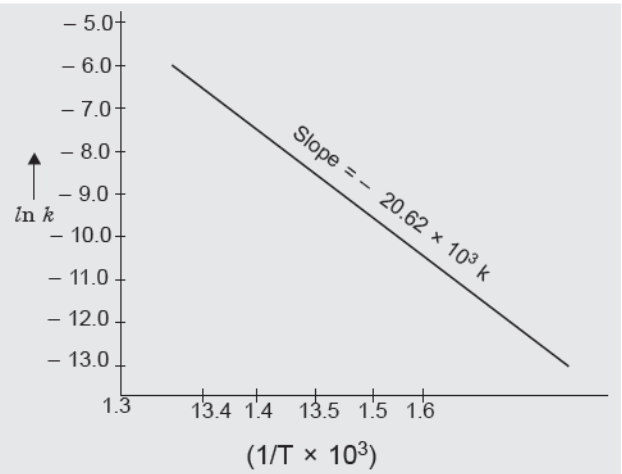
Draw a graph between ln k and 1/T and calculate the values of Arrhenius parameters.

Solution : The values of ln k and 1/T at different temperatures are :

T(K)	633	667	710	738
1/T(K^{-1})	1.58×10^{-3}	1.50×10^{-3}	1.41×10^{-3}	1.36×10^{-3}
ln k	− 10.87	− 9.21	− 7.09	− 5.99

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The plot of $ln\ k$ against 1/T is shown below :



The slope of the line is -20.62×10^3

$$\therefore \quad E_a = -\text{Slope} \times R$$
$$= -(-20.62 \times 10^3\ k) \times 8.314$$
$$= 171.4\ \text{kJ mol}^{-1}$$

Now, we can calculate A from the value of k at 633 K

$$\ln A = \ln k + \frac{E_a}{RT}$$
$$\ln A = -10.87 + \frac{171400}{8.314 \times 633} = -10.87 + 32.57$$
$$\ln A = 21.7$$
$$\therefore \quad A = \mathbf{2.65 \times 10^9\ s^{-1}}.$$

❑ Example 59.

Rate constant 'k' of a reaction varies with temperature 'T' according to the equation:

$$\log k = \log A - \frac{E_a}{2.303\ R}\left(\frac{1}{T}\right)$$

where E_a is the activation energy. When a graph is plotted for log k vs. $\frac{1}{T}$, a straight line with a slope of – 4250 K is obtained. Calculate 'E_a' for the reaction ($R = 8.314\ JK^{-1}\ mol^{-1}$)

(D.S.B. 2013)

Solution : $\text{Slope} = -\frac{E_a}{2.303\ R} = -4250\ \text{K}$

$$\therefore \quad E_a = -2.303 \times R \times \text{Slope}$$
$$= -2.303 \times 8.314\ \text{JK}^{-1}\ \text{mol}^{-1} \times (-4250\ \text{K})$$
$$= \mathbf{81375.3\ J\ mol^{-1}\ or\ 81.375\ kJ\ mol^{-1}}.$$

❑ Example 60.

The rate constant for a reaction is found to be $1.96 \times 10^{-2}\ s^{-1}$ at 313 K. The activation energy of the reaction is 93.62 kJ mol^{-1}. Calculate the frequency factor, A.

Solution : $\log k = -\frac{E_a}{2.303\ RT} + \log A$

or $\log A = \log k + \frac{E_a}{2.303\ RT}$

$k = 1.96 \times 10^{-2}\ s^{-1}$, $E_a = 93.62 \times 10^3\ \text{J mol}^{-1}$

$R = 8.314\ \text{JK}^{-1}\ \text{mol}^{-1}$, $T = 313\ \text{K}$

$$\log A = \log (1.96 \times 10^{-2}) + \frac{93.62 \times 10^3}{2.303 \times 8.314 \times 313}$$
$$= -1.708 + 15.621$$
$$= 13.913$$
$$A = \text{antilog}\ (13.913) = \mathbf{8.185 \times 10^{13}\ s^{-1}}$$

❑ Example 61.

The rate constants of a reaction at 500 K and 700 K are $0.02\ s^{-1}$ and $0.07\ s^{-1}$ respectively. Calculate the values of E_a and A. **N.C.E.R.T.** *(CBSE Sample Paper 2011, Hr. S.B. 2012, Assam S.B. 2013)*

Solution : According to Arrhenius equation,

$$\log \frac{k_2}{k_1} = \frac{E_a}{2.303\ R}\left[\frac{T_2 - T_1}{T_1\ T_2}\right]$$

$k_1 = 0.02\ \text{s}^{-1}$, $k_2 = 0.07\ \text{s}^{-1}$, $T_1 = 500\ \text{K}$, $T_2 = 700\ \text{K}$

Substituting the values :

$$\log \frac{0.07}{0.02} = \frac{E_a}{2.303 \times 8.314}\left[\frac{700 - 500}{700 \times 500}\right]$$
$$0.544 = \frac{E_a}{2.303 \times 8.314} \times \frac{200}{3500}$$
$$E_a = \frac{0.544 \times 2.303 \times 8.314 \times 3500}{200}$$
$$= 182281\ \text{J or } 18.228\ \text{kJ}$$

Calculation of A

$$k = Ae^{-E_a/RT}$$
$$\log k = \log A - \frac{E_a}{2.303\ RT}$$

Substituting the values at 500 K

$$\log 0.02 = \log A - \frac{18228}{2.303 \times 8.314 \times 500}$$
$$-1.699 = \log A - 1.904$$
$$\log A = 1.904 - 1.699 = 0.205$$
$$\therefore \quad A = \mathbf{1.603\ s^{-1}}.$$

❑ Example 62.

The activation energy of a reaction is 75.2 kJ mol^{-1} in the absence of a catalyst and 50.14 kJ mol^{-1} with a catalyst. How many times will the rate of reaction grow in the presence of the catalyst if the reaction proceeds at 25°C ? ($R = 8.314\ JK^{-1}\ mol^{-1}$)

(A.I.S.B. 2005)

Solution : According to Arrhenius equation,

$$\log k = \log A - \frac{E_a}{2.303\ RT}$$

For uncatalysed reaction,

$$\log k_1 = \log A - \frac{E_a(1)}{2.303\ RT} \qquad ...(i)$$

For catalysed reaction,

$$\log k_2 = \log A - \frac{E_a(2)}{2.303\ RT} \qquad ...(ii)$$

A is equal for the same reaction.

Subtracting Eqn. (*i*) from Eqn. (*ii*)

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$$\log \frac{k_2}{k_1} = \frac{E_a(1) - E_a(2)}{2.303\,RT}$$

$$= \frac{(75.2 - 50.14)\,kJ\,mol^{-1}}{2.303 \times 8.314 \times 298}$$

$$\log \frac{k_2}{k_1} = 4.39$$

$$\frac{k_2}{k_1} = 2.45 \times 10^4$$

∴ Rate of reaction increases by **2.45×10^4 times**.

❑ Example 63.

The rate constant for the first-order decomposition of H_2O_2 is given by the following equation:

$$\log k = 14.2 - \frac{1.0 \times 10^4}{T} K$$

Calculate E_a for this reaction and rate constant k if its half-life period be 200 minutes. (Given : R = 8.314 JK^{-1} mol^{-1}) *(D.S.B. 2016, A.I.S.B 2016)*

Solution : According to Arrhenius equation,

$$\log k = \log A - \frac{E_a}{2.303\,RT} \quad ...(i)$$

The given equation is

$$\log k = 14.2 - \frac{1.0 \times 10^4\ K}{T} \quad ...(ii)$$

Comparing eq. (*i*) and (*ii*)

$$\frac{E_a}{2.303\,R} = 1.0 \times 10^4$$

$$\therefore \quad E_a = 1.0 \times 10^4 \times 2.303 \times 8.314$$

$$= 19.147 \times 10^4\ J\ mol^{-1}$$

$$\text{or} = 191.47\ kJ\ mol^{-1}$$

Now $$t_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{k}$$

or $$k = \frac{0.693}{t_{1/2}}$$

$$= \frac{0.693}{200\ min} = \mathbf{3.465 \times 10^{-3}\ min^{-1}}$$

Practice Problems

40. The rate of a reaction becomes four times when the temperature changes from 293 K to 313 K. Calculate the energy of activation (E_a) of the reaction assuming that it does not change with temperature.
[R = 8.314 J K^{-1} mol^{-1}, log 4 = 0.6021] *(A.I.S.B. 2013)*

41. The reaction, $2NO_2 \longrightarrow 2NO + O_2$
has an activation energy of 110 kJ mol^{-1}. At 400°C, the rate constant is 7.8 s^{-1}. What is the value of rate constant at 430°C?

42. The rate constant for the decomposition of nitrogen pentoxide :
$N_2O_5 \longrightarrow N_2O_4 + ½\ O_2$ is 3.46×10^{-5} s^{-1} at 25°C and 4.87×10^{-3} s^{-1} at 65°C. Calculate the energy of activation for the reaction. *(Pb.S.B. 2008)*

43. The rate of a particular reaction triples when temperature changes from 50° C to 100°C. Calculate the activation energy of the reaction.
(log 3 = 0.4771, R = 8.314 JK^{-1} mol^{-1}) *(D.S.B. 2006, H.P.S.B. 2010)*

44. The rate of a reaction doubles when the temperature changes from 27°C to 37°C. Calculate the energy of activation. *(Pb S.B. 2006, Mizoram S.B. 2015)*

45. A first order reaction is 50% complete in 30 minutes at 27°C and in 10 minutes at 47°C. Calculate the activation energy of the reaction.

46. The rate constants for a reaction are 2.0 s^{-1} and 32.0 s^{-1} at 700 K and 800 K respectively. Calculate the energy of activation for the reaction.

47. The rate constant for a first order reaction becomes six times when the temperature is raised from 350 to 400 K. Calculate the activation energy for the reaction.
(Gas constant R = 8.314 J K^{-1} mol^{-1}) *(Pb. S.B. 2014)*

48. The rate constant for a reaction is 1.6×10^{-5} s^{-1} and 6.36×10^{-3} s^{-1} at 600 K and 700 K respectively. Calculate the activation energy for the reaction.

49. The rate constant for the decomposition of N_2O_5 at various temperatures is given below :

T(°C)	0	20	40	60	80
$10^5 \times k$ (s^{-1})	0.0787	1.70	25.7	178	2140

Draw a graph between ln *k* and 1/T and calculate the values of A and E_a. Predict the rate constant at 30°C and 50°C.

50. The rate constant of a reaction is 1.2×10^{-3} s^{-1} at 30°C and 2.1×10^{-3} s^{-1} at 40°C. Calculate the energy of activation of the reaction. *(Pb. S.B. 2004, 2006)*

Answers to Practice Problems

40. 52.86 kJ mol^{-1}
41. 18.0 s^{-1}
42. 103.56 kJ
43. 22.012×10^3 kJ mol^{-1}.
44. 53.6 kJ mol^{-1}.
45. 43.8 kJ mol^{-1}.
46. 129.1 kJ mol^{-1}.
47. 41.7 kJ mol^{-1}.
48. 209.01 kJ mol^{-1}.
49. A = 1.51×10^{13} min,
E_a = 100.67 kJ mol^{-1},
k (30°C) = 6.64×10^{-5} s^{-1},
k (50°C) = 7.93×10^{-4} s^{-1}.
50. 44.1 kJ mol^{-1}.

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51. For the decomposition of ethyl iodide :

$$C_2H_5I \longrightarrow C_2H_4 + HI$$

the rate constants are 1.60×10^{-5} s^{-1} and 6.36×10^{-3} s^{-1} at 600 K and 700 K respectively. Calculate the activation energy for the reaction.*(Pb. S.B. 2004, 2008)*

52. The specific rate constant for the combination of H_2 and I_2 to form HI

$$H_2 + I_2 \longrightarrow 2HI$$

is 2.34×10^{-3} s^{-1} at 673 K and 7.50×10^{-2} s^{-1} at 773 K. Calculate the activation energy for the reaction.

53. Rate constant, k of a reaction varies with temperature as:

$$\log k = \text{Constant} - \frac{E_a}{2.303\,RT}$$

where E_a is the activation energy. When a graph is plotted for $\log k$ *vs* 1/T, a straight line with a slope of –6670K is obtained. Calculate the energy of activation for this reaction. ($R = 8.314$ $JK^{-1}mol^{-1}$) *(D.S.B. 2011)*

54. The activation energy of a first order reaction at 300 K is 60 kJ mol^{-1}. In the presence of a catalyst, the activation energy gets lowered to 50 kJ mol^{-1} at 300 K. How many times the reaction rate changes in the presence of a catalyst at the same temperature ?

55. The decomposition of A into product has value of k as 4.5×10^3 s^{-1} at 10°C and activation energy is 60 kJ mol^{-1}. Calculate the temperature at which the value of k be 1.5×10^4 s^{-1}. *(CBSE Sample Paper 2011)*

Answers to Practice Problems

51. 209.1 kJ mol^{-1}.
52. 15.1 kJ mol^{-1}.
53. 127.7 kJ mol^{-1}.
54. 55.08 times
55. 24°C

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Problem 6. Two reactions of the same order have equal pre-exponential factors but their activation energies differ by 24.9 kJ mol^{-1}. Calculate the ratio between the rate constants of these reactions at 27°C. (Gas constant, $R = 8.3$ JK^{-1} mol^{-1}).

Solution The Arrhenius equation is :

$$k = Ae^{-E_a/RT}$$

Taking log on both sides, $\log k = \log A - \frac{E_a}{2.303\,RT}$

For reaction (i), $\log k_1 = \log A - \frac{E_a(1)}{2.303\,RT}$

For reaction (ii) $\log k_2 = \log A - \frac{E_a(2)}{2.303\,RT}$

Subtracting (i) from (ii) $\log \frac{k_2}{k_1} = \frac{E_a(1) - E_a(2)}{2.303\,RT}$

$$\log \frac{k_2}{k_1} = \frac{24.9 \times 1000}{2.303 \times 8.3 \times 300} = 4.342$$

$$\therefore \quad \frac{k_2}{k_1} = \mathbf{2.198 \times 10^4.}$$

Problem 7. A hydrogenation reaction is carried out at 500 K. If the same reaction is carried out in the presence of a catalyst at the same rate, the temperature required is 400 K. Calculate the activation energy of the reaction if the catalyst lowers the activation energy by 20 kJ mol^{-1}.

Solution According to Arrhenius equation,

$$k = Ae^{-E_a/RT}$$

Let activation energy in the absence of catalyst be E_a and in the presence of catalyst be $E_a(c)$, then

At 500 K, $k = Ae^{-E_a/500R}$

At 400 K, $k = Ae^{-E_a(c)/400R}$

$$e^{-E_a/500R} = e^{-E_a(c)/400R}$$

or $$\frac{E_a}{500\,R} = \frac{E_a(c)}{400\,R}$$

or $$E_a(c) = \frac{4}{5}E_a$$

But $E_a - E_a(c) = 20$ kJ

$$\therefore \quad E_a - \frac{4}{5}E_a = 20 \text{ kJ} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{1}{5}E_a = 20 \text{ kJ}$$

$$\therefore \quad E_a = 20 \times 5 = 100 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}.$$

Problem 8. The time required for 10% completion of a first order reaction at 298 K is equal to that required for its 25% completion at 308 K. If the value of A is $4 \times 10^{10} s^{-1}$, calculate k at 318 K and E_a.

Solution For 10% completion of the reaction,

$$k(298K) = \frac{2.303}{t}\log\frac{100}{90}$$

For 25% completion of reaction

$$k(308K) = \frac{2.303}{t}\log\frac{100}{75}$$

$$\frac{k(308\text{ K})}{k(298\text{ K})} = \frac{\frac{2.303}{t}\log\frac{100}{75}}{\frac{2.303}{t}\log\frac{100}{90}}$$

$$= \frac{0.1249}{0.0458} = 2.73$$

$$\text{Now,} \quad \log \frac{k(308\text{K})}{k(208\text{K})} = \frac{E_a}{2.303\,R}\left[\frac{T_2 - T_1}{T_1 T_2}\right]$$

$$\log 2.73 = \frac{E_a}{2.303 \times 8.314} \times \frac{(308-298)}{308 \times 298}$$

$$0.436 = \frac{E_a}{2.303 \times 8.314} \times \frac{10}{308 \times 298}$$

$$\therefore \quad E_a = \frac{0.436 \times 2.303 \times 8.314 \times 308 \times 298}{10}$$

$$= 76623 \text{ J mol}^{-1} = 76.623 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

$$\text{Now,} \quad \log K = \log A - \frac{E_a}{2.303\,RT}$$

$$\log K(318\text{K}) = \log 4 \times 10^{10} - \frac{76623}{2.303 \times 8.314 \times 318}$$

$$= 10.6020 - 12.5843$$

$$\log K\,(318) = -1.9823$$

$$K\,(318) = \mathbf{1.042 \times 10^{-2}\ s^{-1}}$$

Problem 9. A first order reaction, A → B requires activation energy of 70 kJ mol^{-1}. When a 20% solution of A was kept at 25°C for 20 minutes, 25% decomposition took place. What will be the per cent decomposition in the same time in a 30% solution maintained at 40°C? Assume that activation energy remains constant in this range of temperature.

Solution Calculation of k at 25°C (say k_1)

$$k = \frac{2.303}{t}\log\frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$$

$[A]_0 = a$ (say), $[A] = a - a \times \frac{25}{100} = 0.75\,a$

$$k_1 = \frac{2.303}{20}\log\frac{a}{0.75a} = 0.01439 \text{ min}^{-1}$$

Calculation of k_2.

$$\log\frac{k_2}{k_1} = \frac{E_a}{2.303R}\left[\frac{1}{T_1} - \frac{1}{T_2}\right]$$

$$\log\frac{k_2}{0.01439} = \frac{70000}{2.303 \times 8.314}\left[\frac{1}{298} - \frac{1}{313}\right] = 0.5879$$

or $\frac{k_2}{0.01439} = 3.872$ or $k_2 = 0.0557 \text{ min}^{-1}$

Calculation of percentage decomposition at 40°C

Let the percentage decompostion in this case = x

$a = 100$, $a - x = 100 - x$

$$k_2 = \frac{2.303}{20}\log\frac{100}{100-x}$$

$$0.0557 = \frac{2.303}{20}\log\frac{100}{100-x}$$

$$\log\frac{100}{100-x} = 0.4837$$

$$\frac{100}{100-x} = 3.045 \quad \text{or} \quad x = 67.15$$

Percentage decomposition = **67.15%**

CONCEPT OF ACTIVATION ENERGY AND TRANSITION STATE THEORY

We are quite familiar with chemical reactions such as burning of coal gas in air or combustion of carbon or combination of hydrogen and oxygen gases, which do not occur unless some energy in one form or the other is supplied to reacting system. Thus, some **extra energy** has to be supplied to the reactants to bring their energy equal to the threshold energy.

The excess energy (over and above the average energy of the reactants) which must be supplied to the reactants to undergo chemical reactions is called activation energy, E_a. It is equal to the difference between the threshold energy needed for the reaction and the average kinetic energy of all the reacting molecules. That is,

Activation energy = Threshold energy – Average kinetic energy of the reacting molecules

or $E_a = E\,(\text{threshold}) - E\,(\text{reactants})$

Each reaction has definite value of E_a and this decides the fraction of total collisions which are effective. If the activation energy for a reaction is low, large number of molecules can have this energy and the fraction of effective collisions, *f*, will be large. The reaction will proceed at high rate. On the other hand, if the activation energy is high, then fraction of effective collisions will be small and the reaction may be quite slow. Thus,

Low activation energies : Fast reactions
High activation energies : Slow reactions

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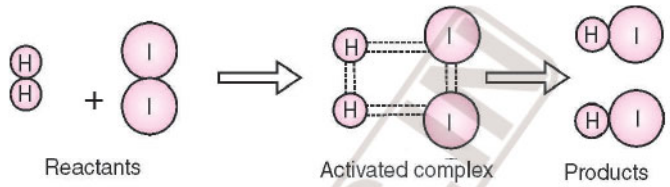
Combustion of fuels is highly **exothermic reaction** yet these can be safely stored in contact with oxygen or air.

❒ The stability of fuels is due to *high activation energy of these combustion reactions.* As a result of high activation energy, these reactions do not occur at ordinary conditions. When some extra energy (flame) is supplied to the fuel in the presence of air, a portion of reactants absorb energy (equal to activation energy) and the reaction gets initiated. The enormous amount of energy is released during the reaction because the reaction is exothermic. The released energy increases the energy of other molecules in the remaining fuel and therefore, the combustion continues. Explosive reactions have also high activation energy and therefore, can be safely stored for years inspite of the fact that they give enormous amount of energy when they explode. The explosive reactions occur when activation energy is supplied by heating or mechanical energy.

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Activated Complex State

When the colliding molecules possess the kinetic energy equal to E_a, the atomic configuration of species formed at this stage is different from the reactants as well as the products. This stage is called the **activated state or transition state** and *specific configuration of this state* is called **activated complex or intermediate.** For example, in the reaction between $H_2(g)$ and $I_2(g)$, activated complex has configuration in which H—H and I—I bonds are breaking and H—I bonds are forming as shown below :



This activated complex state is unstable transitions state of the reacting system which is mid-way between the reactants and the products. It has a very short life span (being highly unstable) and splits into the products to acquire stable state of lower energy.

Progress of a Reaction

According to the concept of activation energy, the reactants do not change directly into the products. The reactants first absorb energy equal to activation energy and thereby form activated complex. At this state, the molecules have energy at least equal to the threshold energy. This means that the reaction involves some energy barrier which must be overcome before products are formed. The energy barrier is known as **activation energy barrier.** In graphical representation of the reaction, the energy barrier is shown as an *energy hump* which has to be crossed before the reactants go to the products (Fig. 14).

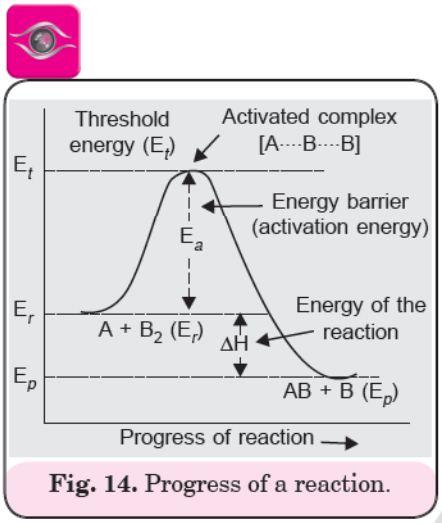


Fig. 14. Progress of a reaction.

As an illustration, consider the general reaction,

$$A(g) + B_2(g) \longrightarrow AB(g) + B(g)$$

The reactants have the average energy, E_r and the products have the energy E_p. The reaction involves the approach of an atom A to a molecule B_2. The reaction cannot occur until the colliding reactants A and B_2 possess sufficient energy to reach the top of the energy barrier and form activated complex. **The energy required to form activated complex is called the activation energy.** The activated complex formed [A....B] has a very short life span and splits into the products. This may be shown as :

$$\underset{\text{Reactants}}{A + B—B} \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Activated complex}}{A\cdots\cdots B\cdots\cdots B} \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Products}}{A—B + B}$$

Activation energy plays an **important** role in comparing the rates of reactions. To illustrate this, consider the two reactions, oxidation of NO and CO, which appear to be similar. As already discussed, the oxidation of NO is a fast reaction whereas that of CO is a slow reaction.

$$NO(g) + \frac{1}{2} O_2(g) \longrightarrow NO_2(g) \qquad \text{Fast}$$

$$CO(g) + \frac{1}{2} O_2(g) \longrightarrow CO_2(g) \qquad \text{Slow}$$

In the oxidation of NO, the activation energy is small and only the small increase in energy enables the reacting species to cross the energy barrier to form NO_2. Therefore, the reaction is fast at room temperature. However, in the case of oxidation of CO, the activation energy is high, consequently large amount of energy is needed by the reactants to cross the energy barrier. Such a large amount of energy is not available at room temperature. Hence, the reaction is slow at room temperature.

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Activation Energies and Reversible Reactions

Consider a reversible reaction :

$$A + B \rightleftharpoons C + D$$

Just as activation energy is required for forward reaction, activation energy is also required for backward reaction. During the progress of the reaction the reactant molecules in the forward reaction and the product molecules in the backward reaction follow the same path and form the same activated complex. However, the activation energies of the two are different. These are represented graphically in Fig. 15 (*a*) and (*b*) for exothermic and endothermic reactions. It is clear from the figure that the reactant molecules in their forward reaction and the product molecules in their backward reaction have to pass through the same transition state even though the activation energies for the forward E_a (forward) and E_a (backward) reactions are different. Mathematically, E_a (forward) and E_a (backward) are related to the overall energy change, ΔH, in the process as :

$$\Delta H = E_a \text{ (forward)} - E_a \text{ (backward)}$$

As evident from Fig. 15 (*a*), for the **exothermic reaction**.

[Activation energy for the forward reaction] < **[Activation energy for the backward reaction]**

$$E_a \text{ (forward)} < E_a \text{ (backward)}$$

Thus, $\Delta H = E_a$ (forward) $- E_a$ (backward) = $-$ve

On the other hand, for the **endothermic reaction**.

[Activation energy for the forward reaction] > **[Activation energy for the backward reaction]**

$$E_a \text{ (forward)} > E_a \text{ (backward)}$$

Thus, $\Delta H = E_a$ (forward) $- E_a$ (backward) = +ve

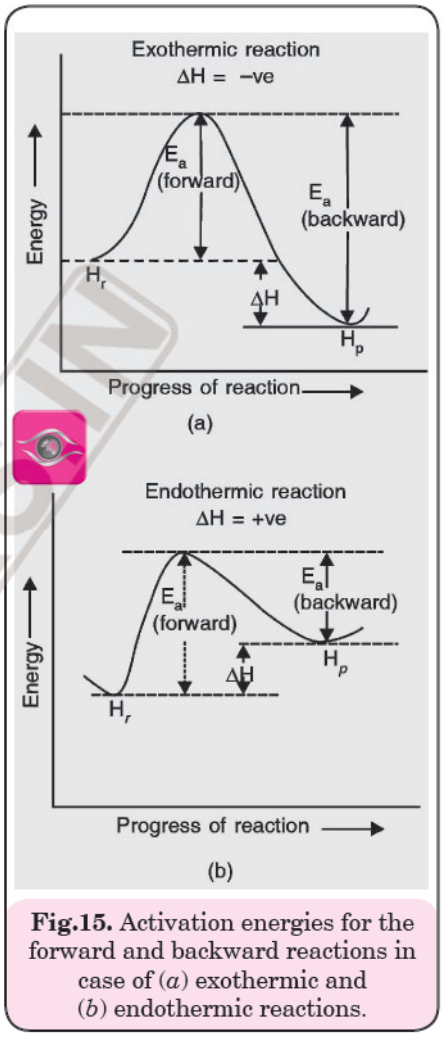


Fig.15. Activation energies for the forward and backward reactions in case of (*a*) exothermic and (*b*) endothermic reactions.

EFFECT OF A CATALYST ON REACTION RATES

A catalyst is a substance which increases the rate of a reaction without itself undergoing any permanent chemical change.

For example, manganese dioxide (MnO_2), a black powder speeds up the thermal decomposition of potassium chlorate.

$$2KClO_3\,(s) \xrightarrow[\text{heat}]{MnO_2,\text{catalyst}} 2KCl(s) + 3O_2$$

The phenomenon of increasing the rate of a reaction by the use of catalyst is called **catalysis.** It is observed that a catalyst is not consumed in the reaction. Actually, what happens is that in a catalysed reaction the catalyst is used in one step and is regenerated in a subsequent step and thus, it is used up again and again without undergoing any permanent change.

The action of catalyst can be explained by **intermediate complex theory.** According to this theory, a catalyst combines with reactants to form an intermediate activated complex which is short lived. This decomposes to form the products and regenerating the catalyst. The intermediate complex formed has lower potential energy. This means that the activation energy becomes lower for the catalysed reaction than that for uncatalysed reaction. Consequently, the fraction of the total number of collisions possessing lower activation energy is increased and hence, the rate of reaction also increases.

Consider a hypothetical reaction

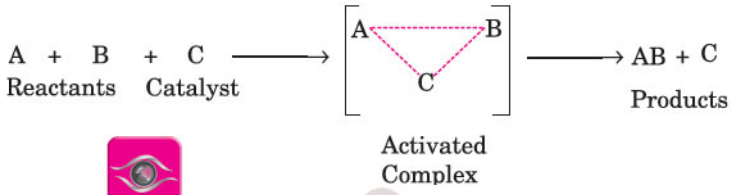
$$A + B \longrightarrow AB$$

The reaction proceeds through the formation of activated complex as :

$$\underset{\text{Reactants}}{A + B} \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Activated complex}}{[A\cdots\cdots B]} \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Product}}{AB}$$

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Addition of a catalyst C result into the formation of new activated complex of lower activation energy.



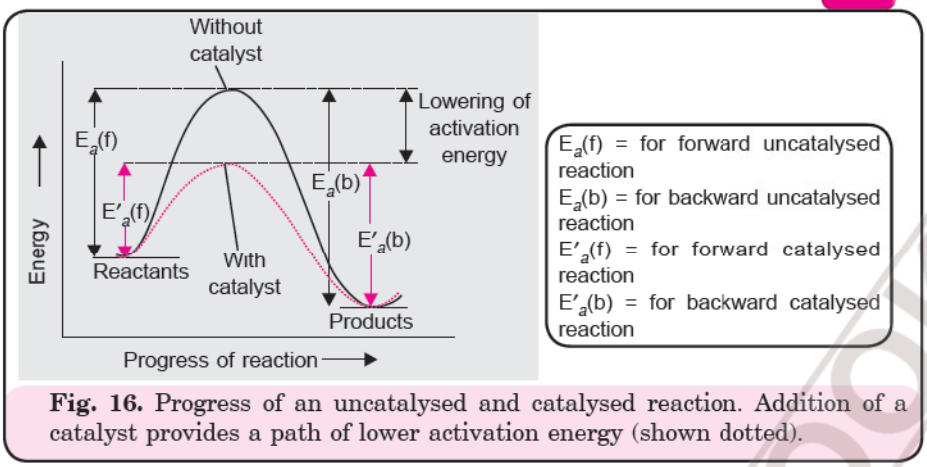


Fig. 16. Progress of an uncatalysed and catalysed reaction. Addition of a catalyst provides a path of lower activation energy (shown dotted).

Thus, *a catalyst provides a new pathway for the reaction of lower activation energy than that of the reaction in the absence of the catalyst.* Because of lower activation energy, the reaction becomes fast and the reactants are converted to products quickly.

Fig. 16 gives an energy diagram which depicts the effect of a catalyst on the energy of activation. The solid line shows the path for uncatalysed reaction and dotted line shows the path adopted by catalysed reaction.

Some Important Characteristics of Catalysts and Catalysed Reactions

(*i*) Only a small amount of catalyst can catalyse a large amount of reactants.

(*ii*) A catalyst cannot initiate a reaction. It can only accelerate the rate of a reaction. It other words, a catalyst cannot catalyse non spontaneous reactions. It catalyses only spontaneous reactions.

It may be noted that some substances reduce the rates of reactions. These are called **inhibitors**.

(*iii*) Catalysts are highly specific in nature. A catalyst which can catalyse one reaction may have no effect on another reaction even, if that reaction is very similar.

(*iv*) A catalyst may undergo intermediate physical changes and it may even form temporary chemical bonds with the reactants but it is recovered unchanged in original form at the end of the reaction.

(*v*) The catalyst does not change ΔE (or ΔH) of the reaction. This is clear from Fig. 16 that the addition of a catalyst does not change the energies of reactants (E_r) and products (E_p) so that ΔE ($E_p - E_r$) remains same.

(*vi*) A catalyst does not change the free energy change (ΔG) of a reaction.

(*vii*) Although a catalyst speeds up the reaction but it does not shift the position of equilibrium. This is due to the fact that the presence of a catalyst reduces the height of barrier by providing an alternative path for the reaction and lowers the activation energy. However, the lowering in activation energy is to the same extent for the forward as well as for the backward reaction. In the figure, it is clear that decrease in activation energy for the forward reaction E_a (forward) — E_a' (forward) is same as for backward reaction, E_a (backward) — E_a' (backward), where E_a' (forward) and E_a' (backward) are the activation energies for the catalysed reaction. As a result, the increase in the rate of the forward and backward reactions is same and hence, the position of equilibrium remains unaltered. However, by increasing the two rates, the equilibrium is attained earlier.

Catalysts are very important for our existence. Catalysts are used in many industrial processes. Many biochemical reactions occurring in living organisms are catalysed by enzymes.

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SOLVED EXAMPLES

❑ **Example 64.**

An exothermic reaction A ⟶ B has an activation energy of 17 kJ per mole of A. The heat of the reaction is 40 kJ. Calculate the activation energy for the reverse reaction B ⟶ A.

Solution : For the reaction A ⟶ B.

Activation energy, E_a = 17 kJ

Since the reaction is exothermic, the energy of the products is less than that of reactants. The potential energy diagram for such a reaction is given in Fig. 17.

From the figure, it is clear that the activation energy for the reverse reaction, B ⟶ A is :

E_a (reverse) = E_a (forward) + ΔE

= 17 + 40 = **57 kJ**

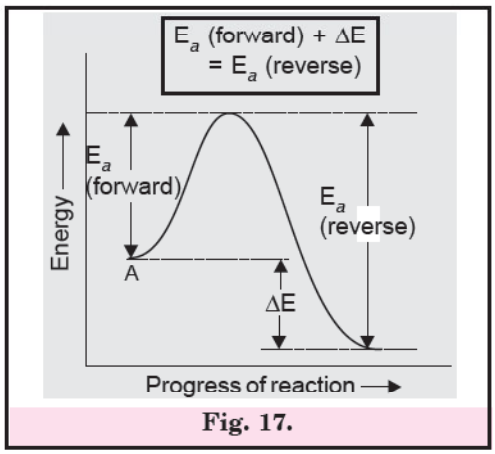


Fig. 17.

❑ **Example 65.**

Consider the diagram (Fig. 18) for a reaction

$A_2 + B_2 \rightleftharpoons 2AB$

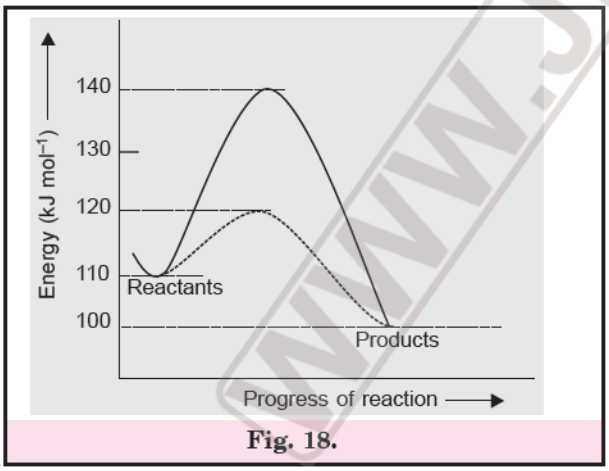


Fig. 18.

(a) Calculate ΔE for the rection.

(b) Calculate the energy of activation for the forward and the backward reactions.

(c) The dotted curve is the reaction path in the presence of the catalyst ? What is the energy of activation for the forward and backward reactions in the presence of the catalyst ? What is the lowering in activation energy in the presence of a catalyst ?

(d) Will the catalyst change the extent of the reaction ?

Solution : (*a*) It is clear from the figure that

Energy of reactants (A_2 and B_2) = 110 kJ mol^{-1}

Energy of products (2AB) = 100 kJ mol^{-1}

$\therefore$ $\Delta E = E_p - E_r$

$= 100 - 110 = \mathbf{-10\ kJ\ mol^{-1}}$

$\therefore$ Reaction is exothermic.

(*b*) Threshold energy = 140 kJ mol^{-1}

Energy of reactants = 110 kJ mol^{-1}

E_a (forward) = $E_t - E_r$

$= 140 - 110$

$= 30$ kJ mol^{-1}

Energy of products, E_p = 100 kJ mol^{-1}

E_a (backward) = $E_t - E_p$

$= 140 - 100 = \mathbf{40\ kJ\ mol^{-1}}$

(*c*) In the presence of catalyst, threshold energy becomes 120 kJ

E_a' (forward) = $120 - 110 = 10$ kJ mol^{-1}

E_a' (backward) = $120 - 100 = 20$ kJ mol^{-1}

Lowering in activation energy = E_t (without catalyst) – E_t (with catalyst)

$= 140 - 120 = \mathbf{20\ kJ\ mol^{-1}}$

(*d*) There will be no change in the extent of reaction because activation energy for the forward reaction and the backward reaction have decreased equally.

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Problem 10. **The rate constant of a reaction increases by 7% when its temperature is raised from 300 K to 301 K while its equilibrium constant increases by 3%. Calculate the activation energy of forward and reverse reaction.**

Solution Let the rate constant at 300 K = k

Increase in rate constant = $k \times \frac{7}{100} = 0.07\ k$

$\therefore$ Rate constant at 301 K = $k + 0.07\ k = 1.07\ k$

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Now,

$$\log \frac{k_2}{k_1} = \frac{E_a}{2.303\,R}\left[\frac{1}{T_1}-\frac{1}{T_2}\right]$$

$$\log \frac{1.07\,k}{k} = \frac{E_a}{2.303\times 8.314}\left[\frac{1}{300}-\frac{1}{301}\right]$$

$$\log 1.07 = \frac{E_a}{2.303\times 8.314}\times\frac{301-300}{300\times 301}$$

$$0.02938 = \frac{E_a}{2.303\times 8.314}\times\frac{1}{300\times 301}$$

$$\therefore \quad E_a = 0.02938\times 2.303\times 8.314\times 300\times 301$$

$$= 50798\ \text{J} = \mathbf{50.8\ kJ\ mol^{-1}}$$

This is activation energy for the forward reaction, *i.e.*,

$$E_a^{\,f} = 50.8\ \text{kJ mol}^{-1}$$

Let equilibrium constant at 300 K = K

Increase in equilibrium constant = $\frac{K\times 3}{100}$ = 0.03 K

Equilibrium at 301 K = K + 0.03 K = 1.03 K

Now,

$$\log \frac{K_2}{K_1} = \frac{\Delta_r H^\ominus}{2.303\,R}\left[\frac{1}{T_1}-\frac{1}{T_2}\right]$$

$$\log \frac{1.03\,K}{K} = \frac{\Delta_r H^\ominus}{2.303\times 8.34}\left[\frac{1}{300}-\frac{1}{301}\right]$$

$$0.01284 = \frac{\Delta_r H^\ominus}{2.303\times 8.314}\left[\frac{301-300}{300\times 301}\right]$$

$$\therefore \quad \Delta_r H^\ominus = 0.01284\times 8.314\times 2.303\times 300\times 301$$

$$= 22.19\ \text{kJ mol}^{-1}$$

Since $\Delta_r H^\ominus$ is positive, the reaction is endothermic.

But $\Delta_r H^\ominus = E_a^{\,f} - E_a^{\,r}$

$$\therefore \quad E_a^{\,r} = E_a^{\,f} - \Delta_r H^\ominus$$

$$= 50.8 - 22.19 = \mathbf{27.61\ kJ\ mol^{-1}}$$

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CONCEPTUAL QA

Q.1. The half life period of first order reaction is x and three-fourth of the same reaction is y. How are x and y related to each other ?

Ans. y is twice of x because the time required for 3/4th of a reaction to occur is two times that required for half of the reaction.

Q.2. After five half life periods for a first order reaction what fraction of reactant remains ?

Ans. $\frac{1}{32}$.

Q.3. For a first order reaction, time taken for half of the reaction to complete is t_1 and 3/4 of the reaction to complete is t_2. How are t_1 and t_2 related ?

Ans. $t_2 = 2t_1$ because for 3/4th of the reaction to complete, time required is equal to two half lives.

Q.4. A reaction is first order in reactant A and second order in reactant B.
(*i*) Write differential rate equation.
(*ii*) How is the rate affected when concentration of B alone is increased to three times ?
(*iii*) How is the rate affected when concentration of both A and B are doubled ? ***(D.S.B. 2010)***

Ans. (*i*) Rate = $k[A]\,[B]^2$
(*ii*) Rate becomes $(3)^2 = 9$ times
(*iii*) Rate becomes $(2)\,(2)^2 = 8$ times.

Q.5. Express the relation between the half life period of a reactant and its initial concentration for a reaction of nth order. ***(A.I.S.B. 2005)***

Ans. $t_{1/2} = \frac{1}{k[A_0]^{n-1}}$.

Q.6. (*a*) For the reaction

$$C_{12}H_{22}O_{11} + H_2O \xrightarrow{H^+} C_6H_{12}O_6 + C_6H_{12}O_6$$

write :

(*i*) Rate of reaction expression,

(*ii*) Rate law equation,

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(*iii*) Molecularity,

(*iv*) Order of reaction ***(CBSE Sample paper 2011)***

Ans. (*i*) $$\text{Rate} = -\frac{d[C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}]}{dt} = \frac{-d[H_2O]}{dt}$$

$$= \frac{d[C_6H_{12}O_6]}{dt} = \frac{d[C_6H_{12}O_6]}{dt}$$

(*ii*) Rate law equation :

$$\text{Rate} = k[C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}]$$

(*iii*) Molecularity = 2

(*iv*) Order = 1

Q.7. Consider the decomposition of hydrogen peroxide in alkaline medium which is catalysed by iodide ions.

$$2H_2O_2 \xrightarrow{OH^-/I^-} 2H_2O + O_2$$

This reaction takes place in two steps as given below :

Step - I $H_2O_2 + I^- \longrightarrow H_2O + IO^-$ **(slow)**

Step - II $H_2O_2 + IO^- \longrightarrow H_2O + I^- + O_2$ **(fast)**

(*a*) Write the rate law expression and determine the order of reaction w.r.t. H_2O_2.

(*b*) What is the molecularity of each individual step? ***(CBSE Sample paper 2011)***

Ans. (*a*) $$\text{Rate} = k[H_2O_2]\,[I^-]$$

Order w.r.t. H_2O_2 = 1

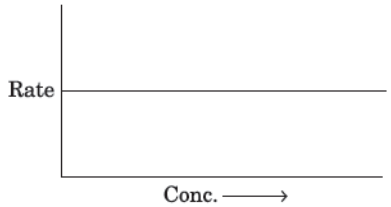
(*b*) Molecularity : Step I = 2, Step II = 2

Q.8. For a chemical reaction variation in rate with conc. is shown :

(*a*) What is the order of the reaction ?

(*b*) What are the units of rate constant *k* for the reaction ?

(CBSE Sample paper 2012)



Ans. (*a*) Order of reaction is zero.

(*b*)Units of rate constant is mol $L^{-1}s^{-1}$.

Q.9. Can activation energy for reactions be zero ?

Ans. In the Arrhenius equation,

$$k = Ae^{-E_a/RT}$$

if E_a is zero then $k = A$

i.e., every collision between molecules leads to the chemical reaction. This is not true. Thus, E_a cannot be zero.

Q.10. What value of *k* is predicted for the rate constant by Arrhenius equation if $T \to \infty$? Is this value physically reasonable ?

Ans. From the equation, $k = Ae^{-E_a/RT}$, if $T \to \infty$; $k \to A$ so that $E_a = 0$. This is not feasible.

Q.11. Why ΔG is positive for photochemical reactions ?

Ans. This is because a part of light energy absorbed by the reactants gets converted into free energy.

Q.12. What is the main difference between a photosensitizer and a catalyst ?

Ans. A catalyst only changes the speed of the reaction, while a photosensitizer only initiates the reaction.

Q.13. Give the damaging effect of photochemistry.

Ans. The colour of fabrics fades away on exposure to sunlight.

Q14. Why does equilibrium constant not change with the presence of a catalyst?

Ans. The catalyst increases the speed of forward and backward reaction to the same extent. Therefore, equilibrium is attained quickly but the position of equilibrium does not change.

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Q15. What is the fraction of molecules having energy equal to or greater than activation energy, E_a ? What is this quantity called ?

Ans. The fraction of molecules having energy equal to or greater than activation energy (E_a) is equal to $e^{-E_a/RT}$ at temperature T. It is called Boltzmann factor.

Q16. For a reaction: A + B ⟶ P, the rate law is given as:

$$\text{Rate} = k[A][B]^2$$

(*i*) How is the rate of reaction affected when the concentration of B is doubled?

(*ii*) What is the order of reaction if A is present in large excess. ***(A.I.S.B. 2015)***

Ans. (*i*) Rate becomes four times

(*ii*) Order = 2

Q17. Find out half life time of a first order reaction with rate constant, $k = 2.31 \times 10^{-14}\ s^{-1}$ ***(Assam S. B. 2017)***

Ans. $t_{½} = \dfrac{0.693}{k} = \dfrac{0.693}{2.31\times10^{-14}\ s^{-1}} = 3 \times 10^{13}\ s$

Q18. What is the effect of adding a catalyst on

(*i*) Activation energy (E_a) and

(*ii*) Gibbs free energy (ΔG) of a reaction? ***(A.I.S.B. 2017)***

Ans. (*i*) Activation energy decreases

(*ii*) No effect on ΔG because Gibbs free energies of products and reactants remain the same in the presence of catalyst.

Q19. In the Arrhenius equation, what does the factor $e^{-E_a/RT}$ correspond to ?

(CBSE Sample Paper 2017-18)

Ans. $e^{-E_a/RT}$ corresponds to the fraction of molecules having kinetic energy greater than E_a.



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Hints & Solutions for Practice Problems

❒ **1.** (*i*) $\text{Rate} = -\frac{1}{2}\frac{d[O_3]}{dt} = \frac{1}{3}\frac{d[O_2]}{dt}$

(*ii*) $\text{Rate} = -\frac{1}{2}\frac{d[NO]}{dt} = -\frac{d[Br_2]}{dt} = \frac{1}{2}\frac{d[NOBr]}{dt}$

(*iii*) $\text{Rate} = -\frac{1}{2}\frac{d[ICl]}{dt} = -\frac{d[H_2]}{dt} = \frac{d[I_2]}{dt} = \frac{1}{2}\frac{d[HCl]}{dt}$

❒ **2.** $-\frac{\Delta[N_2]}{\Delta t} = \frac{1}{2}\frac{\Delta[NH_3]}{\Delta t} = \frac{1}{2}\times 2.4\times10^{-4}$

$= \mathbf{1.2 \times 10^{-4}\ mol\ L^{-1}\ s^{-1}}$

$-\frac{\Delta[H_2]}{\Delta t} = \frac{3}{2}\frac{\Delta[NH_3]}{\Delta t} = \frac{3}{2}\times 2.4\times10^{-4}$

$= \mathbf{3.6 \times 10^{-4}\ mol\ L^{-1}s^{-1}}$

❒ **3.** $\text{Rate} = -\frac{1}{2}\frac{\Delta[N_2O_5]}{dt} = \frac{1}{4}\frac{\Delta[NO_2]}{dt}$

$-\frac{\Delta[N_2O_5]}{dt} = \frac{2}{4}\frac{\Delta[NO_2]}{dt} = \frac{1}{2}\times 2.8\times10^{-3}$

$= -1.4 \times 10^{-3}\ Ms^{-1}$

$\therefore$ Rate of disappearance of N_2O_5 i.e. $\left(-\frac{\Delta[N_2O_5]}{\Delta t}\right)$

$= \mathbf{1.4 \times 10^{-3}\ Ms^{-1}}$

❒ **4.** $\frac{1}{2}\frac{\Delta[Y]}{\Delta t} = \frac{1}{3}\frac{\Delta[X]}{\Delta t}$

$\frac{\Delta[Y]}{\Delta t} = \frac{2}{3} \times 0.072 = \mathbf{0.048\ mol\ L^{-1}\ s^{-1}}$

$\frac{\Delta[Z]}{\Delta t} = \frac{1}{2}\frac{\Delta[Y]}{\Delta t} = \frac{1}{2} \times 0.048 = \mathbf{0.024\ mol\ L^{-1}\ s^{-1}}$

❒ **5.** $\text{Rate} = -\frac{1}{4}\frac{\Delta[NO_2]}{\Delta t} = -\frac{\Delta[O_2]}{\Delta t} = \frac{1}{2}\frac{\Delta[N_2O_5]}{\Delta t}$

(*i*) $\frac{-1}{4}\frac{\Delta[NO_2]}{\Delta t} = -\frac{\Delta[O_2]}{\Delta t}$

$\therefore \quad \frac{\Delta[NO_2]}{\Delta t} = 4 \times 0.024 = \mathbf{0.096\ mol\ L^{-1}\ s^{-1}}$

(*ii*) $-\frac{\Delta[O_2]}{\Delta t} = \frac{1}{2}\frac{\Delta[N_2O_5]}{\Delta t}$

$\therefore \quad \frac{\Delta[N_2O_5]}{\Delta t} = 2\times -\frac{d[O_2]}{dt} = 2 \times 0.024$

$= \mathbf{0.048\ mol\ L^{-1}\ s^{-1}}$

❒ **6.** $\text{Rate} = -\frac{(0.02-0.03)}{25\ \text{min}} = \mathbf{4.0 \times 10^{-4}\ mol\ L^{-1}min^{-1}}$

or $= \frac{4\times10^{-4}\ \text{mol L}^{-1}}{60\ \text{s}} = \mathbf{6.6 \times 10^{-6}\ mol\ L^{-1}s^{-1}}$

❒ **7.** For the reaction,

$2A + B \longrightarrow 3C$

$\text{rate} = -\frac{1}{2}\frac{d[A]}{dt} = -\frac{d[B]}{dt} = \frac{1}{3}\frac{d[C]}{dt}$

(*i*) Rate of reaction $= \frac{1}{3}\frac{d[C]}{dt} = \frac{1}{3}\times1.30\times10^{-4}$

$= \mathbf{4.33 \times 10^{-5}\ mol\ L^{-1}\ s^{-1}}$

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(*ii*) Rate of disappearance of A

$$= -\frac{d[A]}{dt} = \frac{2}{3}\frac{d[C]}{dt}$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} \times 1.3 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$= \mathbf{8.67 \times 10^{-5}\ mol\ L^{-1}s^{-1}}$$

❒ **8.** Rate $= k[A]^2$ or $k = \dfrac{5.8 \times 10^{-6}}{(0.01)^2}$

$$= \mathbf{5.8 \times 10^{-2}\ mol\ L^{-1}s^{-1}}$$

❒ **9.** Rate $= k[COCl_2]^{3/2}$

$$\frac{atm}{sec} = k\ (atm)^{3/2} \qquad \therefore\ k = \mathbf{atm^{-1/2}\ s^{-1}}$$

❒ **10.** The order can be predicted by the inspection of units of rate constants.

❒ **11.** $\dfrac{mol\ L^{-1}}{s} = k\left(\dfrac{mol}{L}\right)^{1/3}\left(\dfrac{mol}{L}\right)^{2}$

$$\therefore \quad k = \mathbf{mol^{-4/3}\ L^{4/3}\ s^{-1}}$$

❒ **12.** Let the initial concentrations are :

$[NO_2^-] = a$ mol L^{-1}, $[I^-] = b$ mol L^{-1}, $[H^+] = c$ mol L^{-1}

$\therefore$ rate $= k\ abc^2$

(*i*) When $[I^-] = \dfrac{b}{2}$; rate′ $= ka\left(\dfrac{b}{2}\right)c^2 = \dfrac{1}{2}abc^2$ *i.e.*, rate of reaction is **halved.**

(*ii*) When $[H^+] = 2c$

rate″ $= k\ ab\ (2c)^2 = 4\ k\ abc^2$ *i.e.*, rate becomes **4 times.**

(*iii*) When $[NO_2^-] = 3a$, $[I^-] = 3b$ and $[H^+] = 3c$

rate‴ $= k\ (3a)\ (3b)\ (3c)^2 = 81\ kabc^2$ *i.e.*, rate becomes **81 times.**

❒ **13.** $r = k[X]^n$ ...(*i*)

$27\ r = k[3X]^n$ ...(*ii*)

Dividing eq. (*ii*) by eq. (*i*), $27 = 3^n$ or $\boldsymbol{n = 3}$

❒ **14.** $r = k[X]^n$ ...(*i*)

$1.837\ r = k[1.5X]^n$ ...(*ii*)

Dividing eq. (*ii*) by eq. (*i*), $1.837 = (1.5)^n$

Taking log on both sides

$\log 1.837 = n \log 1.5$

$$\therefore \quad n = \frac{\log 1.837}{\log 1.5} = \mathbf{1.5}$$

❒ **15.** Rate $= k[N_2O_5]$

(*ii*) Rate $= (6.2 \times 10^{-4}\ s^{-1}) \times (2.50\ mol\ L^{-1})$

$$= \mathbf{1.55 \times 10^{-3}\ mol\ L^{-1}s^{-1}}$$

(*ii*) Rate $= (6.2 \times 10^{-4}\ s^{-1}) \times (0.50\ mol\ L^{-1})$

$$= \mathbf{3.1 \times 10^{-4}\ mol\ L^{-1}\ s^{-1}}$$

(*iii*) 4.2×10^{-3} mol L^{-1} $s^{-1} = (6.2 \times 10^{-4}\ s^{-1})\ [N_2O_5]$

$$\therefore\ [N_2O_5] = \frac{4.2 \times 10^{-3}}{6.2 \times 10^{-4}} = \mathbf{6.77\ mol\ L^{-1}}$$

❒ **16.** Rate $= k[A]^2$

(*i*) Rate $= (0.50\ mol^{-1}\ L\ s^{-1}) \times (0.60\ mol\ L^{-1})^2$

$$= \mathbf{0.18\ mol\ L^{-1}s^{-1}}$$

(*ii*) Rate $= (0.50\ mol^{-1}L\ s^{-1}) \times (0.15\ mol\ L^{-1})^2$

$$= \mathbf{0.11\ mol\ L^{-1}\ s^{-1}}$$

❒ **17.** $k = \dfrac{2.303}{t}\log\dfrac{a}{a-x}$

Volume of O_2 liberated is collected at different time intervals :

$V_t = x$, $V_\infty = a$

$$k = \frac{2.303}{t}\log\frac{V_\infty}{V_\infty - V_t}$$

Substituting the values of V_t and V_∞, k comes out to be almost constant ($k = \mathbf{5.08 \times 10^{-3}}$).

❒ **18.** $k = \dfrac{2.303}{t}\log\dfrac{V_\infty}{V_\infty - V_t}$

Time	V_t	$V_\infty - V_t$	k
20	10	162 – 10	$\frac{2.303}{20}\log\frac{162}{152} = 3.19 \times 10^{-3}\ min^{-1}$
70	33	162 – 33	$\frac{2.303}{70}\log\frac{162}{129} = 3.25 \times 10^{-3} min^{-1}$

(*i*) Since k is constant, it is a first order reaction.

(*ii*) k (average) $= \mathbf{3.21 \times 10^{-3}\ min^{-1}}$

❒ **19.** $t = \dfrac{2.303}{6.0 \times 10^4}\log\dfrac{1.0}{0.2} = \mathbf{2683\ s}$

❒ **20.** $k = \dfrac{2.303}{t}\log\dfrac{[A]_0}{[A]}$

$t = 60$ min, $[A]_0 = 1.2 \times 10^{-2}$ mol L^{-1}

$[A] = 0.20 \times 10^{-2}$ mol L^{-1}

$$k = \frac{2.303}{60}\log\frac{1.24 \times 10^{-2}}{0.20 \times 10^{-2}}$$

$$= \frac{2.303}{60} \times 0.7924$$

$$= \mathbf{3.04 \times 10^{-2}\ min^{-1}}$$

❒ **21.** At 410 s, $k = \dfrac{2.303}{410}\log\dfrac{5.5}{4.0} = \mathbf{7.769 \times 10^{-4}s^{-1}}$

At 1130 s, $k = \dfrac{2.303}{1130}\log\dfrac{5.5}{2.4} = \mathbf{7.34 \times 10^{-4}s^{-1}}$

Since k is almost constant, it is first order reaction.

❒ **22.** $6.32 \times 10^{-4} = \dfrac{2.303}{3600}\log\dfrac{0.40}{[A]}$

$\log\dfrac{0.40}{[A]} = 0.9879$ or $[A] = \mathbf{0.041}$

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Amount of N_2O_5 reacted $= 0.40 - 0.041 = 0.359$

$\%\ N_2O_5 \text{ reacted} = \frac{0.359}{0.40} \times 100 = \mathbf{89.75\%}$

❒ **23.** The initial rate is

$$(\text{Rate})_0 = k[\text{NO}]_0^p\ [\text{O}_2]_0^q$$

Comparing experiments I and II and substituting the values we get

$$(\text{Rate})_1 = k(0.30)^p\ (0.30)^q = 0.096 \qquad ...(i)$$

$$(\text{Rate})_2 = k(0.60)^p\ (0.30)^q = 0.384 \qquad ...(ii)$$

Dividing eq. (*ii*) by eq. (*i*) we get

$$\frac{(0.60)^p}{(0.30)^p} = \frac{0.384}{0.096} = 4$$

$$(2)^p = 4 \quad \text{or} \quad (2)^p = 2^2 \quad \therefore \quad p = 2$$

Similarly, comparing experiments I and III and substituting the values, we get

$$(\text{Rate})_1 = k\ (0.30)^p\ (0.30)^q = 0.096 \qquad ...(i)$$

$$(\text{Rate})_3 = k\ (0.30)^p\ (0.60)^q = 0.192 \qquad ...(iii)$$

Dividing eqn. (*iii*) by (*i*), we get

$$\frac{(0.60)^q}{(0.30)^q} = \frac{0.192}{0.096} = 2 \quad \text{or} \quad 2^q = 2 \quad \therefore \quad q = 1$$

Thus, the overall rate low expression is

$$\textbf{Rate} = \boldsymbol{k}[\text{NO}]^2\ [\text{O}_2]$$

❒ **24.** Let the rate law may be expressed as :

$$\text{rate} = k[\text{NO}]^p\ [\text{Cl}_2]^q$$

The initial rate becomes

$$(\text{rate})_0 = k\ [\text{NO}]^p\ [\text{Cl}_2]^q$$

Comparing experiment 1 and 2, we get

$$(\text{rate})_1 = k(0.15)^p\ (0.15)^q = 0.60 \qquad ...(i)$$

$$(\text{rate})_2 = k(0.15)^p\ (0.30)^q = 1.20 \qquad ...(ii)$$

Dividing Eq. (*ii*) by Eq. (*i*)

$$\frac{(\text{rate})_2}{(\text{rate})_1} = \frac{(0.30)^q}{(0.15)^q} = 2 \quad \text{or} \quad 2^q = 2^1 \quad \therefore \quad q = 1$$

Thus, order with respect to Cl_2 is 1.

Comparing experiment 1 and 3, we get

$$(\text{rate})_1 = k(0.15)^p\ (0.15)^q = 0.60 \qquad ...(iii)$$

$$(\text{rate})_3 = k(0.30)^p\ (0.15)^q = 2.40 \qquad ...(iv)$$

Dividing eq. (*iv*) by eq. (*iii*)

$$\frac{(0.30)^p}{(0.15)^p} = 4$$

or $\quad 2^p = 2^2 \quad \therefore \quad p = 2$

Thus, order w.r.t. NO is 2.

(*a*) Rate law expression :

$$\text{Rate} = k\ [\text{NO}]^2\ [\text{Cl}_2]$$

(*b*) According to experiment 1,

$$[\text{NO}] = 0.15\ \text{M} ; [\text{Cl}_2] = 0.15\ \text{M}$$

$$\text{Rate} = 0.6\ \text{M/min}$$

$$\text{Rate} = k[\text{NO}]^2\ [\text{Cl}_2]$$

$$0.6\ \text{M/min} = k\ (0.15\ \text{M})^2\ (0.15\ \text{M})$$

$$k = 177.8\ \text{M}^{-2}\ \text{min}^{-1}$$

$\therefore$ Units of k are $\text{M}^{-2}\ \text{min}^{-1}$ or $\text{mol}^{-2}\ \text{L}^{-2}\ \text{min}^{-1}$

(*c*) In experiment 4, $[\text{NO}] = 0.25\ \text{M}\ [\text{Cl}_2] = 0.25\text{M}$

$$k = 177.8\ \text{M}^{-2}\ \text{min}^{-1}$$

$$\text{Rate} = k\ [\text{NO}]^2\ [\text{Cl}_2]$$

$$= 177.8\ \text{M}^{-2}\ \text{min}^{-1} \times (0.25\ \text{M})^2 \times (0.25\ \text{M})$$

$$= \mathbf{2.78\ M\ min^{-1}}$$

❒ **25.** $\text{Rate} = k[\text{A}][\text{B}]^0$

$2.0 \times 10^{-2} = k\ [0.1]$ or $k = 0.2$

2nd line : $4.0 \times 10^{-2} = 0.2\ [\text{A}]$

or $[\text{A}] = \mathbf{0.2}$

3rd line : $\text{Rate} = 0.2 \times 0.4 = \mathbf{8.0 \times 10^{-2}}$

4th line : $2.0 \times 10^{-2} = 0.2[\text{A}]$ or $[\text{A}] = \mathbf{0.1}$

❒ **26.** $\text{Rate} = k[\text{A}]^p[\text{B}]^q$

$$\text{Rate}_1 = k(0.20)^p\ (0.30)^q = 8.93 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$\text{Rate}_2 = k(0.20)^p\ (0.10)^q = 8.93 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$\frac{\text{Rate}_1}{\text{Rate}_2} = \frac{(0.30)^q}{(0.10)^q} = 1$$

or $3^q = 3^0$ or $\quad q = \mathbf{0}$

$$\text{Rate}_3 = k(0.40)^p\ (0.05)^q = 2.53 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$\text{Rate}_2 = k(0.20)^p\ (0.10)^q = 8.93 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$\frac{\text{Rate}_3}{\text{Rate}_2} = \left(\frac{0.40}{0.20}\right)^p \left(\frac{0.05}{0.10}\right)^q = 2.83$$

$$2^p \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^q = 2.83$$

$$2^p \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^0 = 2.83$$

$$2^p = 2.83$$

$$p\ \log 2 = \log 2.83 = 0.452$$

$$p(0.3010) = 0.452$$

$$p = \mathbf{1.5}$$

❒ **27.** $k = \frac{2.303}{66} \log \frac{100}{43} = 0.01279\ \text{min}^{-1}$

When $[\text{A}] = 100 - 75 = 25$

$$t = \frac{2.303}{t} \log \frac{[\text{A}]_0}{[\text{A}]} = \mathbf{108.4\ min}$$

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❒ **28.** $k = \frac{2.303}{10}\log\frac{a}{0.8a} = 0.0223\ \text{min}^{-1}$

$t = \frac{2.303}{0.0223}\log\frac{a}{0.2a} =$ **72.12 min**

❒ **29.** Let initial conc. = a

Conc. after 40 min = 0.70 a

$k = \frac{2.303}{40}\log\frac{a}{0.70a} = 8.92 \times 10^{-3}\ \text{min}^{-1}$

$t_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{8.92\times10^{-3}} =$ **77.7 min.**

❒ **30.** $k = \frac{2.303}{t} = \log\frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$

If $[A]_0 = a$, $[A] = a - \frac{a\times20}{100} = 0.80\ a$, $t = 10$ min

$k = \frac{2.303}{10}\log\frac{a}{0.80a} = 0.0223\ \text{min}^{-1}$

In second case, if $[A]_0 = a$, $[A] = a - \frac{a\times75}{100} = 0.25a$

$t = \frac{2.303}{k}\log\frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$

$= \frac{2.303}{0.0223} \times \log\frac{a}{0.25a} =$ **62.18 min**

❒ **31.** $k = \frac{2.303}{32}\log\frac{a}{1/4a} = 0.0433$

$t_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{0.0433} =$ **16 min.**

❒ **32.** $k = \frac{0.693}{2.31\times10^{3}} = 3.0 \times 10^{-4}\ \text{min}^{-1}$

$t = \frac{2.303}{3.0\times10^{-4}}\log\frac{a}{1/5a} =$ **5.366×10^{3} min.**

❒ **33.** $t = \frac{2.303}{6}\log\frac{0.5}{0.05} =$ **0.383 min.**

$t_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{6} =$ **0.1155 min.**

❒ **34.** $t_{1/2} = 100\ s$

$k = \frac{0.693}{100} = 6.93 \times 10^{-3}$

If $[A]_0 = a$

For 75% completion, $[A] = a - \frac{75a}{100} = 0.25\ a$

$t = \frac{2.303}{6.93\times10^{-3}}\log\frac{a}{0.25a}$

$=$**200 min.**

❒ **35.** $t = \frac{2.303}{k}\log\frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$

$[A] = [A]_0/18$, $k = 80\ \text{s}^{-1}$

$t = \frac{2.303}{80}\log\frac{[A]_0}{[A]_0/18}$

$= \frac{2.303}{80}\times\log 18$

$= \frac{2.303}{80} \times 1.255 =$ **3.61×10^{-2} s**

❒ **36.** Between 0 – 100 s, rate $= -\frac{(3.50 - 4.00)\times10^{3}}{100}$

$=$ **5 Pa s^{-1}**

Calculate rate between 100 – 200 s and 200 – 300 s, it comes out to be 5 Pa s^{-1}.

Since rate remains constant, it is **zero order reaction.**

$t_{1/2} = \frac{4.00\times10^{3}\text{Pa}}{2\times5\ \text{Pa s}^{-1}} =$ **400 s.**

❒ **37.** Let initial conc. is a, then

$[A]_0 = a$, $(t_{1/2})_1 = 60$ min, when $[A]_0 = a/2$,

$(t_{1/2})_2 = 30$ min

$\frac{(t_{1/2})_1}{(t_{1/2})_2} = \left(\frac{a/2}{a}\right)^{n-1}$

$\frac{60}{30} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1}$

or $2 = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1}$

or $2 = 2^{1-n}$

or $1 = 1 - n$

$\therefore$ $n =$ **1 – 1 = 0**

❒ **38.** $\therefore$ $k = \frac{0.693}{120\ \text{min}} = 5.77 \times 10^{-3}\ \text{min}^{-1}$

Now, for the first order reaction,

$t = \frac{2.303}{k}\log\frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$

If $[A]_0 = a$, then $[A] = a - a \times 0.90 = 0.10a$.

$\therefore$ $t = \frac{2.303}{5.77\times10^{-3}}\log\frac{a}{0.1a}$

$= \frac{2.303}{5.77\times10^{-3}}\log 10$

$=$ **399 min.** ($\because \log 10 = 1$)

❒ **39.** $k = \frac{0.693}{t_{1/2}} = \frac{0.693}{69.3} = 0.01\ \text{min}^{-1}$

Now, $t = \frac{2.303}{k}\log\frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$

For 80% completion, let initial conc. $[A]_0 = a$

then $[A] = a - \frac{a\times80}{100} = 0.20\ a$

$t = \frac{2.303}{0.01}\log\frac{a}{0.20a} =$ **161 min.**

❒ **40.** $\log 4 = \frac{E_a}{2.303\times8.314}\left[\frac{1}{293} - \frac{1}{313}\right]$

$0.6021 = \frac{E_a}{2.303\times8.314}\times\left[\frac{313-293}{293\times313}\right]$

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$$\therefore \quad E_a = \frac{2.303 \times 8.314 \times 0.6021 \times 293 \times 313}{20}$$

or $= 52863.3 \text{ J mol}^{-1} = \mathbf{52.86 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}}$.

❒ **41.** $$\log \frac{k_2}{7.8} = \frac{110 \times 10^3}{2.303 \times 8.314}\left[\frac{1}{673} - \frac{1}{703}\right]$$

$$\log \frac{k_2}{7.8} = \frac{110 \times 10^3 \times (703 - 673)}{2.303 \times 8.314 \times 673 \times 703}$$

$$\log \frac{k_2}{7.8} = 0.3643 \text{ or } \frac{k_2}{7.8} = 2.31$$

or $k_2 = 2.31 \times 7.8 = \mathbf{18 \text{ s}^{-1}}$.

❒ **42.** $$\log \frac{4.87 \times 10^{-3}}{3.46 \times 10^{-5}} = \frac{E_a}{2.303 \times 8.314}\left[\frac{338 - 298}{338 \times 298}\right]$$

$$E_a = \mathbf{103.56 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}}$$

❒ **43.** $k_2/k_1 = 3$

$$\log 3 = \frac{E_a}{2.303 \times 8.314} \log\left(\frac{373 - 323}{373 \times 273}\right)$$

$$E_a = \mathbf{22.012 \times 10^3 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}}$$

❒ **44.** $\frac{k_2}{k_1} = 2$

$$\log 2 = \frac{E_a}{2.303 \times 8.314} \times \left(\frac{310 - 310}{300 \times 310}\right)$$

$$\therefore \quad E_a = \mathbf{53.6 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}}$$

❒ **45.** $$t_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{k}$$

or $$k = \frac{0.693}{t_{1/2}}$$

At 27°C, $t_{1/2} = 30$ min; $k_1 = \frac{0.963}{30} = 0.0231$

At 47°C, $t_{1/2} = 10$ min; $k_2 = \frac{0.963}{10} = 0.0693$

$$\log \frac{0.0693}{0.0231} = \frac{E_a}{2.303 \times 8.314}\left[\frac{1}{300} - \frac{1}{320}\right]$$

$$0.4771 = \frac{E_a \times 20}{2.303 \times 8.314 \times 300 \times 320}$$

$$= \mathbf{43.8 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}}.$$

❒ **46.** $$\log \frac{32.0}{2.0} = \frac{E_a}{2.303 \times 8.314}\left[\frac{800 - 700}{700 \times 800}\right]$$

$$E_a = \mathbf{129.1 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}}.$$

❒ **47.**

$$\log \frac{k_2}{k_1} = \frac{E_a}{2.303\,R}\left[\frac{T_2 - T_1}{T_1 T_2}\right]$$

or $$\frac{k_2}{k_1} = 6, T_1 = 350 \text{ K}, T_2 = 400 \text{ K}$$

$$\log 6 = \frac{E_a}{2.303 \times 8.314}\left[\frac{400 - 350}{400 \times 350}\right]$$

$$0.7782 = \frac{E_a}{2.303 \times 8.314} \times \frac{50}{400 \times 350}$$

or $$E_a = \frac{0.7782 \times 2.303 \times 8.314 \times 400 \times 350}{50}$$

$$= 41721 \text{ J mol}^{-1} = \mathbf{41.7 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}}.$$

❒ **48.** $$\log \frac{6.36 \times 10^{-3}}{1.6 \times 10^{-5}} = \frac{E_a}{2.303 \times 8.314}\left[\frac{700 - 600}{600 \times 700}\right]$$

$$E_a = \mathbf{209.01 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}}.$$

❒ **49.** The plot of in k vs 1/T comes out be straight line with slope $= -12.109 \times 10^3$

$$\text{Slope} = -\frac{E_a}{R}$$

or $E_a = -(-12.109 \times 10^3) \times 8.314 = 100.67 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$

$$\ln A = \ln k + \frac{E_a}{RT}$$

$$= -10.98 + \frac{100.67 \times 10^3}{8.314 \times 293} = 30.34$$

or A = antilog (30.34) $= 1.51 \times 10^{13}$ min

Now, $$30.34 = \ln k + \frac{100.67 \times 10^3}{8.314 \times 303}$$

In $$\ln k = 30.34 - 39.96 = -9.62$$

$$k = \mathbf{6.64 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}}$$

Similarly at 50°C, $k = \mathbf{7.93 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}}$

❒ **50.** $$\log \frac{2.1 \times 10^{-3}}{1.2 \times 10^{-3}} = \frac{E_a}{2.303 \times 8.314}\left[\frac{313 - 303}{303 \times 313}\right]$$

$$\therefore \quad E_a = \mathbf{44.126 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}}.$$

❒ **51.** $$\log \frac{6.36 \times 10^{-3}}{1.60 \times 10^{-5}} = \frac{E_a}{2.303 \times 8.314} \log\left(\frac{700 - 600}{700 \times 600}\right)$$

$$E_a = \mathbf{209.1 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}}$$

❒ **52.** $$\log \frac{7.50 \times 10^{-2}}{2.34 \times 10^{-3}} = \frac{E_a}{2.303\,R}\left(\frac{1}{673} - \frac{1}{773}\right)$$

$$E_a = 1.51 \times 10^4 \text{ J mol}^{-1} = \mathbf{15.1 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}}.$$

❒ **53.** Slope of the line $= -\frac{E_a}{2.303\,R} = -6670$ K

$$\therefore \quad E_a = 2.303 \times 8.314 \text{ (Jmol}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}) \times 6670 \text{ K}$$

$$= 127711.4 \text{ J mol}^{-1} = \mathbf{127.7 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}}$$

❒ **54.** $$k = Ae^{-Ea/RT}$$

$$k_2 = Ae^{-Ea(c)/RT}$$

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$$\log \frac{k_2}{k_1} = \frac{E_a - E_a(c)}{2.303\,RT}$$

$$\log \frac{k_2}{k_1} = \frac{6000-5000}{2.303\times 8.314\times 300} = 1.741$$

$$\therefore \quad \frac{k_2}{k_1} = 55.08$$

$\therefore$ **The reaction rate increases by 55.08 times.**

❒ **55.** $$\log \frac{k_2}{k_1} = \frac{E_a}{2.303}\left[\frac{T_2 - T_1}{T_1 T_2}\right]$$

$$\log \frac{1.5\times 10^4}{4.5\times 10^3} = \frac{60\times 10^3}{2.303\times 8.314}\left[\frac{T_2 - 283}{283\,T_2}\right]$$

$$\log 3.33 = \frac{60\times 10^3}{2.303\times 8.314}\left[\frac{T_2 - 283}{283\,T_2}\right]$$

$$0.523 = \frac{60\times 10^3}{2.303\times 8.314}\left[\frac{T_2 - 283}{283\,T_2}\right]$$

$$\left[\frac{T_2 - 283}{283\,T_2}\right] = \frac{0.523\times 2.303\times 8.314}{60000} = 1.66\times 10^{-4}$$

$$T_2 - 283 = 0.047\,T_2$$

or $$0.953\,T_2 = 283$$

$$T_2 = \frac{283}{0.953} = 297\ K$$

or $$T_2 = 297 - 273 = \mathbf{24°C}$$

Chapter Summary

Key Terms & Laws

- **Rate of a reaction.** It is the change of concentration of any one of the reactants or products per unit time.
- **Rate constant.** It is the rate of a reaction when the molar concentration of each of the reactants is unity.
- **Order of a reaction.** The sum of the powers to which the concentration terms are raised in the rate law equation to express the observed rate of the reaction.
- **Molecularity of a reaction.** The number of reacting species (atoms, ions or molecules) which collide simultaneously to bring about a chemical reaction.
- **Elementary steps.** The reaction steps which contribute to the overall reaction.
- **Half life period or time.** The time during which the concentration of a reactant is reduced to half of its initial concentration.
- **Pseudo first order reaction.** The reaction which appears to be of higher order but actually follow lower order (first order) kinetics.
- **Activation energy.** The excess energy (over and above the average energy of reactants) which must be supplied to the reactants to undergo a chemical reaction.
- **Law of mass action.** The rate at which a substance reacts is proportional to its active mass and the rate of a chemical reaction is directly proportional to the product of the active masses of the reactants.
- **Rate law:** The mathematical expression which denotes the observed or actual rate of a reaction in terms of the molar concentration of the reacting species which influences the rate of the reaction.

QUICK CHAPTER ROUND UP

Rate of reaction

For a reaction,

$aA + bB \rightleftharpoons cC + dD$

$$\text{rate} = -\frac{1}{a}\frac{d[A]}{dt} = -\frac{1}{b}\frac{d[B]}{dt} = \frac{1}{c}\frac{d[C]}{dt} = \frac{1}{d}\frac{d[D]}{dt}$$

▶ −ve sign is used for conc. of reactants.

Dependence of rate of reaction on concentration for a reaction

$aA + bB \rightleftharpoons cC + dD$

Law of mass action: rate $= k[A]^a[B]^b$

Rate law expression: rate $= k[A]^x[B]^y$

⇒ x and y are experimentally determined

⇒ x and y may or may not be equal to a and b

Order of a reaction

Rate $= k[A]^{\alpha}[B]^{\beta}[C]^{\gamma}$ Order $= \alpha + \beta + \gamma$

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Order of a reaction
- Sun of the powers to which the conc. terms are raised.
- can be fractional
- can be zero
- experimentally determined

Molecularity
- Number of reacting species which collide simultaneously
- always whole number
- cannot be zero
- theoretical concept

⇒ For elementary reactions, order and molecularity are same
⇒ In a multi-step reaction, slowest step determines order of reaction

Order	Units of k	Integrated rate equation	Half life period
Zero	$mol\ L^{-1}\ s^{-1}$	$[A] = -kt + [A]_0$	$[A]_0/2k$
First	s^{-1}	$\log [A] = -\frac{kt}{2.303} + \log[A]_0$	$\frac{0.693}{k}$
Second	$L\ mol^{-1}\ s^{-1}$	$\frac{1}{[A]} = kt + \frac{1}{[A]_0}$	$\frac{1}{[A]_0}$

Amount left after n-half lives $= \frac{[A]_0}{2^n}$

For nth order, units of $k = (mol\ L^{-1})^{1-n}\ s^{-1}$

For nth order $t_{1/2} = \frac{1}{[A]_0^{n-1}}$

Arrhenius Equation

$$k = Ae^{-Ea/RT}$$

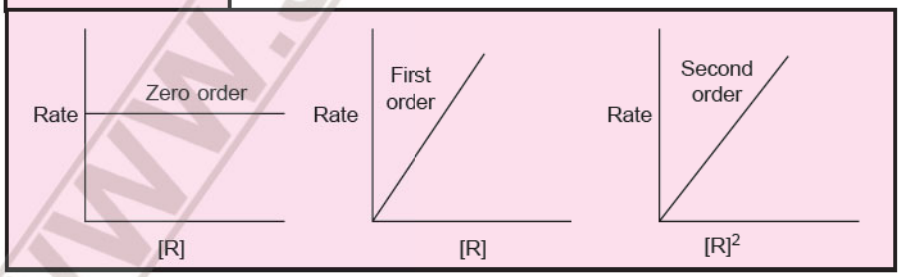
$$\log \frac{k_2}{k_1} = \frac{E_a}{2.303R}\left[\frac{1}{T_1} - \frac{1}{T_2}\right]$$

$\Delta H = E_a$ (forward) $- E_a$(backward)
Low $E_a \Rightarrow$ Fast reactions
High $E_a \Rightarrow$ Slow reactions
E_a (catalysed) < E_a uncatalysed

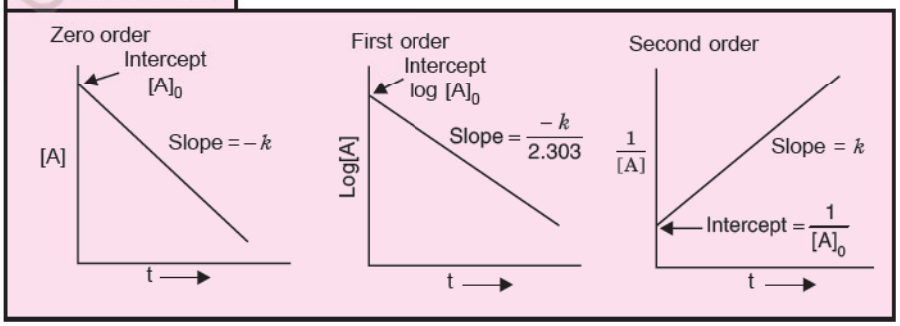
- A catalyst speeds up a reaction usually by lowering the value of E_a.
- A catalyst can be recovered unchanged at the end of the reaction.
- A catalyst does not change ΔH of a reaction.

Important Graphs

❑ Rate vs conc.

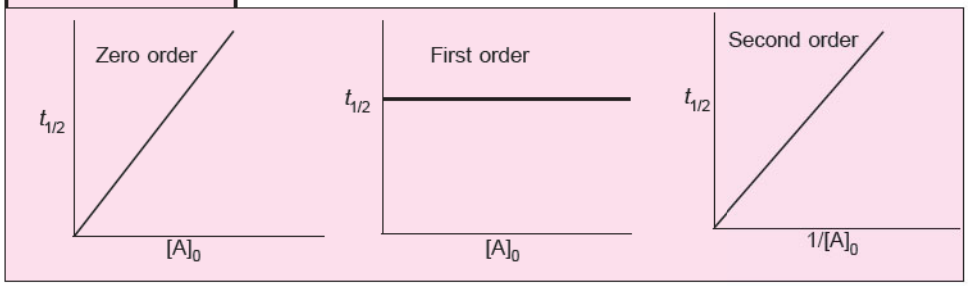


❑ Conc. vs time

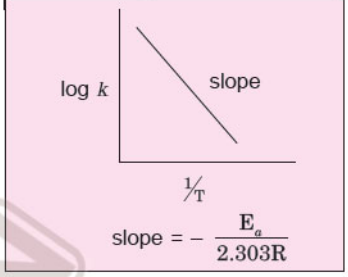


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❑ $t_{\frac{1}{2}}$ vs conc.



❑ log k vs $\frac{1}{T}$ for **first order**



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NCERT In-text Questions

Q.1. For the reaction R ⟶ P, the concentration of a reactant changes from 0.03 M to 0.02 M in 25 minutes. Calculate the average rate of reaction using units of time both in minutes and seconds.

Ans. $$\text{Average rate} = -\frac{\Delta[R]}{\Delta t}$$

$$= -\frac{(0.02 - 0.03)\ \text{mol L}^{-1}}{25\ \text{min}}$$

$$= \mathbf{4 \times 10^{-4}\ mol\ L^{-1}\ min^{-1}}$$

Time = 25 min = 25 × 60s

$$\text{Rate} = -\frac{(0.02 - 0.03)\ \text{mol L}^{-1}}{25 \times 60\text{s}}$$

$$= \mathbf{6.67 \times 10^{-6}\ mol\ L^{-1} s^{-1}}$$

Q.2. In a reaction 2A ⟶ Products, the concentration of A decreases from 0.5 mol L^{-1} to 0.4 mol L^{-1} in 10 minutes. Calculate the rate during this time interval.

Ans. $$\text{Rate} = -\frac{1}{2}\frac{\Delta[A]}{\Delta t}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2}\frac{(0.4 - 0.5)\ \text{mol L}^{-1}}{10\ \text{min}}$$

$$= \mathbf{5 \times 10^{-3}\ mol\ L^{-1}\ min^{-1}}$$

Q.3. For a reaction, A + B → Product, the rate is given by,

$$r = k[A]^{1/2}[B]^2.$$

What is the order of the reaction?

Ans. Order = $\frac{1}{2} + 2 = \frac{5}{2} = \mathbf{2.5}$

Q.4. The conversion of molecules X to Y follows second order kinetics. If concentration of X is increased three times how will it affect rate of formation of Y?

Ans. Rate = $k[A]^2$ or ka^2

When conc. of A is increased 3 times, then

$$[A] = 3a$$

$$\therefore \quad \text{Rate} = k\,(3a)^2 = k9a^2$$

Rate of formation will become nine times.

Q.5. A first order reaction has a rate constant 1.15 × 10^{-3} s^{-1}. How long will 5g of this reactant take to reduce to 3g? ***(Hr. S.B. 2017)***

Ans. For a first order reaction:

$$t = \frac{2.303}{k}\log\frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$$

$[A]_0$ = 5g/M, [A] = 3g/M, $k = 1.15 \times 10^{-3}\ s^{-1}$

where M is molar mass

$$t = \frac{2.303}{1.15 \times 10^{-3}}\log\frac{5/M}{3/M}$$

$$= \frac{2.303}{1.15 \times 10^{-3}}\log\frac{5}{3}$$

$$= \frac{2.303}{1.15 \times 10^{-3}} \times 0.2218 = \mathbf{444\ s}$$

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Q.6. Time required to decompose SO_2Cl_2 to half of its initial amount is 60 minutes. If the decomposition is a first order reaction. Calculate the rate constant of the reaction.

Ans. $t_{1/2}$ = 60 min = 60 × 60 s

$$k = \frac{0.693}{t_{1/2}} = \frac{0.693}{60 \times 60\ s} = \mathbf{1.925 \times 10^{-4}\ s^{-1}}$$

Q.7. What will be the effect of temperature on rate constant?

Ans. The rate constant of a reaction increases with increase in temperature. *For detail refer Text, page 52.*

Q.8. The rate of the chemical reaction doubles for an increase of 10 K in absolute temperature from 298 K. Calculate E_a.

Ans.
$$\log \frac{k_2}{k_1} = \frac{E_a}{2.303R}\left[\frac{T_2 - T_1}{T_1T_2}\right]$$

$\frac{k_2}{k_1}$ = 2, T_1 = 298 K, T_2 = 308 K, R = 8.314 J K^{-1} mol^{-1}

$$\log 2 = \frac{E_a}{2.303 \times 8.314} \times \left[\frac{308 - 298}{308 \times 298}\right]$$

$$0.3010 = \frac{E_a}{2.303 \times 8.314} \times \frac{10}{298 \times 308}$$

$$\therefore \quad E_a = \frac{0.3010 \times 2.303 \times 8.314 \times 298 \times 308}{10}$$

$$= \mathbf{52.898\ kJ}$$

Q.9. The activation energy for the reaction

$$\mathbf{2HI\ (g) \longrightarrow H_2(g) + I_2(g)}$$

is 209.5 kJ mol^{-1} at 581 K. Calculate the fraction of molecules of reactants having energy equal to or greater than activation energy.

Ans. The fraction of molecules having energy equal to or greater than activation energy,

$$\text{Fraction of molecules} = e^{-E_a/RT} = e^{-\frac{209.5 \times 1000}{8.314 \times 581}}$$

$$= e^{-43.37} = \mathbf{1.461 \times 10^{-19}}$$

NCERT Textbook Exercises

Q.1. From the rate expression for the following reactions, determine their order of reaction and the dimensions of the rate constants.

(*i*) $3NO(g) \rightarrow N_2O(g)$ Rate = $k[NO]^2$

(*ii*) $H_2O_2(aq) + 3I^-(aq) + 2H^+ \rightarrow 2H_2O(l) + I_3^-$

Rate = $k[H_2O_2]\ [I^-]$

(*iii*) $CH_3CHO(g) \rightarrow CH_4(g) + CO(g)$

Rate = $k[CH_3CHO]^{3/2}$

(*iv*) $C_2H_5Cl(g) \rightarrow C_2H_4(g) + HCl\ (g)$

Rate = $k[C_2H_5Cl]$

Ans. (*i*) Order = 2

Dimensions of *k*

mol L^{-1} s^{-1} = k (mol $L^{-1})^2$

$\therefore$ k = mol^{-1} L s^{-1}

(*ii*) Order = 1 + 1 = 2

Dimensions of *k*

mol L^{-1} s^{-1} = k (mol L^{-1}) (mol L^{-1})

$\therefore$ k = mol^{-1} L s^{-1}

(*iii*) Order = 3/2

Dimensions of *k*

mol L^{-1} s^{-1} = k (mol $L^{-1})^{3/2}$

$\therefore$ k = $mol^{-1/2}$ $L^{1/2}$ s^{-1}

(*iv*) Order = 1

Dimensions of *k*

mol L^{-1} s^{-1} = k (mol L^{-1})

$\therefore$ k = s^{-1}

Q.2. For the reaction :

$2A + B \rightarrow A_2B$

the rate = $k[A][B]^2$ with k = 2.0 × 10^{-6} mol^{-2} L^2 s^{-1}. Calculate the initial rate of the reaction when [A] = 0.1 mol L^{-1}, [B] = 0.2 mol L^{-1}. Calculate the rate of reaction after [A] is reduced to 0.06 mol L^{-1}.

Ans. (*i*) Rate = k[A] $[B]^2$

When [A] = 0.1 mol L^{-1}, B = 0.2 mol L^{-1}

Rate = 2.0 × 10^{-6} × (0.1) × $(0.2)^2$

= **8.0 × 10^{-9} L mol^{-1} s^{-1}**

(*ii*) When [A] = 0.06 mol L^{-1}

$\therefore$ A reacted = 0.1 − 0.06 = 0.04

B reacted = 0.02

$\therefore$ [B] = 0.2 − 0.02 = 0.18 mol L^{-1}

Rate = 2.0 × 10^{-6} × (0.06) × $(0.18)^2$

= **3.89 × 10^{-9} L mol^{-1} s^{-1}**

Q.3. The decomposition of NH_3 on platinum surface is zero order reaction. What are the rates of production of N_2 and H_2 if k = 2.5 × 10^{-4} mol^{-1} L s^{-1}.

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Ans. $2\ NH_3 \longrightarrow N_2 + 3\ H_2$

$$\text{Rate of reaction} = -\frac{1}{2}\frac{d[NH_3]}{dt} = \frac{d[N_2]}{dt} = \frac{1}{3}\frac{d[H_2]}{dt}$$

For a zero order reaction

$$\text{Rate} = k = 2.5 \times 10^{-4}\ M\ s^{-1}$$

$$\text{Rate of production of } N_2 = \frac{d[N_2]}{dt} = 2.5 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$= \mathbf{2.5 \times 10^{-4}\ M\ s^{-1}}$$

$$\text{Rate of production } H_2 = \frac{d[H_2]}{dt} = 3 \times 2.5 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$= \mathbf{7.5 \times 10^{-4}\ M\ s^{-1}}$$

Q.4. The decomposition of dimethyl ether leads to the formation of CH_4, H_2 and CO and the reaction rate is given by

Rate = $k[CH_3OCH_3]^{3/2}$

The rate of reaction is followed by increase in pressure in a closed vessel, so the rate can also be expressed in terms of the partial pressure of dimethyl ether, *i.e.*, Rate = $k(p_{CH_3OCH_3})^{3/2}$

If the pressure is measured in bar and time in minutes, then what are the units of rate and rate constants ?

Ans.

$$\text{Rate} = \frac{\text{bar}}{\text{min}} = \text{bar min}^{-1}$$

$$\text{Rate} = k(pCH_3OCH_3)^{3/2}$$

$$\text{bar min}^{-1} = k(\text{bar})^{3/2}$$

$$k = \frac{\text{bar min}^{-1}}{(\text{bar})^{3/2}} = \mathbf{bar^{-1/2}\ min^{-1}}$$

Q.5. Mention the factors that effect the rate of a chemical reaction.

Ans. *Refer Text Page 9.*

Q.6. A reaction is second order with respect to a reactant. How is the rate of reaction affected if the concentration of the reactant is(*A.I.S.B. 2012*) (*i*) doubled (*ii*) reduced to half?

Ans. *Refer Solved Example 13 (page 20)*

Q.7. What is the effect of temperature on the rate constant of reaction ? How can this temperature effect on rate constant be represented quantitatively?

Ans. *Refer Text Page 52 — 53.*

Q.8. In a pseudo first order hydrolysis of ester in water the following results were obtained:

t/s	0	30	60	90
[Ester]/mol L^{-1}	0.55	0.31	0.17	0.085

(*i*) Calculate the average rate of reaction between the time interval 30 to 60 seconds.

(*ii*) Calculate the pseudo first order rate constant for the hydrolysis of ester.

Ans. (*i*)

$$r_{av} = \frac{0.17 - 0.31}{60 - 30}$$

$$= \mathbf{4.67 \times 10^{-3}\ s^{-1}}$$

(*ii*)

$$k = \frac{2.303}{t}\log\frac{[R]_0}{[R]}$$

At $t = 30$ s

$$k = \frac{2.303}{t}\log\frac{0.55}{0.31}$$

$$= \frac{2.303}{30} \times 0.249 = \mathbf{1.91 \times 10^{-2}\ s^{-1}}$$

At $t = 60$ s

$$k = \frac{2.303}{60}\log\frac{0.55}{0.17}$$

$$= \frac{2.303}{60} \times 0.5099 = \mathbf{1.96 \times 10^{-2}\ s^{-1}}$$

At $t = 90$ s

$$k = \frac{2.303}{90}\log\frac{0.55}{0.085}$$

$$= \frac{2.303}{90} \times 0.8109 = \mathbf{2.07 \times 10^{-2}\ s^{-1}}$$

Average value of $k = \mathbf{1.98 \times 10^{-2}\ s}$

Q.9. A reaction is first order in A and second order in B.

(*i*) Write the differential rate equation

(*ii*) How is the rate affected on increasing the concentration of B three times ?

(*iii*) How is the rate affected when the concentrations of both A and B are doubled ?

Ans. (*i*) Rate = $k[A]\ [B]^2$

(*ii*) Rate becomes 9 times

(*iii*) Rate becomes 8 times

Q.10. In a reaction between A and B, the initial rate of reaction (r_0) was measured for different initial concentrations of A and B as given below:

A/mol L^{-1}	0.20	0.20	0.40
B/mol L^{-1}	0.30	0.10	0.05
r_0/mol $L^{-1}s^{-1}$	5.07×10^{-5}	5.07×10^{-5}	1.43×10^{-4}

What is the order of the reaction with respect to A and B?

Ans.

$$\text{Rate} = k[A]^p\ [B]^q$$

$$\text{Rate}_1 = (0.20)^p\ (0.30)^q = 5.07 \times 10^{-5} \quad ...(i)$$

$$\text{Rate}_2 = (0.20)^p\ (0.10)^q = 5.07 \times 10^{-5} \quad ...(ii)$$

$$\frac{(\text{Rate})_1}{(\text{Rate})_2} = \frac{(0.30)^q}{(0.10)^q} = 1$$

$3^q = 1$ or $3^q = 3^0$ $\therefore\ q = 0$

$$\text{Rate}_3 = (0.40)^p\ (0.05)^q = 1.43 \times 10^{-4} \quad ...(iii)$$

Dividing (*iii*) by (*ii*)

$$\frac{(\text{Rate})_3}{(\text{Rate})_2} = \frac{(0.40)^p\ (0.05)^q}{(0.20)^p\ (0.10)^q} = \frac{1.43 \times 10^{-4}}{5.07 \times 10^{-5}}$$

$$2^p \times \frac{1}{2^0} = 2.8$$

Since $q = 0$

$$2^p \times \frac{1}{2^0} = 2.8$$

$$2^p = 2.8$$

Taking log on both sides

$$p \log 2 = \log 2.8$$

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or $$p = \frac{\log 2.8}{\log 2} = \frac{0.45}{0.3010} = 1.5$$

Order of reaction w.r.t. A = 1.5,

order of reaction w.r.t. B = 0.

Q.11. The following results have been obtained during the kinetic studies of the reaction :

$2A + B \longrightarrow C + D$

Experiment	[A]/mol L^{-1}	[B]/mol L^{-1}	Initial rate of formation of D/mol $L^{-1}min^{-1}$
I	0.1	0.1	6.0×10^{-3}
II	0.3	0.2	7.2×10^{-2}
III	0.3	0.4	2.88×10^{-1}
IV	0.4	0.1	2.40×10^{-2}

Determine the rate law and the rate constant for the reaction.

Ans. The initial rate is

$$(\text{rate})_0 = k[A]_0^p [B_0]^q$$

Comparing experiments I and IV and substituting the values we get

$$(\text{rate})_1 = k(0.1)^p (0.1)^q$$
$$= 6.0 \times 10^{-3} \quad ...(i)$$
$$(\text{rate})_4 = k(0.4)^p (0.1)^q$$
$$= 2.40 \times 10^{-2} \quad ...(ii)$$

Dividing eq. (*ii*) by eq. (*i*), we get

$$\frac{(0.4)^p}{(0.1)^p} = \frac{2.40 \times 10^{-2}}{6.0 \times 10^{-3}} = 4$$

$$4^p = 4 \text{ or } (4)^1$$

or $$p = 1$$

Similarly, comparing experiments II and III and substituting the values we get

$$(\text{rate})_2 = k(0.3)^p (0.2)^q$$
$$= 7.2 \times 10^{-2} \quad ...(iii)$$
$$(\text{rate})_3 = k(0.3)^p (0.4)^q$$
$$= 2.88 \times 10^{-1} \quad ...(iv)$$

Dividing eq. (*iv*) by eq.(*iii*), we get

$$\frac{(0.4)^q}{(0.2)^q} = \frac{2.88 \times 10^{-1}}{7.2 \times 10^{-2}} = 4$$

$$(2)^q = 4 \quad \text{or} \quad 2^2$$

$\therefore$ $$q = 2$$

Thus the overall rate law expression is:

$$\text{rate} = k [A] [B]^2$$

Substituting the values from (*i*), we get

$$6.0 \times 10^{-3} = k (0.1) (0.1)^2$$

or $$k = \frac{6.0 \times 10^{-3}}{(0.1)(0.1)^2} = \mathbf{6.0\ mol^{-2}\ L^2\ min^{-1}.}$$

Q.12. The reaction between A and B is first order with respect to A and zero order with respect to B. Fill in the blanks in the following table:

Experiment	[A]/mol L^{-1}	[B]/mol L^{-1}	Initial rate/ mol L^{-1} min^{-1}
I	0.1	0.1	2.0×10^{-2}
II	–	0.2	4.0×10^{-2}
III	0.4	0.4	
IV	–	0.2	2.0×10^{-2}

Ans. *Refer Solution of Practice Problem 25 (Page 70).*

Q.13. Calculate the half-life of a first order reaction from their rate constants given below:

(*i*) 200 s^{-1} (*ii*) 2 min^{-1} (*iii*) 4 $years^{-1}$

Ans. *Refer Solved Example 22. (Page 32)*

Q.14. The half-life for radioactive decay of ^{14}C is 5730 years. An archaeological artifact contained wood had only 80% of the ^{14}C found in a living trees. Estimate the age of the sample.

Ans. *Refer Solved Example 40. (Page 45)*

Q.15. The experimental data for decomposition of N_2O_5

$2N_2O_5 \longrightarrow 4NO_2 + O_2$

in gas phase at 318K are given below:

t/s	0	400	800	1200	1600	2000	2400	2800	3200
$10^2 \times [N_2O_5]$/ mol L^{-1}	1.63	1.36	1.14	0.93	0.78	0.64	0.53	0.43	0.35

(*i*) Plot $[N_2O_5]$ against *t*.

(*ii*) Find the half-life period for the reaction.

(*iii*) Draw a graph between log $[N_2O_5]$ and *t*.

(*iv*) What is the rate law?

(*v*) Calculate the rate constant.

(*vi*) Calculate the half-life period from *k* and compare it with (*b*).

Ans. *Refer Solved Example 27. (Page 37)*

Q.16. The rate constant for a first order reaction is 60 s^{-1}. How much time will it take to reduce the initial concentration of the reactant to its 1/16th value ? ***(Pb.S.B. 2016)***

Ans. Let initial concentration, $[A]_0 = a$

$$\text{Final concentration} = [A] = \frac{1}{16} a$$

$$t = \frac{2.303}{k} \log \frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$$
$$= \frac{2.303}{60} \log \frac{a}{a/16}$$
$$= \frac{2.303}{60} \log 16$$
$$= \frac{2.303}{60} \times 1.204 = 0.046 \text{ sec}$$
$$= \mathbf{4.6 \times 10^{-2}\ seconds.}$$

Q.17. During nuclear explosion, one of the products is ^{90}Sr with half-life of 28.1 years. If 1 μg of ^{90}Sr was absorbed in the bones of a newly born baby instead of calcium. How much of it will remain after 10 years and 60 years if it is not lost metabolically ?

Ans. $$k = \frac{0.693}{t_{1/2}}$$

$t_{1/2} = 28.1$ years

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$$k = \frac{0.693}{28.1} = 0.0247 \text{ years}^{-1}$$

$$k = \frac{2.303}{t}\log\frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$$

Initial concentration of ^{90}Sr = 1μg

Let concentration of ^{90}Sr after 10 years = x μg

$$0.0247 = \frac{2.303}{10 \text{ years}}\log\frac{1\mu g}{x\mu g}$$

$$\log\frac{1}{x} = \frac{0.0247\times 10}{2.303} = 0.1072$$

or $\frac{1}{x} = 1.280$

$\therefore$ $x = 0.782$ μg

Concentration of ^{90}Sr after 10 years = 0.782 μg

Let concentration of ^{90}Sr after 60 years = y μg

$$0.0247 = \frac{2.303}{60}\log\frac{1\mu g}{y\mu g}$$

$$\log\frac{1}{y} = \frac{0.0247\times 60}{2.303} = 0.6435$$

or $\frac{1}{y} = 4.40$

$\therefore$ $y = 0.228$ μg

Concentration of ^{90}Sr after 60 years = **0.228 μg.**

Q.18. Show that time required for 99% completion is twice the time required for the completion of 90% reaction. ***(D.S.B. 2013, H.P.S.B. 2014)***

Ans. For a first order reaction

$$t = \frac{2.303}{k}\log\frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$$

Let initial concentration, $[A]_0 = a$

For 99% completion of reaction,

$$[A] = a - \frac{a\times 99}{100} = 0.01\,a$$

$$t_{(99\%)} = \frac{2.303}{k}\log\frac{a}{0.01a} = \frac{2.303}{k}\log 100 = \frac{2.303\times 2}{k} \quad ...(i)$$

For 90% completion of reaction,

$$[A] = a - \frac{a\times 90}{100} = 0.1a$$

$$t_{(90\%)} = \frac{2.303}{k}\log\frac{a}{0.1a} = \frac{2.303}{k}\times 1 \quad ...(ii)$$

Dividing equation (i) by (ii)

$$\frac{t_{(99\%)}}{t_{(90\%)}} = 2$$

or $t_{(99\%)} = 2 \times t_{(90\%)}$

Q.19. A first order reaction takes 40 min for 30% decomposition. Calculate $t_{1/2}$.
(D.S.B. 2008, Mizoram S.B.2014, H.P.S.B. 2014)

Ans. Let initial conc. = a

Conc. after 40 min = $a - a \times \frac{30}{100} = 0.70\,a$

Now $$k = \frac{2.303}{t}\log\frac{[A]_0}{[A]} = \frac{2.303}{t}\log\frac{a}{0.70a} = \frac{2.303}{40}\times 0.1549$$

$\therefore$ $k = 8.92 \times 10^{-3}$ min^{-1}

Now, $$t_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{k} = \frac{0.693}{8.92\times 10^{-3}\text{ min}^{-1}} = \textbf{77.7 min.}$$

Q.20. For the decomposition of azoisopropane to hexane and nitrogen at 543 K, the following data is obtained.

t(sec)	P(mm of Hg)
0	**35.0**
360	**54.0**
720	**63.0**

Calculate the rate constant.

Ans. Let initial pressure of azoisopropane = p_i

Let x atm of azoisopropane decreases at time t so that

$(CH_3)_2\,CHNH = NHCH(CH_3)_2 \longrightarrow N_2 + C_6H_{14}$

At $t = 0$	p_i	0	0
At time = t	$(p_i - x)$ atm	x atm	x atm

$p_t = p_i - x + x + x = p_i + x$

or $x = p_t - p_i$

p (azoisopropane) $= p_i - x = p_i - (p_t - p_i) = 2p_i - p_t$

$$k = \frac{2.303}{t}\log\frac{[A]_0}{[A]} = \frac{2.303}{t}\log\frac{p_i}{2p_i - p_t}$$

At time 360 s

$$k = \frac{2.303}{360}\log\frac{35.0}{(2\times 35.0 - 54)} = \frac{2.303}{360}\log\frac{35.0}{16} = \frac{2.303}{360}\times 0.3399$$

$= 2.17 \times 10^{-3}\text{s}^{-1}$

At time 720 s

$$k = \frac{2.303}{720}\log\frac{35.0}{(2\times 35.0 - 63.0)} = \frac{2.303}{720}\log\frac{35.0}{7} = \frac{2.303}{720}\times 0.699$$

$= 2.24 \times 10^{-3}\text{s}^{-1}$

Mean value of $k = \frac{2.17\times 10^{-3} + 2.24\times 10^{-3}}{2}$

$= \textbf{2.20} \times \textbf{10}^{-3}\textbf{s}^{-1}$

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Q.21. The following data were obtained during the first order thermal decomposition of SO_2Cl_2 at a constant volume.

$$SO_2Cl_2\ (g) \longrightarrow SO_2(g) + Cl_2(g)$$

Experiment	Time/s^{-1}	Total pressure/atm
1	0	0.5
2	100	0.6

Calculate the rate of the reaction when total pressure is 0.65 atm. ***(CBSE Sample Paper 2010)***

Ans. $k = \frac{2.303}{t}\log\frac{p_i}{(2p_i - p_t)}$ (same as for Q.20)

$$= \frac{2.303}{100}\log\frac{0.5}{(2\times 0.5 - 0.6)} = \frac{2.303}{100}\log\frac{0.5}{0.4}$$

$$= \frac{2.303}{100}\times 0.0969 = 2.23 \times 10^{-23} s^{-1}$$

Now, rate $= p\ SO_2Cl_2$

Pressure of SO_2Cl_2 when total pressure = 0.65 atm

$p\ SO_2Cl_2 = 2p_i - p_t$

$= 2 \times 0.5 - 0.65 = 0.35$ atm

$\therefore$ Rate $= 2.23 \times 10^{-3} \times 0.35$

$= \mathbf{7.805 \times 10^{-4}\ atm\ s^{-1}}$

Q.22. The rate constant for the decomposition of N_2O_5 at various temperatures is given below :

T/°C	0	20	40	60	80
$10^5 \times k/s^{-1}$	0.0787	1.70	25.7	178	2140

Draw a graph between ln k and 1/T and calculate the values of A and E_a. Predict the rate constant at 30° and 50°C.

Ans. Please try yourself (similar to Solved Example 58 page 57) by plotting graph between ln k vs 1/T. This will give slope $= -E_a$

Q.23. The rate constant for the decomposition of hydrocarbons is $2.418 \times 10^{-5}\ s^{-1}$ at 546 K. If the energy of activation is 179.9 kJ/mol. What will be the value of pre-exponential factor ?

Ans. $\log k = \log A - \frac{E_a}{2.303\ RT}$

$\log A = \log k + \frac{E_a}{2.303\ RT}$

$= \log 2.418 \times 10^{-5} + \frac{179.9 \times 10^3}{2.303 \times 8.314 \times 546}$

$= -4.616 + 17.208$

$= 12.592$

$\therefore$ $\mathbf{A = 3.90 \times 10^{12}\ s^{-1}}$

Q.24. Consider a certain reaction A → Products with $k = 2.0 \times 10^{-2} s^{-1}$. Calculate the concentration of A remaining after 100 s if the initial concentration of A is 1.0 mol L^{-1}.

Ans. $k = 2.0 \times 10^{-2}\ s^{-1}$

$t_1 = 0$, $[A]_0 = 1.0$ M

$t_2 = 100$s, [A] = ?

$k = \frac{2.303}{t}\log\frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$

$2.0 \times 10^{-2} = \frac{2.303}{t}\log\frac{1.0}{[A]}$

$\log\frac{1.0}{[A]} = \frac{2.0\times 10^{-2}\times 100}{2.303} = 0.868$

$\frac{1.0}{[A]} = 7.379$

$\therefore$ $[A] = \frac{1}{7.379} = \mathbf{0.135\ M.}$

Q.25. Sucrose decomposes in acid solution into glucose and fructose according to the first order rate law, with $t_{1/2}$ = 3.00 hours. What fraction of sample of sucrose remains after 8 hours ?

Ans. $k = \frac{0.693}{t_{1/2}} = \frac{0.693}{3.0} = 0.231\ hr^{-1}$

Let initial conc. of sucrose = 1 M

Conc. after 8 hr. = $(1 - x)$ where x is the amount of sucrose decomposed.

$k = \frac{2.303}{t}\log\frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$

$0.231 = \frac{2.303}{8}\log\frac{1}{1-x}$

$\log\frac{1}{1-x} = \frac{0.231\times 8}{2.303} = 0.8024$

$\frac{1}{1-x} = 6.345$

$1 = 6.345 - 6.345\ x$

$\therefore$ $x = \frac{5.345}{6.345} = 0.842$

Conc. of sucrose left after 8 hr

$= 1 - 0.842$

$= \mathbf{0.158\ M}$

Q.26. The decomposition of hydrocarbon follows the equation $k = (4.5 \times 10^{11} s^{-1}) e^{-28000 K/T}$

Calculate E_a.

Ans. $k = (4.5 \times 10^{11} s^{-1}) e^{-28000 K/T}$

Comparing the equation with Arrhenius equation

$k = A\ e^{-E_a/RT}$

$-\frac{E_a}{R} = -28000K$

$\therefore$ $E_a = 28000 \times 8.314$

$= 232792\ J\ mol^{-1}$

$= \mathbf{232.792\ k\ J\ mol^{-1}}$

Q.27. The rate constant for the first order decomposition of H_2O_2 is given by the following equation:

$\log k = 14.34 - 1.25 \times 10^4 K/T$

Calculate E_a for this reaction and at what temperature will its half-period be 256 minutes?

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Ans. According to Arrhenius equation,

$$\log k = \log A - \frac{E_a}{2.303\,RT} \quad ...(i)$$

The given equation is,

$$\log k = 14.34 - \frac{1.25 \times 10^4\ K}{T} \quad ...(ii)$$

Comparing eqn. (*i*) and eq. (*ii*),

$$\frac{E_a}{2.303\,R} = 1.25 \times 10^4$$

$$\therefore \quad E_a = 1.25 \times 10^4 \times 2.303 \times 8.314$$

$$= 23.934 \times 10^4\ J\ mol^{-1}.$$

or $= 239.34\ kJ\ mol^{-1}$

Half life period,

$$t_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{k}$$

or $$k = \frac{0.693}{t_{1/2}}$$

$$k = \frac{0.693}{256\ min} = 4.51 \times 10^{-5}\ s^{-1}$$

Substituting the values in Eqn. (*ii*),

$$\log 4.51 \times 10^{-5} = 14.34 - \frac{125 \times 10^4}{T}$$

$$-4.3458 = 14.34 - \frac{125 \times 10^4}{T}$$

$$T = \frac{125 \times 10^4}{18.6858} = \mathbf{669\ K}.$$

Q.28. The decomposition of A product has value of k as $4.5 \times 10^3\ s^{-1}$ at 10°C and energy of activation 60 kJ mol^{-1}. At what temperature would k be $1.5 \times 10^4\ s^{-1}$?

Ans.

$$\log \frac{k_2}{k_1} = \frac{E_a}{2.303\,R}\left[\frac{T_2 - T_1}{T_1 \times T_2}\right]$$

$$\log \frac{1.5 \times 10^4}{4.5 \times 10^3} = \frac{60 \times 10^3}{2.303 \times 8.314}\left[\frac{T_2 - 283}{283 \times T_2}\right]$$

$$\log 3.333 = 3133.62\left(\frac{T_2 - 283}{283 \times T_2}\right)$$

$$0.5228 = 3132.62\left(\frac{T_2 - 283}{283 \times T_2}\right)$$

$$\frac{T_2 - 283}{283 \times T_2} = \frac{0.5228}{3132.62}$$

$$T_2 - 283 = 0.0472\ T_2$$

$$0.9528\ T_2 = 283$$

$$\therefore \quad T_2 = \frac{283}{0.9528} = 297.02$$

$$= 297.02 - 273 = \mathbf{24.02°C}$$

Q.29. The time required for 10% completion of a first order reaction at 298 K is equal to that required for its 25% completion at 308 K. If the value of A is $4 \times 10^{10} s^{-1}$, calculate k at 318 K and E_a.

Ans. *Advanced Level Problem 8 (Page 60)*

Q.30. The rate of reaction quadruples when the temperature changes from 293 K to 313 K. Calculate the energy of activation of the reaction assuming that it does not change with temperature.

(A.I.S.B. 2013)

Ans. *Refer Solved Example 53 (page 56).*

NCERT Exemplar Problems

Subjective Questions

Note: *Objective Questions from Exemplar Problems are given in Competition File, page 112.*

Short Answer Type Questions

1. State a condition under which a bimolecular reaction is kinetically first order reaction.

Ans. Bimolecular reaction becomes kinetically first order when one of the reactants is in excess.

2. Write the rate equation for the reaction 2A + B ⟶ C if the order of the reaction is zero.

Ans. Rate = $k\ [A]^0[B]^0$ or Rate = k

3. How can you determine the rate law of the following reaction?

$$\mathbf{2NO(g) + O_2(g) \longrightarrow 2NO_2\ (g)}$$

Ans. The rate law can be determined by measuring the rate of this reaction as a function of initial concentration by keeping the concentration of one of the reactants constant and changing the concentration of other reactant or by changing the concentration of both the reactants. From the concentration dependance of rate, rate law can be determined.

4. For which type of reactions, order and molecularity have the same value?

Ans. For elementary reaction, order and molecularity have the same value.

5. In a reaction if the concentration of reactant A is tripled, the rate of reaction becomes twenty seven times. What is the order of the reaction?

Ans. Order is 3 because

$k = [A]^3$

6. Derive an expression to calculate time required for completion of zero order reaction.

Ans. For a zero order reaction,

$R = [R]_0 - kt$

For completion of the reaction, [R] = 0

$\therefore\ kt = [R]_0$

or $t = \frac{[R]_0}{k}$

7. For a reaction A + B ⟶ Products, the rate law is : Rate = $k[A][B]^{3/2}$.

Can the reaction be an elementary reaction? Explain.

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Ans. The reaction is not elementary because order of the reaction is fractional $1 + \frac{3}{2} = \frac{5}{2}$

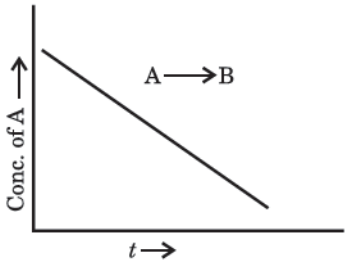
8. For a certain reaction large fraction of molecules has energy more than the threshold energy, yet the rate of reaction is very slow. Why?

Ans. Though the reacting molecules may be having energy more than threshold energy, yet they may not be effective due to lack of proper orientation.

9. For a zero order reaction will the molecularity be equal to zero? Explain.

Ans. Molecularity can never be zero or a fractional number.

10. For a general reaction A ⟶ B, plot of concentration of A vs time is given in figure below. Answer the following question on the basis of this graph.



(*i*) What is the order of the reaction?

(*ii*) What is the slope of the curve?

(*iii*) What are the units of rate constant?

Ans. (*i*) zero order reaction

(*ii*) $[R] = [R_0] - kt$

$\therefore$ Slope $= -k$

(*iii*) $\frac{mol^{-1}L}{s^{-1}} = k[A]^0$ or $k = mol^{-1}\ L\ s^{-1}$

11. The reaction between $H_2(g)$ and $O_2(g)$ is highly feasible yet allowing the gases to stand at room temperature in the same vessel does not lead to the formation of water. Explain.

Ans. This is because activation energy for the reaction is very high at room temperature.

12. Why does the rate of a reaction increase with rise in temperature?

Ans. At higher temperatures, larger fraction of colliding particles can cross the energy barrier (*i.e.* the activation energy), which leads to faster rate. For detail *refer text*.

13. Oxygen is available in plenty in air yet fuels do not burn by themselves at room temperature. Explain.

Ans. The activation energy for combustion reactions of fuels is very high at room temperature therefore they do not burn by themselves.

14. Why is the probability of reaction with molecularity higher than three very rare?

Ans. The probability of more than three molecules colliding simultaneously is very small. Therefore, the possibility of molecularity being three is very low.

15. Why does the rate of any reaction generally decreases during the course of the reaction?

Ans. The rate of a reaction depends on the concentration of reactants. As the reaction progresses, the concentration of reactant decreases because the reactants start getting converted to products. Hence the rate decreases.

16. Thermodynamic feasibility of the reaction alone cannot decide the rate of the reaction. Explain with the help of one example.

Ans. Thermodynamic feasibility (–ve ΔG) cannot alone decide the rate of reaction because the reaction may be feasible but its rate may be very very slow because of very high activation energy. For example, conversion of diamond to graphite is highly feasible but this reaction is very slow because it has high activation energy.

17. Why in the redox titration of $KMnO_4$ vs oxalic acid, we heat oxalic acid solution before starting the titration?

Ans. The reaction between $KMnO_4$ and oxalic acid is very slow. By raising the temperature we can increase the rate of reaction.

18. Why can't molecularity of any reaction be equal to zero?

Ans. Molecularity is the number of molecules taking part in an elementary step. For this we require at least a single molecule leading to the value of minimum molecularity of one.

19. Why molecularity is applicable only for elementary reactions and order is applicable for elementary as well as complex reactions?

Ans. A complex reaction occurs through several elementary reactions. Numbers of molecules involved in each elementary reaction may be different *i.e.*, the molecularity of each step may be different. Therefore, the molecularity of overall complex reaction is meaningless. On the other hand, order of a complex reaction is experimentally determined by the slowest step in its mechanism and is therefore, applicable even in the case of complex reactions.

20. Why can we not determine the order of a reaction by taking into consideration the balanced chemical equation?

Ans. Balanced chemical equation often leads to incorrect order or rate law. For example, the following reaction appears to be a tenth order reaction.

$$KClO_3 + 6FeSO_4 + 3H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow KCl + 3H_2O + 3Fe_2(SO_4)_3$$

However, this is actually a second order reaction. Actually the reaction is complex and occurs in several steps. The order of such reaction is determined by the slowest step in the reaction mechanism. Order is determined experimentally and gives the actual dependence of observed rate of reaction on the concentration of reactants.

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QUICK MEMORY TEST

A. Say True or False

1. The units of rate constant of a zero order reaction are same as the units of rate of a reaction.
2. For a particular reaction, the rate constant is independent of concentration.
3. In general, for nth order gaseous reaction, the units of rate constant are $(atm)^{n-1}\ s^{-1}$.
4. The rate of a multistep reaction is determined by the fastest step in the sequence.
5. For the second order reaction with respect to a reactant rate becomes 8 times when its concentration is tripled.
6. For a zero order reaction, rate becomes 1/2 times on doubling its concentration.
7. The half life period for a first order reaction is independent of its initial concentration.
8. If $[A]_0$ is the initial concentration of a reactant following first order reaction, then after three half lives its concentration becomes $\frac{[A]_0}{3^2}$.
9. The molecularity of a reaction is always greater than order of the reaction.
10. Higher the activation energy of a reaction, faster is the reaction.
11. Order of a reaction may be fractional but molecularity is never fractional.
12. For a first order reaction, plot of $ln([A]_0/[A])$ versus time has a positive slope whose value is equal to the rate constant of the reaction.
13. The time taken for $3/4^{th}$ of a first order reaction to complete is 1.5 times the half life period.
14. For a zero order reaction, plot of [A] vs t is a horizontal line.
15. Average life period for a first order reaction is equal to reciprocal of disintegration constant.

B. Complete the missing links

1. Rate constant and rate of a reaction have the same units for reactions of ..... order.
2. Hydrolysis of ethyl acetate in an aqueous solution is of ..... order.
3. The order of a reaction whose rate law is rate = $k[A]^{3/4}\ [B]^{1/2}$ is ..... .
4. The difference in energy between the energy of activated complex and the average energy of reactants is called ..... .
5. The factor $e^{-Ea/RT}$ in Arrhenius equation is called ..... factor.
6. The units of rate constant for a second order gaseous reaction are ..... .
7. The rate of a reaction when the concentration of each reactant is taken as unity is called ..... .
8. A catalyst provides a path of ..... activation energy.
9. For a first order reaction, half life period is equal to ..... .
10. If the rate of reaction : $N_2 + 3H_2 \longrightarrow 2NH_3$ measured as $\Delta[NH_3]/\Delta t$ was found to be 3.6×10^{-4} mol $L^{-1}\ s^{-1}$, then rate of reaction expressed as $\Delta[H_2] / \Delta t$ is ..... .
11. The sum of powers to which concentration terms are raised in the rate law expression is called ..... of the reaction.
12. For a reaction : $A + B \longrightarrow$ Products, the rate is given as $k[A]^{1/3}B^2$. The units of its rate constant are ..... .
13. When the concentration of a reactant of a second order is tripled, then rate will become ..... times.
14. If half life period of a first order reaction is 32 min, then the time taken for concentration to be reduced to $1/16^{th}$ is ..... .
15. If rate constant for a first order reaction has been found to be $2.31 \times 10^{-3}\ s^{-1}$, then its half life period is ..... .

C. Choose the correct alternative

1. For a zero order reaction, a plot of [A] vs t is linear with slope equal to *$-k$ / k.*
2. Half life period for a second order reaction is *$t_{1/2} = [A]_0/2k$* or *$1/k[A]_0$.*
3. Average life time is *more/less* than half life time for a first order reaction.
4. For fast reactions, activation energy is *low / high.*
5. The molecularity of hydrolysis of cane sugar is *two/one.*
6. Increase in rate of reaction with rise in temperature is mainly due to increase in *collision frequency/effective collisions.*
7. For an endothermic reaction, activation energy for the forward reaction is *more/less* than activation energy for the backward reaction.
8. For exothermic reaction, E_a (forward) – E_a (backward) is *+ve / –ve.*
9. For a second order reaction, when the concentration of the reactant is tripled rate becomes *nine/eight* times.
10. The units of zero order reaction are *$molL^{-1}s^{-1}$ / $mol^{-1}Ls^{-1}$.*

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Answers QUICK MEMORY TEST

A. Say True or False

1. True. 2. True.
3. **False.** The units are $(atm)^{1-n}\ s^{-1}$.
4. **False.** Slowest step is the rate determining step.
5. **False.** It becomes 9 times.
6. **False.** It remains unchanged.
7. True.
8. **False.** Concentration becomes $[A]_0 / 2^3$
9. **False.** Molecularity may be equal also.
10. **False.** Higher the activation energy, slower is the reaction.
11. True.
12. True.
13. **False.** $t_{3/4} = 2t_{1/2}$
14. **False.** Plot of rate *vs* t is a horizontal line but a plot of [A] *vs* t will be linear.
15. True.

B. Complete the missing links

1. zero 2. first 3. 2
4. activation energy 5. Boltzmann 6. $atm^{-1}s^{-1}$
7. rate constant 8. low 9. $0.693/k$
10. 5.4×10^{-4} mol $L^{-1}s^{-1}$ 11. order 12. $mol^{-4/3}L^{4/3}s^{-1}$
13. 9 14. 128 min 15. 300s

C. Choose the correct alternative

1. $-k$ 2. $1/k[A]_0$ 3. more 4. low
5. two 6. effective collisions 7. more
8. –ve 9. nine 10. mol $L^{-1}s^{-1}$

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QUESTIONS WITH ANSWERS

Q.1. Derive the rate law expression for the reaction:

$$2P + Q \longrightarrow \text{Products}$$

if the first step is the reversible dimerization of P, followed by reaction of P_2 with Q in a bimolecular rate controlling step. Assume that the equilibrium concentration of P_2 is very small as compared to [P].

Ans. $2P \underset{}{\overset{K}{\rightleftharpoons}} P_2$ ...(*i*)

$P_2 + Q \xrightarrow{\text{Slow}} \text{Products}$ ...(*ii*)

From eqn. (*i*)

$$K = \frac{P_2}{[P]^2} \quad \text{or} \quad [P_2] = K[P]^2$$

Since step 2 is rate controlling,

$$\text{Rate} = k\,[P_2]\,[Q]$$
$$= k(K[P]^2)\,[Q]$$
$$= k'\,[P]^2\,[Q] \qquad (k' = kK)$$

Q.2. The $t_{1/2}$ of a reaction is halved as the initial concentration of the reactant is doubled. What is the order of the reaction?

Ans. $t_{1/2} \propto \frac{1}{C^{n-1}}$

Let initial conc. $= a$, $(t_{1/2})_1 = t$

Initial conc. $= 2a$, $(t_{1/2})_2 = t/2$

$$\frac{(t_{1/2})_1}{(t_{1/2})_2} = \left(\frac{C_2}{C_1}\right)^{n-1}$$

$$\frac{t}{t/2} = \left(\frac{2a}{a}\right)^{n-1}$$

$$2 = 2^{n-1}$$

or $n - 1 = 1$

$\therefore$ $n = 2$

The reaction is second order.

Q.3. For a zero order reaction, starting with initial concentration C_0, how long will it take for the reaction to go to completion ?

Ans. For a zero order reaction :

$$k = \frac{1}{t}[C_0 - C] \quad \text{or} \quad t = \frac{1}{k}[C_0 - C]$$

where C = concentration of the reactant at time t.

For the reaction to go to completion C=0.

$\therefore$ $t = \frac{C_0}{k}$

Q.4. The probable mechanism for the reaction :

$$Hg_2^{2+} + Tl^{3+} \longrightarrow 2Hg^{2+} + Tl^{+}$$

is

$$Hg_2^{2+} \underset{}{\overset{K}{\rightleftharpoons}} Hg^{2+} + Hg$$

$$Hg + Tl^{3+} \xrightarrow{k'} Hg^{2+} + Tl^{+}$$

Derive the rate law.

Ans. $Hg_2^{2+} \underset{}{\overset{K}{\rightleftharpoons}} Hg^{2+} + Hg$ ...(*i*)

$Hg + Tl^{3+} \xrightarrow{k'} Hg^{2+} + Tl$ ...(*ii*)

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From eqn. (*ii*)

$$\text{rate} = k'[Hg]\,[Tl^{3+}] \quad ...(iii)$$

From eqn. (*i*)

$$K = \frac{[Hg^{2+}][Hg]}{[Hg_2^{2+}]}$$

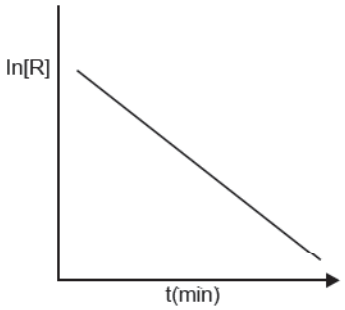
or $$[Hg] = K\frac{[Hg_2^{2+}]}{[Hg^{2+}]}$$

Substituting the value of [Hg] in eqn. (*iii*)

$$\text{rate} = k'K\frac{[Hg_2^{2+}]}{[Hg^{2+}]}\times[Tl^{3+}]$$

or $$= k\frac{[Hg_2^{2+}]\times[Tl^{3+}]}{[Hg^{2+}]} \quad (k = k'\,K)$$

Q.5. For a certain chemical reaction, variation in the concentration, ln[R] vs time (min) plot is shown below:



For this reaction

(*i*) What is the order of the reaction ?

(*ii*) What are the units of rate constant, *k* for this reaction ?

(*iii*) Give the relationship between *k* and $t_{1/2}$ of this reaction.

(*iv*) If initial concentration for this reaction becomes half, how will $t_{1/2}$ vary?

(*v*) What does the slope of this line indicate ?

(*vi*) Draw the plot of log $[R]_0/[R]$ vs time (*s*).

Ans. (*i*) Reaction is of first order because for the first order reaction :

$$\ln[R] = -kt + \ln[R]_0$$

The plot of ln[R] vs t is a straight line with slope = – *k* and intercept $\ln[R]_0$.

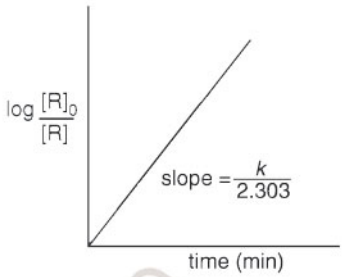
(*ii*) Units of rate constant : min^{-1}

(*iii*) For a first order reaction, $t_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{k}$

(*iv*) No change in $t_{1/2}$ because half life period is independent of initial concentration.

(*v*) Slope of line is equal to – *k*.

(*vi*) The plot of log $[R]_0/R$ vs time (min) is



Q.6. The rate of decomposition of ammonia is found to depend upon the concentration of ammonia as :

$$-\frac{d[NH_3]}{dt} = \frac{k_1[NH_3]}{1+k_2[NH_3]}$$

what will be the order of reaction when :

(*i*) concentration of NH_3 is very high ?

(*ii*) concentration of ammonia is very low ?

Ans. The rate law expression is

$$-\frac{d[NH_3]}{dt} = \frac{k_1[NH_3]}{1+k_2[NH_3]} = \frac{k_1}{1/[NH_3]+k_2}$$

(*i*) when $[NH_3]$ is very high, $\frac{1}{[NH_3]}$ becomes negligible

$$\therefore \quad -\frac{d[NH_3]}{dt} = \frac{k_1}{k_2} = k$$

i.e., rate becomes independent of concentration and hence it is of **zero order.**

(*ii*) when $[NH_3]$ is very small, $\frac{1}{[NH_3]}$ will be very large so that k_2 can be neglected in comparison to $\frac{1}{[NH_3]}$. Hence,

$$-\frac{d[NH_3]}{dt} = \frac{k_1}{1/[NH_3]} = k_1[NH_3]$$

Thus, the reaction is of **1st order.**

Q.7. For a reaction A $\xrightarrow{k}$ product, the reaction occurs as :

$$A \xrightarrow{k_1} A^* \xrightarrow{k_2} B^* \xrightarrow{k_3} \text{product}$$

The overall rate constant *k* is given as :

$$k = 2k_1\left(\frac{k_2}{k_3}\right)^{2/3}$$

If E_{a_1}, E_{a_2} and E_{a_3} are the activation energies of these steps, then what is the relation between overall activation energy E_a and the activation energies of these steps.

Ans. Rate constant is related to activation energy as

$$k = Ae^{-Ea/RT} \text{ so that}$$

$$k_1 = Ae_1^{-Ea_1/RT},\ k_2 = A_2e^{-Ea_2/RT} \text{ and } k_3 = A_3e^{-Ea_3/RT}$$

Now $$k = 2k_1\left(\frac{k_2}{k_3}\right)^{2/3}$$

$$Ae^{-Ea/RT} = 2A_1e^{-Ea_1/RT}\left[\frac{A_2e^{-Ea_2/RT}}{A_3e^{-Ea_3/RT}}\right]^{2/3}$$

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$$Ae^{-Ea/RT} = 2A_1\left(\frac{A_2}{A_3}\right)^{2/3} e^{-Ea_1/RT} \times \left(\frac{e^{-Ea_2/RT}}{e^{-Ea_3/RT}}\right)^{2/3}$$

$$Ae^{-Ea/RT} = 2A_1\left(\frac{A_2}{A_3}\right)^{2/3} e^{\frac{-Ea_1 - \frac{2}{3}Ea_2 + \frac{2}{3}Ea_3}{RT}}$$

$$\therefore \quad -E_a = -E_{a_1} - \frac{2}{3}E_{a_2} + \frac{2}{3}E_{a_3}$$

or $$E_a = E_{a_1} + \frac{2}{3}E_{a_2} - \frac{2}{3}E_{a_3}$$

Q.8. For a reversible reaction

$$H_2(g) + I_2(g) \underset{k_2}{\overset{k_1}{\rightleftharpoons}} 2HI$$

derive an expression for the formation of HI.

Ans. Rate of reaction $= \frac{1}{2}\frac{d[HI]}{dt}$

$= k_1[H_2]\,[I_2] - k_2\,[HI]^2$

$\therefore$ Rate of formation of HI,

$$\frac{d[HI]}{dt} = 2k_1[H_2]\,[I_2] - 2k_2\,[HI]^2$$

Q.9. The decomposition of N_2O_5 according to the equation,

$$2N_2O_5\,(g) \rightleftharpoons 4NO_2(g) + O_2(g)$$

is a first order reaction. After 30 min from the start of the decomposition in a closed vessel, the total pressure developed is found to be 284.5 mm of Hg and on complete decomposition, the total pressure is 584.5 mm of Hg. Calculate the rate constant of the reaction.

Ans. $2N_2O_5\,(g) \rightleftharpoons 4NO_2(g) + O_2(g)$

2 mol of gaseous N_2O_5 on complete decomposition gives 5 mol of gaseous product (4 mol NO_2 and 1 mol O_2). Therefore,

initial pressure of N_2O_5, $p_0 = 584.5 \times \frac{2}{5}$

$= 233.8$ mm Hg.

Let x be the amount of N_2O_5 decomposed after 30 min. Therefore,

Pressure due to $N_2O_5 = 233.8 - x$

Pressure due to $NO_2 = 2x$

Pressure due to $O_2 = x/2$

Total pressure after 30 min = 284.5 mm Hg

$\therefore \quad 233.8 - x + 2x + \frac{x}{2} = 284.5$

or $x = 33.8$ mm Hg

Pressure of N_2O_5 after 30 min $= 233.8 - 33.8$

$= 200$ mm Hg

For first order reaction, $k = \frac{2.303}{t}\log\frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$

Using the partial pressure for concentrations :

$$k = \frac{2.303}{30}\log\frac{233.8}{200} = \mathbf{5.2 \times 10^{-3}\ min^{-1}.}$$

Q.10. The half life for the reaction :

$$N_2O_5 \longrightarrow 2NO_2 + \frac{1}{2}O_2$$

is 2.4 hours at 30°C

(*a*) Starting with 100 g of N_2O_5, how many grams will remain after a period of 9.6 hours ?

(*b*) What time would be required to reduce 5×10^{10} molecules of N_2O_5 to 10^8 molecules ?

Ans. $k = \frac{0.693}{t_{1/2}}$ or $k = \frac{0.693}{2.4} = 0.289\ hr^{-1}$

(*i*) For the first order reaction :

$$k = \frac{2.303}{t}\log\frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$$

$$[A]_0 = \frac{100}{M},\ [A] = (x/M),\ t = 9.6\ hr$$

M = Molecular weight (x = amount of N_2O_5 left in gram)

$$0.289 = \frac{2.303}{9.6}\log\frac{100/M}{x/M}$$

$$\log\frac{100}{x} = \frac{0.289 \times 9.6}{2.303} = 1.2047$$

or $$\frac{100}{x} = 16.02 \quad \text{or } x = \frac{100}{16.02} = 6.24\ g$$

(*ii*) $[A]_0 = 5 \times 10^{10}/N_0$, $[A] = 10^8/N_0$

where N_0 is Avogadro number,

$$t = \frac{2.303}{k}\log\frac{5 \times 10^{10}/N_0}{10^8/N_0} = \mathbf{21.51\ hr.}$$



Revision Exercises

Very Short Answer Questions *carrying 1 mark*

1. Define half life period. *(Jammu S.B. 2016)*
2. Can order of a reaction be fractional ? Explain.
3. The specific rate of a reaction is 6.2×10^{-3} mol L^{-1} s^{-1}. What is the order of the reaction ?
4. Is it possible for a reaction to have identical values for molecularity and order ?
5. A reaction is found to be zero order reaction, will its molecularity be also zero ?
6. For a first order reaction, $k = 2.5 \times 10^{-4}$ s^{-1}, what is the rate of reaction, when the initial concentration of the reactant is 0.1 mol L^{-1} ?
7. Define pseudounimolecular reaction with an example. *(Hr. S.B. 2018)*
8. What are the units of rate constant for first order reaction? *(Pb. S.B. 2018, H.P.S.B. 2018)*
9. For a reaction rate law expression is:
   Rate $= k[A]^{1/2}[B]^2$
   Can the reaction be an elementary? Explain. *(Pb. S.B. 2018)*

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10. The rate law for the reaction

$CHCl_3(g) + Cl_2(g) \longrightarrow CCl_4 + HCl$

is rate = $k\,[CHCl_3][Cl_2]^{1/2}$.

What is the order of reaction ?

11. What is the order of reaction whose rate constant has same unit as the rate of reaction? *(H.P.S.B. 2010)*

12. If the units of rate constant of a reaction is $mol^{-1}\,L\,s^{-1}$, then mention its order. *(Karnataka S.B. 2018)*

13. Define order of the reaction. *(H.P.S.B. 2018)*

14. Rate of reaction = $k[H_2]^0[Cl_2]^0$, according to rate law equation. Predict the order of reaction. *(H.P.S.B. 2018)*

15. A first order reaction is found to have a rate constant $k = 5.5 \times 10^{-14}\ s^{-1}$. Find the half-life of the reaction. *(Karnataka S.B. 2018)*

16. In a reaction, $2A \longrightarrow$ products, the concentration of A decreases from 0.5 mol L^{-1} to 0.4 mol L^{-1} in 10 minutes. Calculate the rate during this interval. *(Meghalaya S.B. 2013)*

17. The rate constant of a reaction is $3 \times 10^2\ min^{-1}$. What is the order of reaction? *(Assam S.B. 2012)*

18. What is instantaneous rate of reaction? *(H.P.S.B. 2016, Nagaland S.B. 2018)*

19. Give the definition of collision frequency *(H.P.S.B 2006, Assam S.B. 2016)*

20. For a reaction R → P, half life ($t_{½}$) is observed to be independent of the initial concentration of reactants. What is the order of reaction? *(D.S.B. 2017)*

21. Identify the order of reaction if the unit of rate constant is mol $L^{-1}s^{-1}$. *(Kerala S.B. 2018)*

CBSE QUESTIONS

22. Is there any reaction for which the rate does not decrease with time? *(A.I.S.B. 2006)*

23. Express the rate of the following reaction in terms of disappearance of hydrogen in the reaction :

$$3H_{2(g)} + N_{2(g)} \longrightarrow 2NH_{3(g)}$$ *(A.I.S.B. 2007)*

24. The reaction: $A + 2B \longrightarrow C$ obeys rate equation.

$$\text{Rate} = k\,[A]^{1/2}\,[B]^{3/2}$$

What is the order of this reaction? *(A.I.S.B. 2007)*

25. Define order of a reaction. *(A.I.S.B. 2011, D.S.B. 2011, Nagaland S.B. 2015, H.P.S.B. 2014, 2018)*

26. Define activation energy of a reaction *(A.I.S.B. 2011, H.P.S.B. 2016)*

27. What is the effect of adding a catalyst on

(a) Activation energy (E_a) and

(b) Gibbs energy (ΔG) of a reaction *(A.I.S.B. 2017)*

MCQs from State Boards' Examinations

28. A first order reaction has a half life period of 34.65 seconds. Its rate constant is

(a) $2 \times 10^{-2}\ s^{-1}$ (b) $4 \times 10^{-4}\ s^{-1}$

(c) $20\ s^{-1}$ (d) $2 \times 10^{-4}\ s^{-1}$ *(Jharkhand S.B. 2012)*

29. If a graph is plotted between ln k and 1/T for the first order reaction, the slope of the straight line so obtained is given by

(a) $-\frac{E_a}{R}$ (b) $-\frac{E_a}{2.303\,R}$

(c) $-\frac{2.303}{E_a.R}$ (d) $-\frac{E_a}{2.303}$ *(Jharkhand S.B. 2012)*

30. The unit of rate constant for a zero order reaction is

(a) mol $L^{-1}s^{-1}$ (b) s^{-1}

(c) L $mol^{-1}s^{-1}$ (d) $L^2mol^{-2}s^{-1}$ *(Mizoram S.B. 2014, Hr. S.B. 2017)*

31. A catalyst increases the speed of a chemical reaction by

(a) increasing activation energy

(b) decreasing activation energy

(c) increasing reactant energy

(d) decreasing threshold energy *(Mizoram S.B. 2014)*

32. The units of the rate constant for the second order reaction are:

(a) mol^{-1} litre s^{-1} (b) mol $litre^{-2}\ s^{-1}$

(c) s^{-1} (d) mol $litre^{-1}\ s^{-1}$ *(H.P.S.B. 2015, Mizoram S.B. 2017)*

33. The value of k for a reaction is $2.96 \times 10^{-30}\ s^{-1}$. What is the order of the reaction?

(a) Zero (b) 3

(c) 2 (d) 1 *(H.P.S.B. 2015)*

34. A reaction is found to be of second order with respect to concentration of carbon monoxide. If concentration of carbon monoxide is doubled, the rate of reaction will

(a) triple (b) increase by a factor of 4

(c) double (d) remain unchanged *(H.P.S.B. 2015)*

35. If the concentrations are expressed in mol $litre^{-1}$ and time in s, then the units of rate constant for the first-order reactions are

(a) mol $litre^{-1}\ s^{-1}$ (b) mol^{-1} litre s^{-1}

(c) s^{-1} (d) mol^2 $litre^{-2}\ s^{-1}$ *(H.P.S.B. 2017, Hr. S.B. 2018)*

36. The half life of a first order reaction having rate constant 200 s^{-1} is

(a) 3.465×10^{-2} s (b) 3.465×10^{-3} s

(c) 1.150×10^{-2} s (d) 1.150×10^{-3} s *(Mizoram S.B. 2015)*

37. The rate of a reaction is $1.209 \times 10^{-4} L^2\ mol^{-2}\ s^{-1}$. The order of the reaction is:

(a) zero (b) first

(c) second (d) third *(Mizoram S.B. 2016)*

38. A catalyst increases the rate of a reaction by

(a) increasing threshold energy

(b) increasing activation energy

(c) activating the reactants

(d) lowering activation energy *(Mizoram S.B. 2018)*

39. Time required for 100% completion of a zero order reaction is:

(a) $t_{100\%} = a/k$ (b) $t_{100\%} = a.k$

(c) $t_{100\%} = a/2k$ (d) None of these *(Hr. S.B. 2017)*

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40. Arrhenius equation is represented by :
(*a*) $k = Ae^{Ea/RT}$ (*b*) $k = Ae^{-Ea/RT}$
(*c*) $t_{½} = 0.693/k$ (*d*) None of these (*Hr. S.B. 2017*)

41. The overall order of a reaction, which has the rate expression: Rate = $k[A]^{1/2}[B]^{3/2}$ is:
(*a*) First order (*b*) Second order
(*c*) Third order (*d*) Zero order
(*Mizoram S.B. 2018*)

42. If half life period of a first order reaction is 100 seconds. Then rate constant will be:
(*a*) 6.93×10^{-3} second (*b*) 6.93×10^{-2} second
(*c*) 0.693 second (*d*) 6.93 second (*Hr. S.B. 2018*)

43. If rate constant for a reaction is mole litre^{-1} second^{-1}, then order of reaction is:
(*a*) Zero order (*b*) First order
(*c*) Second order (*d*) None of these
(*Hr. S.B. 2018*)

44. Identify the order of reaction from the given rate constant $k = 2.6 \times 10^{-4}$ L mol^{-1} s^{-1}
(*a*) First (*b*) Zero
(*c*) Second (*d*) None of these
(*Hr. S.B. 2018*)

45. For a reaction: $N_2 + 3H_2 \rightarrow 2NH_3$, the rate of reaction with respect to NH_3 will be:
(*a*) $-\frac{d[NH_3]}{dt}$ (*b*) $-\frac{d[NH_3]^2}{dt}$
(*c*) $+\frac{1}{2}\frac{d[NH_3]}{dt}$ (*d*) $-\frac{1}{2}\frac{d[NH_3]}{dt}$ (*Hr. S.B. 2018*)

46. Half life period of a first order reaction depends upon:
(*a*) Concentration of reactants
(*b*) Concentration of products
(*c*) Rate constant of reaction
(*d*) None of these (*Hr. S.B. 2018*)

47. Half life period of a first order reaction is:
(*a*) directly proportional to the initial concentration of the reactant
(*b*) half of the rate constant
(*c*) same for all reactions
(*d*) independent of the initial concentration of the reactants (*Mizoram S.B. 2018*)

Short Answer Questions *carrying 2 or 3 marks*

1. What is rate of a reaction ? Discuss briefly the various factors which influence the rate of a chemical reaction.
(*Jammu S.Z. 2018*)

2. What is meant by order of a chemical reaction ? The reaction :

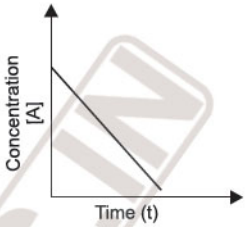
$$2NO_2 + F_2 \longrightarrow 2NO_2F$$

has been found to be first order with respect to NO_2 and with respect to F_2.
(*i*) Write the rate law equation for the reaction.
(*ii*) What is the overall order of the reaction ?
(*iii*) Suggest a suitable mechanism for the reaction.

3. Explain with examples the meaning of the terms average rate and instantaneous rate of the reaction.
(*H.P.S.B. 2007*)

4. Consider the rate equation
Rate = $k[A]^n$
What is the change of rate that occurs on doubling the concentration of A, when
(*i*) $n = 0$ (*ii*) $n = 1$ (*iii*) $n = 2$?

5. Consider the reaction $A \xrightarrow{k} P$. The change in concentration of A with time is shown in the following plot:



(*i*) Predict the order of the reaction.
(*ii*) Derive the expression for the time required for the completion of the reaction.
(*C.B.S.E. Sample Paper 2007*)

6. What is meant by the rate constant, '*k*' of a reaction? If the concentration be expressed in mol L^{-1} units and time in seconds, what would be the units for *k*
(*i*) for a zero order reaction and
(*ii*) for a first order reaction? (*D.S.B. 2008*)

7. Derive the following relation :

$$\log\frac{k_2}{k_1} = \frac{E_a}{2.303R}\left[\frac{T_2 - T_1}{T_1T_2}\right]$$ (*H.P.S.B. 2010*)

8. Starting from the integrated law of a zeroth order reaction, R→P, show that half-life time of a reaction is directly proportional to the initial molar concentration of the reactant. (*Assam S.B. 2018*)

9. Discuss the effect of temperature on the rate of a reaction.
(*Pb.S.B. 2011, Hr.S.B. 2015, Jammu S.B. 2015*)

10. Distinguish between rate expression and rate constant of a reaction. (*D.S.B. 2011*)

11. (*a*) What is the order of reaction whose rate constant has the same unit as the rate of reaction?
(*b*) Calculate the overall order of a reaction which has the rate expression
Rate = $k[A]^{1/2}[B]^{3/2}$
(*c*) What is the rate determining step of a reaction?
(*Meghalaya S.B. 2018*)

12. Derive the integrated form of rate equation for the first order reaction. (*Pb.S.B. 2012, H.P.S.B. 2012, 2015, 2016*)

13. (*a*) Define pseudo unimolecular reactions.
(*b*) What are zero order reactions ? Derive integrated rate equation for zero order reaction.
(*H.P.S.B. 2012, H.P.S.B 2007)*

14. How you differentiate between reaction rate and reaction rate constant ? (*J.K.S.B 2011, 2015*)

15. (*a*) Define activation energy of a reaction.
(*b*) How does the nature of a reactant affect the rate of a chemical reaction? (*J.K S.B. 2013*)

16. (*a*) Reaction between NO_2 and F_2 to give NO_2F takes place by the following mechanism:

$$NO_2(g) + F_2(g) \xrightarrow{\text{Slow}} NO_2F(g) + F(g)$$

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$NO_2(g) + F(g) \xrightarrow{Fast} NO_2F(g)$

Write the rate expression and order of the reaction

(*b*) Calculate two-third life of a first order reaction having $k = 5.48 \times 10^{-14}\ s^{-1}$. *(Pb S.B. 2013)*

17. A reaction is first order in A and second order in B.

(*i*) Write differential rate equation.

(*ii*) How is rate affected on increasing concentration of B three times? *(Hr. S.B. 2013)*

18. (*a*) Give four differences between molecularity and order of a reaction. *(H.P. S.B. 2018)*

(*b*) Write units of rate constant for second order reaction.

(*c*) Give an example of first order reaction. *(H.P. S.B. 2013)*

19. (*a*) What is activation energy?

(*b*) What are the units of rate constant for second order reaction?

(c) Write Arrhenius equation. *(H.P. S.B. 2018)*

20. (*a*) Define molecularity of a reaction.

(*b*) Define activation energy.

(*c*) For a first order reaction, show that time required for 99% completion is twice the time required for the completion of 90% of reaction. *(H.P. S.B. 2014)*

21. Write two differences between 'order of reaction' and 'molecularity of a reaction'. *(D.S.B. 2014, Meghalaya S.B. 2017)*

22. (*a*) What are pseudo order reaction?

(*b*) What is half life period? Show that half life period for a first order reaction is independent of the initial concentration of the reactant. *(H.P. S.B. 2015)*

23. The reaction : $2A + B \longrightarrow C + D$ has the rate equation as :

$rate = k\,[A]^x\,[B]^y$

(*i*) What is the molecularity of the reaction?

(*ii*) Order of the reaction when B is present in large excess. *(H.P. S.B. 2015)*

24. (*a*) What is the effect of catalyst on the activation energy of a reaction? *(H.P. S.B. 2015)*

(*b*) Derive integrated rate equation for a zero order reaction. *(Hr. S.B. 2015)*

25. Define the following terms:

(*i*) Half life period of a reaction.

(*ii*) Collision frequency

(*iii*) Activation energy *(Hr. S.B. 2018)*

26. (*a*) Give one example of pseudo first order reaction.

(*b*) A reaction is second order with respect to a reactant. How does the rate of the reaction be affected if the concentration of the reactant is reduced to half?

Or

Show that the time required for completion of 3/4th of a first order reaction is twice the time required for the completion of 1/2 of the reaction. *(Assam S.B. 2016)*

27. What is meant by zero order reaction? Give an example of such a reaction. Establish the integrated rate equation for a zero order reaction involving a single reactant. How can the rate constant be determined using this equation? *(Kolkata S.B. 2016)*

28. What is half life of a reaction? If the half life of a first order reaction in A is 2 minutes, how long will it take to reach 25% of initial concentration? *(Nagaland S.B. 2016)*

29. (*i*) Define order of reaction.

(*ii*) Identify the reaction order from each of the following units of reaction rate constant.

(*a*) $mol\ L^{-1}\ s^{-1}$

(*b*) $L\ mol^{-1}\ s^{-1}$ *(Tripura S.B. 2016)*

30. (*a*) Give an example of a pseudo first order reaction.

(*b*) Write Arrhenius equation which relates the rate constant with temperature.

(*c*) A first order reaction takes 40 minutes for 30 % decomposition. Calculate $t_{1/2}$ for this reaction. *(Tripura S.B. 2016, Meghalaya S.B. 2017)*

31. Derive the integrated rate equation for the first order reaction. Hence prove that half-life period for it is independent of initial concentration. *(Meghalaya S.B. 2016, Jammu S.Z. 2018)*

32. (*i*) For the reaction:

$C_{12}H_{22}O_{11} + H_2O \xrightarrow{HI} C_6H_{12}O_6 + C_6H_{12}O_6$

Write (*a*) Rate of reaction expression

(*b*) Molecularity

(*ii*) Give the units of rate constant for a zero order reaction. *(H.P.S.B 2016)*

33. (*i*) The rate constant for a chemical reaction at a given temperature is $2.3 \times 10^{-5}\ L\ mol^{-1}\ s^{-1}$. What is the order of the reaction?

(*ii*) Show that for a 1st order reaction, time required for completion of 99.9% is 10 times of half time of the reaction. *(Assam S.B. 2018)*

34. (*a*) The molecularity of the reaction $2NO + O_2 \rightarrow 2NO_2$ is,

(*i*) 5 (*ii*) 2

(*iii*) 3 (*iv*) 0

(*b*) (*i*) What do you mean by rate of a reaction?

(*ii*) What will be the effect of temperature on rate of a reaction?

(*c*) A first order reaction is found to have a rate constant, $k = 5.5 \times 10^{-14}\ s^{-1}$. Find out the half-life of the reaction. *(Kerala S.B. 2016)*

35. (*a*) Derive integrated rate law equation for first order reaction.

(*b*) What are the units of rate constant for 3rd order reaction? *(H.P.S.B. 2018)*

36. Define the following terms:

(*a*) Activation Energy (*b*) Molecularity

(*c*) Rate constant *(Hr.S.B 2017)*

37. (a) Derive an integrated rate equation for rate constant of a first order reaction.

(b) Draw a graph of potential energy vs reaction co-ordinates showing the effect of catalyst on activation energy (E_a) of a reaction. *(Karnataka S.B. 2018)*

38. (*a*) The thermal decomposition of a compound is of first order. If 50% of the compound is decomposed in 120 minutes, how long will it take for 90% of the compound to decompose?

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Or

(*b*) The three-fourths of a first order reaction is completed in 32 minutes. What is the half-life period of the reaction? (*Mizoram S.B. 2017*)

39. Show that slope of the plot of *ln k* against $\frac{1}{T}$ is $-\frac{E_a}{R}$. Give the graphical representation of the plot. (*Assam S.B. 2017*)

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40. For a reaction at 500 K,

$NO_2(g) + CO(g) \longrightarrow CO_2(g) + NO(g)$

the proposed mechanism is as given below :

(*i*) $NO_2(g) + NO_2(g) \longrightarrow NO(g) + NO_3(g)$ (slow)

(*ii*) $NO_3(g) + CO(g) \longrightarrow CO_2(g) + NO_2(g)$ (fast)

What is rate law for the reaction ? (*A.I.S.B. 2003, Pb.S.B. 2007*)

41. (*a*) Derive the general form of the expression for the half life of a first order reaction.

(*b*) List the factors on which the rate of a chemical reaction depends. (*A.I.S.B. 2008, D.S.B. 2008*)

42. Define the following :

(*i*) Elementary step in a reaction

(*ii*) Rate of a reaction. (*A.I.S.B. 2009*)

43. Define the following:

(*i*) Order of a reaction

(*ii*) Activation energy (*A.I.S.B. 2009*)

44. A reaction is of second order with respect to a reactant. How is the rate of reaction affected if the concentration of the reaction is reduced to half? What is the unit of rate constant for such a reaction? (*A.I.S.B. 2011*)

45. What do you understand by the rate law and rate constant of a reaction ? Identify the order of reaction if the units of its rate constant are:

(*i*) L^{-1} mol s^{-1}

(*ii*) L mol^{-1} s^{-1} (*A.I.S.B. 2011*)

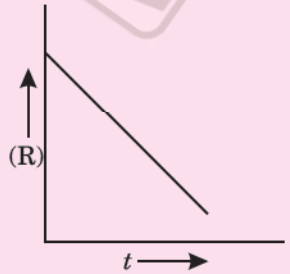
46. A reaction is of second order with respect to a reactant. How is its rate affected if the concentration of the reactant is (i) doubled (*ii*) reduced to half ? (*A.I.S.B. 2012*)

47. (*a*) For a reaction A + B → P, the rate law is given by, $r = k[A]^{1/2}[B]^2$

What is the order of this reaction ?

(*b*) A first order reaction is found to have a rate constant $k = 5.5 \times 10^{-14}$ s^{-1}. Find the half life of the reaction. (*A.I. S.B. 2013*)

48. For a chemical reaction R → P, the variation in the concentration (R) vs. time (*t*) plot is given as



(*i*) Predict the order of the reaction.

(*ii*) What is the slope of the curve ? (*A.I.S.B. 2014*)

49. For the reaction

$2N_2O_5(g) \longrightarrow 4NO_2(g) + O_2(g)$,

the rate of formation of $NO_2(g)$ is 2.8×10^{-3} Ms^{-1}. Calculate the rate of disappearance of $N_2O_5(g)$. (*A.I.S.B. 2018*)

50. A first order reaction is 50% completed in 40 minutes at 300 K and in 20 minutes at 320 K. Calculate the activation energy of the reaction.

(Given: log 2 = 0.3010, log 4 = 0.6021, R = 8.314 JK^{-1} mol^{-1}) (*A.I.S.B. 2018*)

Long Answer Questions *carrying 5 marks*

1. (*a*) Derive activation energy by Arrhenius equation. Write differences between order and molecularity of a reaction.

(*b*) What is the effect of catalyst on rate of a reaction ? A first order reaction has rate constant 1.15×10^{-3} sec^{-1}. How long will 5g of this reactant take to reduce to 3g ? (*Hr. S.B. 2012, 2015*)

2. (*a*) Write down the unit of rate constant for zero order reaction.

(*b*) Derive the rate equation :

$$k = \frac{2.303}{t} \log \frac{a}{a-x}$$

for first order reaction and establish the relationship between half life period and its rate constant.

Or

(*i*) What is the difference between molecularity and order of reaction?

(*ii*) For a first order reaction, half life period ($t_{1/2}$) is 100 seconds. How long will it take for the reaction to complete 75%? (*Uttarakhand S.B. 2013*)

3. (*a*) A reaction is second order in A and first order in B.

(*i*) Write the differential rate equation.

(*ii*) How is the rate affected on increasing the concentration of A three times ?

(*iii*) How is the rate affected when the concentrations of both A and B are doubled ?

(*b*) A first order reaction takes 40 minutes for 30% decomposition. Calculate $t_{½}$ for this reaction.

(Given log 1.428 = 0.1548)

Or

(*a*) For a first order reaction, show that time required for 99% completion is twice the time required for the completion of 90% of reaction.

(*b*) Rate constant '*k*' of a reaction varies with temperature 'T' according to the equation:

$$\log k = \log A - \frac{E_a}{2.303\,R}\left(\frac{1}{T}\right)$$

Where E_a is the activation energy. When a graph is plotted for log *k* vs. $\frac{1}{T}$, a straight line with a slope of – 4250 K is obtained. Calculate 'E_a' for the reaction ($R = 8.314$ JK^{-1} mol^{-1}) (*D.S.B. 2013*)

4. (*a*) Derive the integrated rate equation for first order reaction.

(*b*) Differentiate between order and molecularity of a chemical reaction. (*Uttarakhand S.B. 2015*)

5. For the hydrolysis of methyl acetate in aqueous solution, the following results were observed:

t/s	0	30	60
$[CH_3COOCH_3]$ mol L^{-1}	0.60	0.30	0.15

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(*i*) Show that it follows pseudo first order reaction, as the concentration of water remains constant.

(*ii*) Calculate the average rate of reaction between the time interval 30 to 60 seconds. (Given log 2 = 0.3010, log 4 = 0.6021)

Or

(*a*) For a reaction A + B $\longrightarrow$ P, the rate is given by Rate = k[A][B]^2

(*i*) How is rate of reaction affected if the concentration of B is doubled ?

(*ii*) What is the overall order of reaction if A is present in large excess ?

(*b*) A first order reaction takes 30 minutes for 50% completion. Calculate the time required for 90% completion of this reaction (log 2 = 0.3010)

(D.S.B. 2015)

6. (*a*) What is activation energy of a reaction?

(*b*) The rate of a reaction increases in the presence of catalyst. Explain the statement by plotting a curve between reaction coordinate and energy.

(*c*) For a reaction, the initial concentration of a reactant is 0.4M and rate constant is 2.5×10^{-4} s^{-1}. Calculate the half life period of the reaction. *(Manipur S.B. 2017)*

7. (*a*) Plot a graph showing variation in the concentration of reactants against time for zero order reaction.

(*b*) What do you mean by zero order reaction?

(*c*) The initial concentration of 1st order reaction,

$$N_2O_5(g) \longrightarrow 2NO_2(g) + \frac{1}{2} O_2(g)$$

was 1.24×10^{-2} mol L^{-1} at 300K. The concentration of N_2O_5 after 1 hour was 0.2×10^{-2} mol L^{-1}. Calculate the rate constant of the reaction at 300K.

(Kerala S.B. 2017)

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8. (*a*) Explain the following terms :

(*i*) Rate of a reaction

(*ii*) Activation energy of a reaction.

(*b*) The decomposition of phosphine, PH_3, proceeds according to the following equation :

$$4\ PH_3\ (g) \longrightarrow P_4\ (g) + 6H_2\ (g)$$

It is found that the reaction follows the following rate equation :

$$\text{Rate} = k\ [PH_3].$$

The half-life of PH_3 is 37.9 s at 120°C.

(*i*) How much time is required for 3/4th of PH_3 to decompose ?

(*ii*) What fraction of the original sample of PH_3 remains behind after 1 minute ? *(A.I.S.B. 2010)*

9. (*a*) What is rate of reaction? Write two factors that affect the rate of reaction.

(*b*) The rate constant of a first order reaction increases from 4×10^{-2} to 8×10^{-2} when the temperature changes from 27°C to 37°C. Calculate the energy of activation (E_a). (log 2 = 0.301, log 3 = 0.4771, log 4 = 0.6021)

Or

(*a*) For a reaction A + B $\longrightarrow$ P, the rate is given by Rate = k [A] [B]^2

(*i*) How is the rate of reaction affected if the concentration of B is doubled?

(*ii*) What is the overall order of reaction if A is present in large excess?

(*b*) A first order reaction takes 23.1 minutes for 50% completion. Calculate the time required for 75% completion of this reaction. (log 2 = 0.301, log 3 = 0.4771, log 4 = 0.6021)

(A.I.S.B. 2015)

NUMERICAL PROBLEMS

1. The decomposition of sulphuryl chloride to SO_2 and Cl_2 is a first order reaction whose half life is 30 minutes. What percentage of the reactant will be decomposed in 2 hours ?

[**Ans.** 93.75%]

2. The activation energy of a first order reaction at 300 K is 60 kJ mol^{-1}. In the presence of a catalyst, the activation energy gets lowered to 50 kJ mol^{-1} at 300 K. How many times the reaction rate changes in the presence of a catalyst at the same temperature ? [**Ans.** 55.08 times]

3. The rate constant for a first order reaction is 5.70×10^{-5} and 1.64×10^{-4} s^{-1} at 25°C and 40°C respectively. Calculate the activation energy and the Arrhenius frequency factor.

[**Ans.** 54.6 kJ mol^{-1}, 2.17×10^5]

4. A first order reaction has $k = 1.5 \times 10^{-6}$ s^{-1} at 200°C. If the reaction is allowed to run for 10 hours, what percentage of the initial concentration would have changed into the product ? What is the half life period of the reaction ?

[**Ans.** 5.2%, 4.62×10^5 s]

5. A first order reaction is 20% complete in 10 minutes. Calculate

(*i*) the time taken for the reaction to go to 75% complete

(*ii*) specific rate constant of the reaction. *(J. K. S. B. 2014)*

[**Ans.** (*i*) 62.12 min (*ii*) 0.02232 min^{-1}]

6. The rate constants for the decomposition of HI at 283°C and 508°C are 3.517×10^{-7} s^{-1} and 3.954×10^{-2} s^{-1} respectively. Calculate the frequency factor at 283°C and energy of activation of the reaction. [**Ans.** 1.206×10^{11}, 186.68 kJ]

7. The catalytic decomposition of hydrogen peroxide was studied by liberating it at different intervals with $KMnO_4$ solution. Calculate the rate constant from the following data assuming the reaction to be of the first order :

t (seconds)	0	600	1200
$KMnO_4$ (mL)	22.8	13.8	8.2

[**Ans.** 0.000845 s^{-1}]

8. A first order reaction is 40% complete in 50 minutes. How long will it take to 80% complete? (Given log 1.6667 = 0.2220 and log 5 = 0.6990) *(Pb.S.B. 2010)*

[**Ans.** 157.5 min]

9. In a hydrolysis reaction, 5g ethyl acetate is hydrolyzed in presence of dilute HCl in 300 minutes. If the reaction is of first order and the initial concentration of ethyl acetate is 22 g/L, calculate the rate constant of the reaction.

(CBSE Sample Paper 2010)

[**Ans.** 8.60×10^{-4} min^{-1}]

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10. The half life period of a first order reaction is 3 minutes. Calculate the time taken to complete 75% of the initial concentration. *(Mizoram S.B. 2014)*

[**Ans.** 6 minutes]

11. The following data were obtained during the first order thermal decomposition of SO_2Cl_2 at a constant volume :

$SO_2Cl_2\,(g) \longrightarrow SO_2(g) + Cl_2\,(g)$

Experiment	Time/s^{-1}	Total Pressure/atm
1	0	0.4
2	100	0.7

Calculate the rate constant. (Given : log 4 = 0.6021, log 2 = 0.3010) *(A.I.S.B. 2014)*

[**Ans.** 1.38×10^{-2} s^{-1}]

12. A first order reaction is 75% complete in 60 minutes. Find the half life period of the reaction. (Given log 4 = 0.6021) *(Nagaland S.B. 2015)* [**Ans.** 30 min]

13. A first order reaction takes 40 minutes for 20% completion. Calculate its half life period. *(Assam S.B. 2015)*

[**Ans.** 1.24×10^2 min]

14. For a first-order reaction, it takes 5 minutes for the initial concentration of 0.6 mol L^{-1} to become 0.4 mol L^{-1}. How long will it take for the initial concentration to become 0.3 mol L^{-1}? *(Meghalaya S.B. 2016)*

15. For a reaction $2A \rightarrow 4B + C$, the concentration of B is increased by 5.0×10^{-3} mol L^{-1} in 10 seconds. Calculate the rate of disappearance of A. *(Assam S.B. 2017)*

16. Calculate the time required for the completion of 90% of a reaction of first order kinetics; $t_{½}$ = 44.1 minutes. *(Pb. S.B. 2017)*

17. Following data are obtained for the reaction:

$N_2O_5 \rightarrow 2NO_2 + ½O_2$

t/s	0	300	600
$[N_2O_5]$/mol L^{-1}	1.6×10^{-2}	0.8×10^{-2}	0.4×10^{-2}

(a) Show that it follows first order reaction.

(b) Calculate the half-life.

(Given log 2 = 0.3010, log 4 = 0.6021) *(D.S.B. 2017)*

18. For hydrolysis of methyl acetate in aqueous solution, the following results were observed:

t/s	0	30	60
CH_3COOCH_3 *c*/mol L^{-1}	0.60	0.30	0.15

Show that it follows pseudo first order reaction as the concentration of water remains constant.

(Kerala S.B. 2018)

Hints & Answers *for* Revision Exercises

Very Short Answer Questions

2. Yes *e.g.*, order of the reaction for decomposition of acetaldehyde is 3/2.

3. It is zero order reaction. This can be decided on the basis of units of rate constant (for zero order reactions, units of rate constant are mol L^{-1} s^{-1}).

4. Yes, for reaction proceeding in a single step.

5. No

6. Rate = k [conc.] = $(2.5 \times 10^{-4}\ s^{-1}) \times (0.1\ mol\ L^{-1})$
$= 2.5 \times 10^{-5}$ mol L^{-1} s^{-1}.

8. s^{-1}

9. No, because order with respect to A cannot be fractional for an elementary reaction.

10. $1\frac{1}{2}$ **11.** zero order reaction

12. second order **14.** zero order

15. 1.26×10^{13} s **16.** 1×10^{-2} mol L^{-1} min^{-1}

17. First order **20.** First order

21. Zero order reaction. **22.** Zero order reaction

23. Rate $= -\frac{1}{3}\frac{d[H_2]}{dt}$ **24.** Order $= \frac{1}{2}+\frac{3}{2}=2$

27. *(a)* decreases *(b)* no effect

28. *(a)* **29.** *(a)* **30.** *(a)* **31.** *(b)*

32. *(a)* **33.** *(d)* **34.** *(b)* **35.** *(c)*

36. *(b)* **37.** *(d)* **38.** *(a)* **39.** *(d)*

40. *(b)* **41.** *(b)* **42.** *(a)* **43.** *(a)*

44. *(c)* **45.** *(c)* **46.** *(c)* **47.** *(d)*

Short Answer Questions

2. *(i)* Rate = k $[NO_2][F_2]$

(ii) two

(iii) $NO_2 + F_2 \longrightarrow NO_2F + F$ (slow)

$NO_2 + F \longrightarrow NO_2F$ (fast)

4. *(i)* No change *(ii)* rate becomes double

(iii) Rate becomes nine times.

5. *(i)* zero order reaction.

6. *(i)* mol L^{-1} s^{-1} *(ii)* s^{-1}

Numerical Problems

♦ **1.** $k = \frac{0.693}{30} = 0.0231\ min^{-1}$

$0.0231 = \frac{2.303}{120}\log\frac{a}{a-x}$

Calculate $\frac{a}{a-x} = 15.98$ and

$x = 0.9375\ a$ or **93.75%** decomposed.

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♦ **2.** $\log \frac{k_2}{k_1} = \frac{E_a - E'_a}{2.303\,RT}$

$\log \frac{k_2}{k_1} = \frac{60000 - 50000}{2.303 \times 8.314 \times 300} = 1.741$

$\log \frac{k_2}{k_1} = 55.08.$

Rate increases by **55.08 times.**

♦ **3.** $\log \frac{1.64 \times 10^4}{5.70 \times 10^{-5}} = \frac{E_a}{2.303 \times 8.314} \log \left[\frac{313 - 298}{313 \times 298}\right]$

E_a = **54.6 kJ mol^{-1}**

$\log A = \log k + \frac{E_a}{2.303\,RT}$

$= \log (5.70 \times 10^{-5}) + \frac{54.6 \times 10^3}{2.303 \times 8.314 \times 298}$

$= 5.336$ and A = **2.17×10^5**

♦ **4.** $k = \frac{2.303}{36000} \log \frac{a}{a - x}$

$1.5 \times 10^{-6} = \frac{2.303}{36000} \log \frac{a}{a - x}$

Solving $x = 0.052\,a$

% of initial conc. changed = 5.2%

$t_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{1.5 \times 10^{-6}}$ = **4.62×10^5 s**

♦ **5.** $k = \frac{2.303}{10} \log \frac{a}{0.8a} = 0.02232 \text{ min}^{-1}$

$t = \frac{2.303}{0.02232} \log \frac{a}{2.25a}$ = **62.12 min.**

♦ **6.** $\log \frac{3.954 \times 10^{-2}}{3.517 \times 10^{-7}} = \frac{E_a}{2.303 \times 8.314} \left[\frac{781 - 556}{556 \times 781}\right]$

$E_a = 186.68$ kJ

$\log A = \log k + \frac{E_a}{2.303\,RT}$

$= \log 3.517 \times 10^{-7} + \frac{186.68 \times 10^3}{2.303 \times 8.314 \times 556}$

$= 11.0816$ or A = **1.206×10^{11}**

♦ **7.** Calculate k at different times,

mean k = **0.000845 s^{-1}**

♦ **8.** Let $[A]_0 = a$, $[A] = a - \frac{40}{100} a = 0.6a$

$k = \frac{2.303}{50} \log \frac{a}{0.6a} = 1.022 \times 10^{-2} \text{ min}^{-1}$

For 80% completion, $[A] = a - \frac{a \times 80}{100} = 0.2a$

$t = \frac{2.303}{1.022 \times 10^{-2}} \log \frac{a}{0.2a}$ = **157.5 min**

♦ **9.** $[A]_0 = \frac{22}{88}$ mol L^{-1}

$[A] = \frac{22 - 5}{88} = \frac{17}{88}$ mol L^{-1}

$k = \frac{2.303}{t} \log \frac{[A]_0}{[A]} = \frac{2.303}{t} \log \frac{22}{17}$

$= \frac{2.303}{300} \times 0.112$ = **8.60×10^{-4} min^{-1}**

♦ **10.** $k = \frac{0.693}{t_{1/2}} = \frac{0.693}{3} = 0.231 \text{ min}^{-1}$

For 75% completion, if $[A]_o = a$, $[A] = a - \frac{a \times 75}{100} = 0.25a$

$t = \frac{2.303}{k} \log \frac{[A]_o}{[A]}$

$= \frac{2.303}{0.231} \log \frac{a}{0.25\,a}$

$= \frac{2.303}{0.231} \times 0.6020 = 6.0$ min

♦ **11.** *Similar to Solved Example 21 (Page 29)*

♦ **12.** $k = \frac{2.303}{t} \log \frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$

$[A]_0 = a$, $[A] = a - \frac{a \times 75}{100} = 0.25\,a$, $t = 60$ min

$k = \frac{2.303}{60} \log \frac{a}{0.25\,a} = 0.0231$

$\therefore \quad t_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{0.0231}$ = **30 min**

♦ **13.** $k = \frac{2.303}{t} \log \frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$

$[A]_0 = a$, $[A] = a - \frac{a \times 75}{100} = 0.80\,a$, $t = 40$ min

$k = \frac{2.303}{40} \log \frac{a}{0.80\,a} = 5.58 \times 10^{-3}$

$\therefore \quad t_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{5.58 \times 10^{-3}}$ = **1.24×10^2 min**

♦ **14.** $k = \frac{2.303}{t} \log \frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$

$k = \frac{2.303}{5} \log \frac{0.6}{0.4}$

$= \frac{2.303}{5} \times 0.176 = 0.0811 \text{ min}^{-1}$

Now $t = \frac{2.303}{k} \log \frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$

$= \frac{2.303}{0.0811} \log \frac{0.6}{0.3}$

$= \frac{2.303}{0.0811} \times 0.3010$ = **8.55 min**

♦ **15.** Rate $= -\frac{1}{2}\frac{d[A]}{dt} = \frac{1}{4}\frac{d[B]}{dt} = \frac{d[C]}{dt}$

$\frac{d[B]}{dt} = \frac{5.0 \times 10^{-3}}{10} = 5.0 \times 10^{-2}$ mol L^{-1}s^{-1}

Rate of disappearance of A

$-\frac{d[A]}{dt} = \frac{2}{4}\frac{d[B]}{dt}$

$= \frac{1}{2} \times 5.0 \times 10^{-2}$ = **2.5×10^{-2} mol L^{-1} s^{-1}**

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♦ **16.** $k = \frac{0.693}{t_{1/2}} = \frac{0.693}{44.1} = 1.57 \times 10^{-2}\ \text{min}^{-1}$

$[A]_0 = a$, $[A] = a - \frac{a \times 90}{100} = 0.1a$

$$t = \frac{2.303}{k} \log \frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$$

$$= \frac{2.303}{1.57 \times 10^{-2}} \log \frac{a}{0.1a} = \mathbf{146.7\ min}$$

♦ **17.** (*i*) $$k = \frac{2.303}{t} \log \frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$$

At 300 s,

$$k_1 = \frac{2.303}{300} \log \frac{(1.6 \times 10^{-2})}{(0.8 \times 10^{-2})}$$

$$= 2.31 \times 10^{-3}\ \text{s}^{-1}$$

Similarly, at 600 s,

$$k_2 = \frac{2.303}{600} \log \frac{(1.6 \times 10^{-2})}{(0.4 \times 10^{-2})}$$

$$= 2.31 \times 10^{-3}\ \text{s}^{-1}$$

Since k is constant, it follows first order reaction.

(*ii*) $$t_{½} = \frac{0.693}{k} = \frac{0.693}{2.3 \times 10^{-3}} = \mathbf{301.3\ s}$$

♦ **18.**

t(min)	c (M)	$k = \frac{2.303}{t} \log \frac{c_0}{c}$
0	0.60	–
30 s	0.30	$k = \frac{2.303}{30} \log \frac{0.60}{0.30} = 2.31 \times 10^{-2}\ \text{s}^{-1}$
60 s	0.15	$k = \frac{2.303}{30} \log \frac{0.60}{0.15} = 2.31 \times 10^{-2}\ \text{s}^{-1}$

Since $k[H_2O]$ is constant, it is pseudo first order reaction.

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Additional Useful Information and Objective Questions

ADDITIONAL USEFUL INFORMATION

▶ CARBON DATING TECHNIQUE TO FIND AGE OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL OBJECTS

The principle of carbon dating is based on the fact that all living matter contain a definite amount of radioactive isotope C-14 formed in the upper atmosphere by the bombardment of N-14 with cosmic rays.

$$^{14}_{7}N + {}^{1}_{0}n \longrightarrow {}^{14}_{6}C + {}^{1}_{1}H$$

A plant or any other living being during its life time maintains a reasonable balance of C–14 in its tissues. The death of the plant brings an end to its tendency to take up C-14. Apart from that, the C-14 contents of the plants slowly decrease because it decays as:

$$^{14}_{6}C \longrightarrow {}^{14}_{7}N + {}^{0}_{-1}e$$

The half life period of C–14 is 5770 years. This means that after 5770 years, half of the C-14 content remains and after 11540 years (5770 × 2) only 25% of the initial concentration of C–14 remains and so on. A comparison of β-activity of the dead matter with that of carbon still in circulation helps to measure the period of isolation of the material from the living cycle. Thus, by knowing the equilibrium concentration of C–14 in the living plant and the concentration of C–14 in the piece of dead material at a particular time, the age of the material can be determined. This method is illustrated by the following examples:

❑ **Example 1.** *A piece of wood from an archaeological source has a ^{14}C activity which is 60% of the activity found in fresh wood today. Calculate the age of the archaeological sample (the half life period of C–14 is 5770 years).*

Solution : Decay constant, $\lambda = \frac{0.693}{t_{1/2}} = \frac{0.693}{5770} = 1.2 \times 10^{-4}\ \text{year}^{-1}$

Since the activity is proportional to the number of C–14 atoms in the sample,

$N_0 = 100$, $N = 60$

Now, $$t = \frac{2.303}{\lambda} \log \frac{N_0}{N} = \frac{2.303}{1.2 \times 10^{-4}} \log \frac{100}{60} = \mathbf{4258\ years}$$

❑ **Example 2.** *A sample of carbon from a wooden article is found to give 7.6 C-14 counts per minute per gram of carbon. If the freshly cut wood gives a count of 15.8 counts per minute per gram, calculate how old is the wood piece? ($t_{1/2}$ of C-14 = 5770 years).*

Solution : Decay constant, $\lambda = \frac{0.693}{t_{1/2}} = \frac{0.693}{5770} = 1.2 \times 10^{-4}\ \text{year}^{-1}$

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$N_0 \propto$ counts observed for fresh wood = 15.8

$N \propto$ counts observed for wooden article = 7.6

$$\therefore \quad t = \frac{2.303}{\lambda}\log\frac{N_0}{N}$$

or
$$t = \frac{2.303}{1.2\times10^{-4}}\log\frac{15.8}{7.6}$$

$$t = \frac{2.303\times0.3178}{1.2\times10^{-4}} = \mathbf{6094\ years.}$$

❑ **Example 3.** *The β-activity of a sample of CO_2 prepared from a contemporary wood gave a count rate of 25.5 counts per minute (c.p.m). The same mass of CO_2 from an ancient wooden statue gave a count rate of 20.5 c.p.m. in the same counter conditions. Calculate its age to the nearest 50 years taking $t_{1/2}$ for ^{14}C as 5770 years. What would be the expected count rate of an identical mass of CO_2 from a sample which is 4000 years old?*

Solution :
$$\lambda = \frac{0.693}{t_{1/2}}; \quad t_{1/2} = 5770 \text{ years}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{0.693}{5770} = 1.2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ year}^{-1}$$

Since rate of counts is proportional to the number of ^{14}C atoms in the sample,

$$N_0 = 25.5, N = 20.5$$

$$\therefore \quad t = \frac{2.303}{\lambda}\log\frac{N_0}{N} = \frac{2.303}{1.2\times10^{-4}}\log\frac{25.5}{20.5}$$

$$= \frac{2.303}{1.2\times10^{-4}}\times0.0948 = \mathbf{1819\ years}$$

Now, t for another sample = 4000 years

$$t = \frac{2.303}{\lambda}\log\frac{N_0}{N}, N = ?$$

$$4000 = \frac{2.303}{1.2\times10^{-4}}\log\frac{25.5}{N}$$

$$\log\frac{25.5}{N} = \frac{4000\times1.2\times10^{-4}}{2.303} = 0.2084$$

$$\frac{25.5}{N} = \text{Antilog } 0.2084 = 1.616$$

$$N = \frac{25.5}{1.616} = \mathbf{15.78\ counts\ per\ min.}$$

▶ MECHANISM OF TYPICAL REACTIONS

1. Reaction involving two first order consecutive reactions. In such reactions, the reactants form a stable intermediate compound before they are finally converted into the products. For example, reactants (R) are first converted to intermediate (I) which is then converted to product (P) as :

$$R \xrightarrow{k_1} I \xrightarrow{k_2} P$$

Therefore, the reaction takes place in two steps, both of which are first order *i.e.,*

Step I $\quad R \xrightarrow{k_1} I$

Step II $\quad I \xrightarrow{k_2} P$

This means that I is produced by step I and consumed by step II. In these reactions, each stage will have its own rate and rate constant.

When we start with pure R, its concentration will decrease with time. The concentration of the intermediate I will first increase as it accumulates and reaches a maximum value. After attaining maximum value, it decreases and decays to zero concentration and is converted to the final product. The concentration of the product, P will always increase. These results are shown in Figure 19.

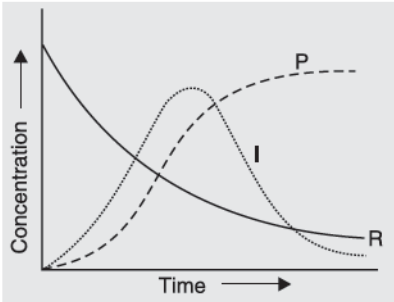


Fig. 19. Concentration profile of reactants (R), intermediate (I) and products (P) as a function of time.

2. Reactions involving slow step. When a reaction occurs by a sequence of steps and one of the steps is slow, then the rate determining step is the slow step. For example, in the reaction :

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$$R \xrightarrow{k_1} I$$

$$I \xrightarrow{k_2} P$$

If $k_1 << k_2$, then I is converted into products as soon as it is formed. We can say that

$$-\frac{d[R]}{dt} = \frac{d[P]}{dt} = k_1[R]$$

This has already been learnt in complex reactions.

3. Reversible reactions. For reversible reactions such as

$$H_2 + I_2 \underset{k_2}{\overset{k_1}{\rightleftharpoons}} 2HI$$

$$\text{Rate} = \frac{1}{2}\frac{d[HI]}{dt} = k_1[H_2]\,[I_2] - k_2[HI]^2$$

4. Parallel Reactions. In such reactions, the reactants are consumed by two or more reactions, which may have different orders of the reactions taking place simultaneously. For example, in a system containing NO_2 and SO_2, NO_2 is consumed in the following two reactions :

$$2NO_2 \xrightarrow{k_1} N_2O_4$$

$$NO_2 + SO_2 \xrightarrow{k_2} NO + SO_3$$

The rate of disappearance of NO_2 will be sum of the rates of the two reactions, *i.e.*,

$$-\frac{d[NO_2]}{dt} = 2k_1[NO_2]^2 + k_2\,[NO_2]\,[SO_2]$$

OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTIONS

Multiple Choice Questions *M. C. Q.*

A Topicwise MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS *with only one correct answer*

Rate of Reaction, Order and Molecularity

A1. Which of the following statement is not correct for the reaction

$$4A + B \longrightarrow 2C + 2D$$

(*a*) the rate of disappearance of B is one–fourth the rate of disappearance of A

(*b*) the rate of appearance of C is one–half the rate of disappearance of B.

(*c*) the rate of formation of D is one–half the rate of consumption of A.

(*d*) the rate of formation of C and D are equal.

A2. Nitrogen tetraoxide (N_2O_4) decomposes as

$$N_2O_4(g) \longrightarrow 2NO_2(g)$$

If the pressure of N_2O_4 fall from 0.50 atm to 0.32 atm is 30 minutes, the rate of appearance of $NO_2(g)$ is:

(*a*) 0.006 atm min^{-1} (*b*) 0.003 atm min^{-1}

(*c*) 0.012 atm min^{-1} (*d*) 0.024 atm min^{-1}

A3. If the concentrations are expressed in mol $litre^{-1}$ and time in s, then the units of the rate constant for the first order reaction are :

(*a*) mol $litre^{-1}$ s^{-1} (*b*) mol^{-1} litre s^{-1}

(*c*) s^{-1} (*d*) mol^2 $litre^{-2}$ s^{-1}

A4. The rate of a first order reaction is 1.8×10^{-3} mol L^{-1} min^{-1} when the initial concentration is 0.3 mol L^{-1}. The rate constant in the units of second is :

(*a*) 1×10^{-2} s^{-1} (*b*) 1×10^{-4} s^{-1}

(*c*) 6×10^{-2} s^{-1} (*d*) 6×10^{-2} s.

A5. The rate constant of a reaction is 1.2×10^{-5} mol^{-2} $litre^2$ s^{-1}. The order of the reaction is :

(*a*) zero (*b*) 1

(*c*) 2 (*d*) 3.

Answers

A1. (*b*) **A2.** (*c*) **A3.** (*c*) **A4.** (*b*) **A5.** (*d*)

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A6. For a reaction, $2NO(g) + O_2(g) \longrightarrow 2NO_2(g)$
Rate = $k[NO]^2[O_2]$. If the volume of the reaction vessel is doubled, the rate of the reaction :
(*a*) will diminish to 1/4 of initial value
(*b*) will diminish to 1/8 of initial value
(*c*) will grow 4 times
(*d*) will grow 8 times.

A7. For the reaction :
$2N_2O_5 \longrightarrow 4NO_2 + O_2$ rate and rate constant are 1.22×10^{-4} s^{-1} and 3.4×10^{-5} s^{-1} respectively, then the concentration of N_2O_5 at that time will be :
(*a*) 1.732 (*b*) 3.6
(*c*) 1.02×10^{-4} (*d*) 3.4×10^{5}.

A8. The reaction :
N_2O_5 (in CCl_4) $\longrightarrow 2NO_2 + \frac{1}{2}O_2$ (*g*) is first order in N_2O_5 with rate constant 6.2×10^{-4} s^{-1}. What is the value of rate of reaction when $[N_2O_5] = 1.25$ mol L^{-1} ?
(*a*) 7.75×10^{-4} mol L^{-1} s^{-1}
(*b*) 6.35×10^{-3} mol L^{-1} s^{-1}
(*c*) 5.15×10^{-5} mol L^{-1} s^{-1}
(*d*) 3.85×10^{-4} mol L^{-1} s^{-1}

Integrated Rate of Equation and Half-life Period

A9. The half life period for a first order reaction is 69.3 s. Its rate constant is :
(*a*) 10^{-2} s^{-1} (*b*) 10^{-4} s^{-1}
(*c*) 10 s^{-1} (*d*) 10^{2} s^{-1}.

A10. Half life period of any first order reaction is
(*a*) directly proportional to the initial concentration of the reactant
(*b*) half of the rate constant
(*c*) same for all reactions
(*d*) independent of initial concentration of reactants.

A11. For the reaction; A $\longrightarrow$ C, it is found that the rate of the reaction quadruples when the concentration of A is doubled. The rate for the reaction is.
Rate = $[A]^n$ where the value of n is :
(*a*) 1 (*b*) 2
(*c*) zero (*d*) 3.

A12. For a chemical reaction A + B $\longrightarrow$ C, the following data were found :

Initial conc. of A (mol litre^{-1})	Initial Conc. of B (mol litre^{-1})	Rate (mol litre^{-1} sec^{-1})
2.0	3.0	0.10
6.0	3.0	0.90
6.0	6.0	0.90

The correct rate expression from these data is :
(*a*) $r = k[A]^2[B]^2$ (*b*) $r = k[A]\,[B]$
(*c*) $r = k[A]^2$ (*d*) $r = k[A]\,[B]^2$.

A13. The rate for the first order reaction is 0.69×10^{-2} mol L^{-1} min^{-1} and the initial concentration is 0.2 mol L^{-1}. The half life period is :
(*a*) 1205 s (*b*) 330 s
(*c*) 600 s (*d*) 1 s.

A14. For the first order reaction, the half life period is (if k is rate constant and a is initial concentration),
(*a*) $\frac{ln\,2}{k}$ (*b*) $\frac{1}{ka}$
(*c*) $\frac{ln\,k}{2}$ (*d*) $\frac{\log k}{2}$

A15. The following rate data were obtained at 303 K for the following reaction :
$2A + B \longrightarrow C + D$

Experiment	[A]	[B]	Initial rate of formation of D
I	0.1	0.1	6.0×10^{-3}
II	0.3	0.2	7.2×10^{-2}
III	0.3	0.4	2.88×10^{-1}
IV	0.4	0.1	2.4×10^{-2}

The order of the reaction is :
(*a*) 2 (*b*) 3
(*c*) 1 (*d*) 4.

A16. For reaction A $\rightarrow$ B, the rate of reaction increases by a factor of 1.857 when the concentration of A is increased by 1.5 times. The order of reaction with respect to A is
(*a*) 1 (*b*) 1.5
(*c*) 2 (*d*) 2.5.

A17. For the first order reaction, time required for 99% completion is :
(*a*) half the time required for completion of 90% of reaction
(*b*) thrice the time required for 90% completion of reaction
(*c*) twice the time required for 90% completion of reaction
(*d*) none of these.

A18. For zero order reaction, the integrated rate equation is :
(*a*) $kt = \frac{[A]}{[A]_0}$ (*b*) $kt = [A] - [A]_0$
(*c*) $[A] = -kt + [A]_0$ (*d*) $[A] = kt - [A]_0$.

A19. For a first order reaction involving decomposition of N_2O_5, the following information is available :
$2N_2O_5(g) \longrightarrow 4NO_2(g) + O_2(g)$ Rate = $k\,[N_2O_5]$
$N_2O_5(g) \longrightarrow 2NO_2(g) + \frac{1}{2}O_2(g)$ Rate = $k'\,[N_2O_5]$.
Which of the following expressions is true ?
(*a*) $k = k'$ (*b*) $k' = 2k$
(*c*) $k' = 1/2k$ (*d*) $k > k'$.

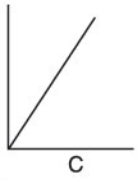
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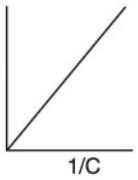
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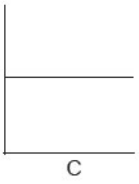
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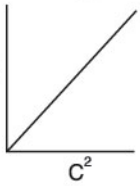
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A20. Which of the following graphs correspond to first order reaction ?

(*a*) 

(*b*) 

(*c*) 

(*d*) 

A21. Which of the following relation is correct for zero order reaction ?

(*a*) $t_{3/4} = 2t_{1/2}$ (*b*) $t_{3/4} = 1.5\ t_{1/2}$

(*c*) $t_{3/4} = \frac{1}{2}t_{1/2}$ (*d*) $t_{3/4} = \frac{1}{3}t_{1/2}$.

A22. The half life period for a zero order reaction is equal to :

(*a*) $2k/[A]_0$ (*b*) $\frac{[A]_0}{2k}$

(*c*) $\frac{0.693}{k}$ (*d*) $\frac{0.693}{k[A]_0}$

A23. For a second order reaction rate at a particular time is *x*. If the initial concentration is tripled, the rate will become:

(*a*) $3x$ (*b*) $9x^2$

(*c*) $9x$ (*d*) $27x$.

A24. For a zero order reaction, linear plot was obtained for [A] *vs* *t*. The slope of the line is equal to :

(*a*) k_0 (*b*) $-k_0$

(*c*) $\frac{0.693}{k_0}$ (*d*) $-\frac{k_0}{2.303}$.

A25. For a reaction having rate law expression :
Rate = $k[A]^{3/2}\ [B]^{-1/2}$
If the concentration of both A and B become four times, the rate of reaction

(*a*) becomes four times
(*b*) becomes 16 times
(*c*) decreases four times
(*d*) remains same.

A26. For a chemical reaction, A $\longrightarrow$ B, it is observed that the rate of reaction doubles when the concentration of A is increased four times. The order of reaction in A is :

(*a*) Two (*b*) One
(*c*) Half (*d*) Zero

A27. The conversion of A $\longrightarrow$ B follows second order kinetics. Doubling the concentration of A will increase the rate of formation of B by a factor of

(*a*) $\frac{1}{4}$ (*b*) 2

(*c*) $\frac{1}{2}$ (*d*) 4

A28. A reaction is 50% complete in 2 hours and 75% complete in 4 hours. The order of reaction is

(*a*) 0 (*b*) 1
(*c*) 2 (*d*) 3

A29. The reaction : A $\longrightarrow$ B follows first order kinetics. The time taken for 0.8 mol of A to produce 0.6 mol of B is 1 hour. What is the time taken for conversion of 0.9 mol of A to produce 0.675 mol of B ?

(*a*) 1 hour (*b*) 0.5 hour
(*c*) 0.25 hour (*d*) 2 hour

A30. The time taken for 90% of a first order reaction to complete is approximately

(*a*) 1.1 times that of half life
(*b*) 2.2 times that of half life
(*c*) 3.3 times that of half life
(*d*) 4.4 times that of half life

A31. The rate law for a reaction between the substances A and B is given by

$$\text{Rate} = k[A]^n\ [B]^m$$

On doubling the concentration of A and halving the concentration of B, the ratio of the new rate to the earlier rate of reaction will be

(*a*) $m + n$ (*b*) $n - m$

(*c*) $2^{(n-m)}$ (*d*) $\frac{1}{2^{m+n}}$.

A32. In a first order reaction, the concentration of the reactant decreases from 800 mol/dm^3 to 50 mol/dm^3 in 2×10^4 sec. The rate constant of the reaction in sec^{-1} is

(*a*) 2×10^4 (*b*) 3.45×10^{-5}
(*c*) 1.386×10^{-4} (*d*) 2×10^{-4}.

A33. The rate of a first order reaction is 1.5×10^{-2} mol L^{-1} min^{-1} at 0.5 M concentration of the reactant. The half life of the reaction is :

(*a*) 23.1 min (*b*) 8.73 min
(*c*) 7.53 min (*d*) 0.383 min.

A34. The rate equation for the reaction :
2A + B $\longrightarrow$ C is found to be rate = k[A] [B]. The correct statement in relation to this reaction is that the

(*a*) units of k must be s^{-1}
(*b*) $t_{1/2}$ is constant
(*c*) rate of formation of C is twice the rate of disappearance of A
(*d*) value of k is independent of the initial concentration of A and B.

Answers

A20. (*a*) **A21.** (*b*) **A22.** (*b*) **A23.** (*c*) **A24.** (*b*) **A25.** (*a*) **A26.** (*c*) **A27.** (*d*) **A28.** (*b*) **A29.** (*a*)
A30. (*c*) **A31.** (*c*) **A32.** (*c*) **A33.** (*a*) **A34.** (*d*)

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Effect of Temperature on Rate of Reaction

A35. On increasing temperature of the reacting system by 10 degrees the rate of reaction almost doubles. The most appropriate reason for this is :

(*a*) Collision frequency increases

(*b*) Activation energy decreases by increase in temperature

(*c*) The fraction of molecules having energy equal to threshold energy or more increases

(*d*) The value of threshold energy decreases.

A36. If k_1 and k_2 are rate constants at temperatures T_1 and T_2 respectively, then according to Arrhenius equation,

(*a*) $\log \frac{k_2}{k_1} = \frac{2.303\,R}{E_a}\left(\frac{1}{T_1} - \frac{1}{T_2}\right)$

(*b*) $\log \frac{k_2}{k_1} = \frac{E_a}{2.303\,R}\left(\frac{1}{T_1} - \frac{1}{T_2}\right)$

(*c*) $\log \frac{k_1}{k_2} = \frac{E_a}{2.303\,R}\left(\frac{1}{T_1} - \frac{1}{T_2}\right)$

(*d*) $\log \frac{k_1}{k_2} = \frac{E_a}{2.303}\left(\frac{1}{T_1} - \frac{1}{T_2}\right)$

A37. In the reversible reaction, $2NO_2 \underset{k_2}{\overset{k_1}{\rightleftharpoons}} N_2O_4$, the rate of

disappearance of NO_2 is equal to :

(*a*) $\frac{2k_1}{k_2}[NO_2]^2$ (*b*) $2k_1\,[NO_2] - 2k_2[N_2O_4]$

(*c*) $2k_1[NO_2]^2 - 2k_2[N_2O_4]$ (*d*) $(2k_1 - k_2)\,[NO_2]$.

A38. When $ln\ k$ is plotted against 1/T, the slope was found to be -10.7×10^3 K, activation energy for the reaction would be :

(*a*) –78.9 kJ mol^{-1} (*b*) 2.26 kJ mol^{-1}

(*c*) 88.9 kJ mol^{-1} (*d*) 10.7 kJ mol^{-1}.

A39. A reactant (A) forms two products :

$A \xrightarrow{k_1} B$, Activation energy, E_{a_1}

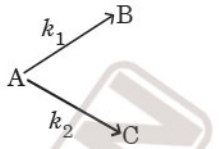
$A \xrightarrow{k_2} C$, Activation energy, E_{a_2}

If $E_{a_2} = 2E_{a_1}$, then k_1 and k_2 are related as

(*a*) $k_2 = k_1 e^{E_{a_1}/RT}$ (*b*) $k_2 = k_1 e^{E_{a_2}/RT}$

(*c*) $k_1 = Ak_2 e^{E_{a_1}/RT}$ (*d*) $k_1 = 2k_2 e^{E_{a_2}/RT}$

A40. A substance undergoes first order decomposition. The decomposition follows two parallel first order reactions as :



$k_1 = 1.26 \times 10^{-4}$ s^{-1}

$k_2 = 3.8 \times 10^{-5}$ s^{-1}

The percentage distribution of B and C are

(*a*) 75% B and 25% C (*b*) 80% B and 20% C

(*c*) 60% B and 40% C (*d*) 76.83% B and 23.17% C

A41. Milk turns sour at 40°C three times faster than it does at 0°C. This shows that the activation energy of souring of milk in (kJ mol^{-1}) is (R = 8.3 JK^{-1} mol^{-1})

(*a*) $\frac{2.303\times8.3\times273\times313}{40}\log 3$

(*b*) $\frac{2.303\times8.3\times273\times313}{40}\log\frac{1}{3}$

(*c*) $\frac{2.303\times8.3\times40}{273\times313}\log 3$

(*d*) $\frac{2.303\times273\times313}{40}\log 3$

A42. The activation energy of a reaction is 56.2 kJ/mol. The ratio of rate constants at 300 K and 305 K is (R = 8 J mol^{-1} K^{-1}) about:

(*a*) 1.25 (*b*) 1.47

(*c*) 1.10 (*d*) 1.60

A43. An exothermic reaction A → B has an activation energy of 17 kJ per mole of A. The heat of reaction is 40 kJ. The activation energy for the reverse reaction B → A is:

(*a*) 23 kJ (*b*) 97 kJ

(*c*) 57 kJ (*d*) 17 kJ

A44. Which of the following statement is true?

(*a*) The reaction is fast if the activation energy is low.

(*b*) The activation energy of forward reaction can never be greater than that of the backward reaction.

(*c*) A catalyst increases the rate of a reaction by decreasing the rate of backward reaction.

(*d*) Reaction rates increase with temperature because the activation energy decreases at high temperature.

Answers

A35. (*c*) **A36.** (*b*) **A37.** (*c*) **A38.** (*c*) **A39.** (*c*) **A40.** (*d*) **A41.** (*a*) **A42.** (*b*) **A43.** (*c*) **A44.** (*a*)

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B MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS *from Competitive Examinations*

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B1. If 60% of a first order reaction was completed in 60 minutes, 50% of the same reaction would be completed in approximately :

(*a*) 45 minutes (*b*) 60 minutes

(*c*) 40 minutes (*d*) 50 minutes

(log 4 = 0.60, log 5 = 0.69) *(C.B.S.E. P.M.T. 2007)*

B2. The bromination of acetone that occurs in acid solution is represented by the equation

$CH_3COCH_3(aq) + Br_2(aq) \longrightarrow CH_3COCH_2Br(aq) + H^+(aq) + Br^-(aq)$

These kinetic data were obtained for given reaction concentrations.

Initial concentrations, M

$[CH_3COCH_3]$	$[Br_2]$	$[H^+]$	Initial Rate, disappearance of Br_2, Ms^{-1}
0.30	0.05	0.05	5.7×10^{-5}
0.30	0.10	0.05	5.7×10^{-5}
0.30	0.10	0.10	1.2×10^{-4}
0.40	0.05	0.20	3.1×10^{-4}

Based on these data, the rate of reaction is :

(*a*) rate = $k[CH_3COCH_3]\ [Br_2]$

(*b*) rate = $k[CH_3COCH_3]\ [Br_2]\ [H^+]^2$

(*c*) rate = $k[CH_3\ COCH_3]\ [Br_2]\ [H^+]$

(*d*) rate = $k[CH_3\ COCH_3]\ [H^+]$ *(C.B.S.E. P.M.T. 2008)*

B3. The rate constants k_1 and k_2 for two different reactions are $10^{16}.e^{-2000/T}$ and $10^{15}.e^{-1000/T}$, respectively. The temperature at which $k_1 = k_2$ is

(*a*) $\frac{2000}{2.303}$K (*b*) 2000K

(*c*) $\frac{1000}{2.303}$K (*d*) 1000K *(C.B.S.E. P.M.T. 2008)*

B4. For the reaction A + B → product, it is observed that

(*i*) on doubling the concentration of A only, the rate of reaction is also doubled.

(*ii*) on doubling the initial concentration of both A and B, there is change by a factor of 8 in the rate of reaction. The rate of reaction is given by

(*a*) Rate = $k[A]\ [B]^2$ (*b*) Rate = $k[A]^2\ [B]^2$

(*c*) Rate = $k[A]\ [B]$ (*d*) Rate = $k[A]^2\ [B]$

(C.B.S.E. Med. 2009)

B5. Half life period of a first order reaction is 1386 seconds. The specific rate constant of the reaction is

(*a*) $0.5 \times 10^{-2}\ s^{-1}$ (*b*) $0.5 \times 10^{-3}\ s^{-1}$

(*c*) $5.0 \times 10^{-2}\ s^{-1}$ (*d*) $5.0 \times 10^{-3}\ s^{-1}$

(C.B.S.E. Med. 2009)

B6. For the reaction, $N_2 + 3H_2 \longrightarrow 2NH_3$, if $\frac{d[NH_3]}{dt} = 2 \times 10^{-4}$ mol/L/s, the value of $-\frac{d[H_2]}{dt}$ would be

(*a*) 4×10^{-4} mol/L/s (*b*) 6×10^{-4} mol/L/s

(*c*) 1×10^{-4} mol/L/s (*d*) 3×10^{-4} mol/L/s

(C.B.S.E. Med. 2009)

B7. In the reaction

$BrO_3^-(aq) + 5Br^- + 6H^+ \longrightarrow 3Br_2 + 3H_2O$

the rate of appearance of bromine is related to the rate of disappearance of bromide ions as

(*a*) $\frac{d[Br_2]}{dt} = -\frac{5}{3}\frac{d[Br^-]}{dt}$ (*b*) $\frac{d[Br_2]}{dt} = \frac{5}{3}\frac{d[Br^-]}{dt}$

(*c*) $\frac{d[Br_2]}{dt} = \frac{3}{5}\frac{d[Br^-]}{dt}$ (*d*) $\frac{d[Br_2]}{dt} = -\frac{3}{5}\frac{d[Br^-]}{dt}$

(C.B.S.E. Med. 2009)

B8. During the kinetic study of the reaction.

2A + B ⟶ C + D, following results were obtained :

Based on the above data which one of the following is correct?

Run	[A]/mol L^{-1}	[B]/mol L^{-1}	Initial rate of formation of D/mol L^{-1} min^{-1}
I	0.1	0.1	6.01×10^{-3}
II	0.3	0.2	7.2×10^{-2}
III	0.3	0.4	2.88×10^{-1}
IV	0.4	0.1	2.40×10^{-2}

Based on the above data which one of the following is correct?

(*a*) rate = $k[A]^2\ [B]^2$ (*b*) rate = $k[A]\ [B]^2$

(*c*) rate = $k[A]^2\ [B]$ (*d*) rate = $k[A]\ [B]$.

(C.B.S.E. P.M.T. 2010)

B9. For the reaction $N_2O_5(g) \longrightarrow 2NO_2(g) + \frac{1}{2}O_2(g)$ the value of rate of disappearance of N_2O_5 is given as 6.25×10^{-3} mol L^{-1} s^{-1}. The rate of formation of NO_2 and O_2 is given respectively as :

(*a*) 6.25×10^{-3} mol L^{-1} s^{-1} and 3.125×10^{-3} mol L^{-1} s^{-1}

(*b*) 6.25×10^{-3} mol L^{-1} s^{-1} and 6.25×10^{-3} mol L^{-1} s^{-1}

(*c*) 6.25×10^{-3} mol L^{-1} s^{-1} and 6.25×10^{-3} mol L^{-1} s^{-1}

(*d*) 1.25×10^{-2} mol L^{-1} s^{-1} and 3.125×10^{-3} mol L^{-1} s^{-1}

(C.B.S.E. P.M.T. 2010)

Answers

B1. (*a*) **B2.** (*d*) **B3.** (*c*) **B4.** (*a*) **B5.** (*b*) **B6.** (*d*) **B7.** (*d*) **B8.** (*b*) **B9.** (*d*)

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B10. In a reaction, A + B → Product, rate is doubled when the concentration of B is doubled, and rate increases by a factor of 8 when the concentration of both the reactants (A and B) are doubled. Rate law for the reaction can be written as

(*a*) rate = $k[A][B]^2$ (*b*) rate = $k[A]^2[B]^2$

(*c*) rate = $k[A][B]$ (*d*) rate = $k[A]^2[B]$

(A.I.P.M.T. 2012)

B11. In a zero-order reaction for every 10° rise of temperature, the rate is doubled. If the temperature is increased from 10°C to 100°C, the rate of the reaction will become

(*a*) 256 times (*b*) 512 times

(*c*) 64 times (*d*) 128 times

(A.I.P.M.T. 2012)

B12. What is the activation energy for a reaction if its rate doubles when the temperature is raised from 20°C to 35°C ? (R = 8.314 J mol^{-1} K^{-1})

(*a*) 34.7 kJ mol^{-1} (*b*) 15.1 kJ mol^{-1}

(*c*) 342 kJ mol^{-1} (*d*) 269 kJ mol^{-1}

(NEET 2013)

B13. The rate constant of the reaction A ⟶ B is 0.6×10^{-3} mole per second. If the concentration of A is 5 M, then concentration of B after 20 minutes is:

(*a*) 0.36 M (*b*) 0.72 M

(c) 1.08 M (d) 3.60 M *(AIPMT 2015)*

B14. The activation energy of a reaction can be determined from the slope of which of the following graphs?

(*a*) $\ln k$ vs. $\frac{1}{T}$ (*b*) $\frac{T}{\ln k}$ vs. $\frac{1}{T}$

(*c*) $\ln k$ vs. T (*d*) $\frac{\ln k}{T}$ vs. T *(AIPMT 2015)*

B15. When initial concentration of a reactant is doubled in a reaction, its half-life period is not affected. The order of the reaction is

(*a*) second

(*b*) more than zero but less than first

(*c*) zero

(*d*) first *(AIPMT 2015)*

B16. The addition of a catalyst during a chemical reaction alters which of the following quantities?

(*a*) Enthalpy (*b*) Activation energy

(*c*) Entropy (*d*) Internal energy

(NEET 2016)

B17. The rate of first-order reaction is 0.04 mol L^{-1} s^{-1} at 10 seconds and 0.03 mol L^{-1} s^{-1} at 20 seconds after initiation of the reaction. The half-life period of the reaction is?

(*a*) 44.1 s (*b*) 54.1 s

(*c*) 24.1 s (*d*) 34.1 s

(NEET 2016)

B18. The decomposition of phosphine (PH_3) on tungsten at low pressure is a first order reaction. It is because the

(*a*) rate is proportional to the surface coverage

(*b*) rate is inversely proportional to the surface coverage

(*c*) rate is independent of the surface coverage

(*d*) rate of decomposition is very slow

(NEET 2016)

B19. Mechanism of a hypothetical reaction $X_2 + Y_2 \rightarrow 2XY$, is given below:

(*i*) $X_2 \rightarrow X + X$ (fast) (*ii*) $X + Y_2 \rightarrow XY + Y$ (slow)

(*iii*) $X + Y \rightarrow XY$ (fast)

The overall order of the reaction will be

(*a*) 2 (*b*) 0

(*c*) 1.5 (*d*) 1 *(NEET 2017)*

B20. A first order reation has a specific reaction rate of 10^{-2} sec^{-1}. How much time will it take for 20 g of the reactant to reduce to 5 g?

(*a*) 138.6 sec (*b*) 346.5 sec

(*c*) 693.0 sec (*d*) 238.6 sec *(NEET 2017)*

B21. The correct difference between first and second order reaction is that

(*a*) the rate of a first-order reaction does not depend on reactant concentrations; the rate of a second-order reaction does depend on reactant concentrations

(*b*) the half-life of a first-order reaction does not depend on $[A]_0$; the half-life of a second-order reaction does depend on $[A]_0$

(*c*) a first-order reaction can be catalysed; a second-order reaction cannot be catalysed

(*d*) the rate of a first-order reaction does depend on reactant concentration; the rate of a second-order reaction does not depend on reactant concentrations.

(NEET 2018)

B22. When initial concentration of the reactant is doubled, the half-life period of a zero order reaction

(*a*) is halved (*b*) is doubled

(*c*) is tripled (*d*) remains unchanged.

(NEET 2018)

B23. If the initial concentration of the reactant is doubled, the time for half reaction is also doubled. Then order of the reaction is

(*a*) zero (*b*) fraction

(*c*) three (*d*) one

(*e*) two *(Kerala P.M.T. 2007)*

B24. For a reaction taking place in three steps, the rate constants are k_1, k_2 and k_3. The overall rate constant $k = \frac{k_1 k_2}{k_3}$. If the energy of activation values for the first, second and third stages are respectively 40, 50 and 60 kJ mol^{-1}, then the overall energy of activation in kJ mol^{-1} is

(*a*) 30 (*b*) 40

(*c*) 60 (*d*) 50

(*e*) 150 *(Kerala P.M.T. 2008)*

Answers

B10. (*d*)	**B11.** (*b*)	**B12.** (*a*)	**B13.** (*b*)	**B14.** (*a*)	**B15.** (*d*)	**B16.** (*b*)	**B17.** (*c*)	**B18.** (*a*)	**B19.** (*c*)
B20. (*a*)	**B21.** (*b*)	**B22.** (*b*)	**B23.** (*a*)	**B24.** (*a*)					

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B25. For a zero order reaction, the plot of concentration of reactant vs time is (intercept refers to concentration axis)
(a) linear with +ve slope and zero intercept
(b) linear with –ve slope and zero intercept
(c) linear with –ve slope and non-zero intercept
(d) linear with +ve slope and non-zero intercept
(e) a curve asymptotic to concentration axis
(Kerala P.M.T. 2008)

B26. Consider the decomposition of N_2O_5 as

$$N_2O_5 \longrightarrow 2NO_2 + \frac{1}{2}O_2$$

The rate of reaction is given by

$$-\frac{d[N_2O_5]}{dt} = \frac{1}{2}\frac{d[NO_2]}{dt} = 2\frac{d[O_2]}{dt} = k_1[N_2O_5]$$

Therefore, $$-\frac{d[N_2O_5]}{dt} = k_1[N_2O_5]$$

$$+\frac{d[NO_2]}{dt} = 2k_1[N_2O_5] = k_1'[N_2O_5]$$

$$+\frac{d[O_2]}{dt} = \frac{1}{2}k_1[N_2O_5] = k_1'[N_2O_5]$$

Choose the correct option :
(a) $k_1 = k_1' = k_1''$ (b) $k_1 = 2k_1' = k_1''$
(c) $2k_1 = k_1' = 4k_1''$ (b) $4k_1 = 2k_1' = k_1''$
(A.M.U. Med 2010, 2011)

B27. Consider the following statements :
(i) increase in concentration of reactant increases the rate of a zero order reaction
(ii) rate constant k is equal to collision frequency A if $E_a = 0$.
(iii) rate constant k is equal to collision frequency A if $E_a = \infty$.
(iv) ln k vs T is a straight line.
(v) ln k vs 1/T is a straight line.
Correct statements are
(a) *(i)* and *(iv)* (b) *(ii)* and *(v)*
(c) *(iii)* and *(iv)* (d) *(ii)* and *(iii)*
(e) *(i)* and *(v)* *(Kerala PMT 2010)*

B28. The initial rates of reaction
3A + 2B + C ⟶ Products, at different initial concentrations are given below

Initial rate, Ms^{-1}	$[A]_0$, M	$[B]_0$, M	$[C]_0$, M
5.0×10^{-3}	0.010	0.005	0.010
5.0×10^{-3}	0.010	0.005	0.015
1.0×10^{-2}	0.010	0.010	0.010
1.25×10^{-3}	0.005	0.005	0.010

The order with respect to the reactants, A, B and C are respectively
(a) 3, 2, 0 (b) 3, 2, 1
(c) 2, 2, 0 (d) 2, 2, 1
(e) 2, 1, 0 *(Kerala PMT 2011)*

B29. For a reaction A + B ⟶ C + 2D, experimental results were collected for three trials and the data obtained are given below :

Trial	[A], M	[B], M	Initial Rate, Ms^{-1}
1	0.40	0.20	5.5×10^{-4}
2	0.80	0.20	5.5×10^{-4}
3	0.40	0.40	2.2×10^{-3}

The correct rate law of the reaction is
(a) rate = $k[A]^0[B]^2$ (b) rate = $k[A][B]^2$
(c) rate = $k[A][B]$ (d) rate = $k[A][B]^0$
(e) rate = $k[A]^0[B]$ *(Kerala P.M.T. 2012)*

B30. In a first order reaction, the concentration of the reactant is reduced to 1/8 of the initial concentration in 75 minutes at 298 K. What is the half-life period of the reaction in minutes ?
(a) 50 (b) 15
(c) 45 (d) 25
(e) 30 *(Kerala P.M.T. 2012)*

B31. In the Arrhenius plot of ln k vs $\frac{1}{T}$, a linear plot is obtained with a slope of -2×10^4 K. The energy of a activation of the reaction (in kJ mol^{-1}) is
(R value is 8.3 JK^{-1} mol^{-1})
(a) 83 (b) 166
(c) 249 (d) 332
(e) 830 *(Kerala P.M.T. 2012)*

B32. The decomposition of ammonia on tungsten surface at 500 K follows zero order kinetics. The half-life period of this reaction is 45 minutes when the initial pressure is 4 bar. The half life period (minutes) of the reaction when the initial pressure is 16 bar at the same temperature is
(a) 120 (b) 60
(c) 240 (d) 180
(e) 300 *(Kerala P.M.T. 2012)*

B33. The rate constant of a first order reaction is doubled when the temperature is increased from 20°C to 25°C. How many times the rate constant will increase if the temperature is raised from 20°C to 40°C ?
(a) 4 (b) 8
(c) 16 (d) 32
(e) 64 *(Kerala P.M.T. 2012)*

B34. The rate of a reaction is given by rate, $r = k[H^+]^n$
If the rate becomes 100 times when the pH changes from 2 to 1, the order of the reaction is
(a) 0 (b) 1
(c) 2 (d) 3 *(A.M.U.Med. 2013)*

Answers

B25. (c) **B26.** (c) **B27.** (b) **B28.** (e) **B29.** (a) **B30.** (d) **B31.** (b) **B32.** (d) **B33.** (c) **B34.** (c)

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B35. In a first order reaction, 80% of the reactant at an instant was reduced to 8% in 4606 seconds. The rate constant of the reaction is

(*a*) $2.303 \times 10^{-4}\ s^{-1}$ (*b*) $4.606 \times 10^{-3}\ s^{-1}$

(*c*) $5.000 \times 10^{-3}\ s^{-1}$ (*d*) $5.000 \times 10^{-4}\ s^{-1}$

(*e*) $4.606 \times 10^{-4}\ s^{-1}$ *(Kerala PMT 2015)*

B36. The decomposition of N_2O_5 in CCl_4 at 318 K is studied by monitoring the concentration of N_2O_5 in the solution. Initially the concentration of N_2O_5 is 2.4 mol L^{-1} and after 200 minutes, it is reduced to 2.00 mol L^{-1}. What is the rate of production of NO_2 during this period in mol L^{-1} min^{-1} ?

(*a*) 4×10^{-3} (*b*) 2×10^{-3}

(*c*) 1×10^{-3} (*d*) 2×10^{-4}

(*e*) 5×10^{-3} *(Kerala PMT 2015)*

B37. In a first order reaction, the concentration of the reactant decreases from 0.6 M to 0.3 M in 30 minutes. The time taken for the concentration to change from 0.1 M to 0.025 M is

(*a*) 60 min (*b*) 30 min

(*c*) 15 min (*d*) 50 min

(*e*) 90 min *(Kerala PMT 2015)*

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B38. The half life period of a first order chemical reaction is 6.93 minutes. The time required for the completion of 99% of the chemical reaction will be (log 2 = 0.301)

(*a*) 230.3 minutes (*b*) 23.03 minutes

(c) 46.06 mintues (d) 460.6 minutes

(A.I.E.E.E. 2009)

B39. The time for half life period of a certain reaction $A \longrightarrow$ Products is 1 hour. When the initial concentration of the reactant 'A' is 2.0 mol L^{-1}, how much time does it take for its concentration to come from 0.50 to 0.25 mol L^{-1} if it is a zero order reaction?

(*a*) 0.25 h (*b*) 1 h (*c*) 4 h (*d*) 0.5 h.

(A.I.E.E.E. 2010)

B40. The rate of a chemical reaction doubles for every 10°C rise of temperature. If the temperature is raised by 50°C, the rate of the reaction increases by about

(*a*) 10 times (*b*) 24 times

(*c*) 32 times (*d*) 64 times

(A.I.E.E.E. 2011

B41. For a first order reaction, (A) → Products, the concentration of A changes from 0.1 M to 0.025 M in 40 minutes The rate of reaction when the concentration of A is 0.01 M is

(*a*) 3.47×10^{-4} M/min (*b*) 3.47×10^{-5} M/min

(*c*) 1.73×10^{-4} M/min (*d*) 1.73×10^{-5} M/min

(A.I.E.E.E. 2012)

B42. The rate of a reaction doubles when its temperature changes from 300 K to 310 K. Activation energy of such a reaction will be

(R = 8.314 JK^{-1} mol^{-1} and log 2 = 0.301)

(*a*) 60.5 kJ mol–1 (*b*) 53.6 kJ mol–1

(*c*) 48.6 kJ mol–1 (*d*) 58.5 kJ mol–1

(JEE Main 2013)

B43. For the non-stoichiometric reaction:
$2A + B \longrightarrow C + D$, the following kinetic data were obtained in three separate experiments, all at 298 K.

Initial concentration [A]	Initial concentration [B]	Initial rate of formation of C (mol $L^{-1}s^{-1}$)
0.1 M	0.1 M	1.2×10^{-3}
0.1 M	0.2 M	1.2×10^{-3}
0.2 M	0.1 M	2.4×10^{-3}

The rate law for the formation of C is

(*a*) $\frac{dC}{dt} = k[A]$ (*b*) $\frac{dC}{dt} = k[A][B]$

(*c*) $\frac{dC}{dt} = k[A]^2[B]$ (*d*) $\frac{dC}{dt} = k[A][B]^2$

(JEE Main 2014)

B44. Higher order (> 3) reactions are rare due to

(*a*) shifting of equilibrium towards reactants due to elastic collisions

(*b*) loss of active species on collision

(*c*) low probability of simultaneous collision of all the reacting species

(*d*) increase in entropy and activation energy as more molecules are involved. *(JEE Main 2015)*

B45. Decomposition of H_2O_2 follows a first order reaction. In fifty minutes, the concentration of H_2O_2 decreases from 0.5 to 0.125 M in one such decomposition. When the concentration of H_2O_2 reaches 0.05 M, the rate of formation of O_2 will be

(*a*) 6.93×10^{-2} mol min^{-1}

(*b*) 6.93×10^{-4} mol L^{-1} min^{-1}

(*c*) 2.66 L min^{-1} at STP

(*d*) 1.34×10^{-2} mol min^{-1} *(JEE Main 2016)*

B46. Two reactions R_1 and R_2 have identical pre-exponential factors. Activation energy of R_1 exceeds that of R_2 by 10 kJ mol^{-1}. If k_1 and k_2 are rate constants for reactions R_1 and R_2 respectively at 300 K, then $\ln(k_2/k_1)$ is equal to : (R = 8.314 J $mol^{-1}K^{-1}$)

(*a*) 8 (*b*) 12

(*c*) 6 (*d*) 4 *(JEE Main 2017)*

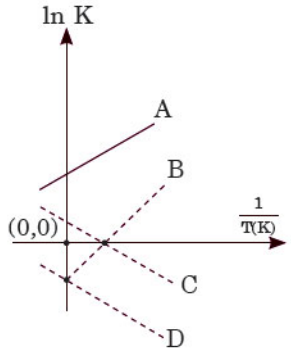
Answers

B35. (*d*) **B36.** (*a*) **B37.** (*a*) **B38.** (*c*) **B39.** (*a*) **B40.** (*c*) **B41.** (*a*) **B42.** (*b*) **B43.** (*a*) **B44.** (*c*) **B45.** (*b*) **B46.** (*d*)

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B47. Which of the following lines correctly show the temperature dependence of equilibrium constant, K, for an exothermic reaction?



(a) A and B (b) B and C
(c) C and D (d) A and D *(JEE Main 2018)*

B48. At 518°C, the rate of decomposition of a sample of gaseous acetaldehyde, initially at a pressure of 363 torr, was 1.00 torr s^{-1} when 5% had reacted and 0.5 torr s^{-1} when 33% had reacted. The order of the reaction is:

(a) 2 (b) 3
(c) 1 (d) 0 *(JEE Main 2018)*

B49. At 500 K, the half life period of a gaseous reaction at an initial pressure of 80 *k*Pa is 350 sec. When the pressure is 40 *k*Pa, the half life period is 175 sec. The order of the reaction is

(a) zero (b) one
(c) two (d) three
(e) half *(Kerala C.E.T. 2007)*

B50. For the two gaseous reactions, following data are given:

$A \longrightarrow B$; $k_1 = 10^{10}\, e^{-20000/T}$

$C \longrightarrow D$; $k_2 = 10^{12}\, e^{-24606/T}$

The temperature at which k_1 becomes equal to k_2 is

(a) 400 K (b) 1000 K
(c) 800 K (d) 1500 K
(c) 500 K *(Kerala P.E.T. 2008)*

B51. The activation energies of two reactions are E_1 and E_2 ($E_1 > E_2$). If the temperature of the system is increased from T_1 to T_2, the rate constant of the reaction changes from k_1 to k_1' in the first reaction and k_2 to k_2' in second reaction, predict which of the following expression is correct?

(a) $\frac{k_1'}{k_1} = \frac{k_2'}{k_2}$ (b) $\frac{k_1'}{k_1} > \frac{k_2'}{k_2}$

(c) $\frac{k_1'}{k_1} < \frac{k_2'}{k_2}$ (d) $\frac{k_1'}{k_1} = \frac{k_2'}{k_2} = 0$

(Kerala C.E.T. 2009)

B52. The activation energy for a reaction at the temperature T K was found to be 2.303 RT J mol^{-1}. The ratio of the rate constant to Arrhenius factor is

(a) 10^{-1} (b) 10^{-2}
(c) 2×10^{-3} (d) 2×10^{-2}

(Karnataka CET 2010)

B53. Half lives of a first order and a zero order reactions are same. Then the ratio of the initial rates of first order reaction to that of the zero order reaction is

(a) $\frac{1}{0.693}$ (b) 2×0.693
(c) 0.693 (d) $\frac{2}{0.693}$
(e) 6.93 *(Kerala PET 2010)*

B54. If the activation energy for the forward reaction is 150 kJ mol^{-1} and that of the reverse reaction is 260 kJ mol^{-1}, what is the enthalpy change for the reaction?

(a) 410 kJ mol^{-1} (b) –110 kJ mol^{-1}
(c) 110 kJ mol^{-1} (d) –410 kJ mol^{-1}
(e) 90 kJ mol^{-1} *(Kerala PET 2010)*

B55. A first order reaction is 50% complete in 69.3 minutes. Time required for 90% completion for this reaction is

(a) 100 minutes (b) 230 minutes
(c) 2303 minutes (d) 125 minutes

(Odisha JEE 2010)

B56. The following data were obtained during the first order decomposition of $2A(g) \longrightarrow B(g) + C(s)$ at a constant volume and at a particular temperature.

S.No.	Time	Total pressure in Pascal
1	At the end of 10 min	300
2	After completion	200

The rate constant in min^{-1} is

(a) 0.0693 (b) 69.3
(c) 6.93 (d) 6.93×10^{-4}

(Karnataka CET 2011)

B57. The rate of the reaction A → Products, at the initial concentration of 3.24×10^{-2} M is nine times its rate at another initial concentration of 1.2×10^{-3} M. The order of the reaction is

(a) $\frac{1}{2}$ (b) $\frac{3}{4}$
(c) $\frac{3}{2}$ (d) $\frac{2}{3}$
(e) $\frac{1}{3}$ *(Kerala PET 2011)*

Answers

B47. (a) **B48.** (a) **B49.** (a) **B50.** (b) **B51.** (b) **B52.** (a) **B53.** (b) **B54.** (b) **B55.** (b) **B56.** (a) **B57.** (d)

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B58. A given sample of milk turns sour at room temperature (27°C) in 5 hours. In a refrigerator at –3°C, it can be stored 10 times longer.
The energy of activation for the souring of milk is
(*a*) 2.303 × 10R kJ. mol^{-1} (*b*) 2.303 × 5 R kJ. mol^{-1}
(*c*) 2.303 × 3 R kJ. mol^{-1} (*d*) 2.303 × 2.7 R kJ. mol^{-1}
(Karnataka C.E.T. 2012)

B59. At 300 K, a gaseous reaction : A → B + C was found to follow first order kinetics. Starting with pressure A, the total pressure at the end of 20 minutes was 100 mm of Hg. The total pressure after the completion of the reaction is 180 mm of Hg. The partial pressure of A (in mm of Hg) is
(*a*) 100 (*b*) 90
(*c*) 180 (*d*) 80
(Karnataka C.E.T. 2012)

B60. The half-life for decay of 14C by β-emission is 5730 years. The fraction of 14C decays, in a sample that is 22,920 years old, would be
(*a*) 1/8 (*b*) 1/16
(*c*) 7/8 (*d*) 15/16
(W.B.JEE Engg. 2013)

B61. For a chemical reaction at 27°C, the activation energy is 600 R. The ratio of the rate constants at 327°C to that of at 27°C will be
(*a*) 2 (*b*) 40
(*c*) e (*d*) e^2
(W.B.JEE Engg. 2013)

B62. If 50% of the reactant is converted into a product in a first order reaction in 25 minutes, how much of it would react in 100 minutes ?
(*a*) 93.75% (*b*) 87.5%
(*c*) 75% (*d*) 100%
(Karnataka CET 2013)

B63. The reaction A + B → Products is first order with respect to A and second order with respect to B. When 1.0 mol each of A and B were taken in one litre flask, the initial rate of the reaction is 1.0×10^{-2} mol L^{-1} s^{-1}. The rate of the reaction when 50% of the reactants have been converted into products is
(*a*) 1.00×10^{-3} mol L^{-1} s^{-1} (*b*) 0.05×10^{-2} mol L^{-1} s^{-1}
(*c*) 1.25×10^{-3} mol L^{-1} s^{-1} (*d*) 4.00×10^{-2} mol L^{-1} s^{-1}
(*e*) 2.00×10^{-3} mol L^{-1} s^{-1} *(Kerala P.E.T. 2013)*

B64. A piece of wood from an archaeological sample has 5.0 counts min^{-1} per gram of C-14, while a fresh sample of wood has a count of 15.0 min^{-1} $gram^{-1}$. If half-life of C-14 is 5770 years, the age of the archaeological sample is
(*a*) 8,500 years (*b*) 9,200 years
(*c*) 10,000 years (*d*) 11,000 years
(W.B. JEE 2014)

B65. Ammonium ion (NH_4^+) reacts with nitrite ion (NO_2^-) in aqueous solution according to the equation:

$$NH_4^+{}_{(aq)} + NO_2^-{}_{(aq)} \longrightarrow N_{2(g)} + 2H_2O_{(l)}$$

The following initial rates of reaction have been measured for the given reactant concentrations.

Expt. No.	$[NH_4^+]$, (M)	$[NO_2^-]$, (M)	Rate (M/hr)
1	0.010	0.020	0.020
2	0.015	0.020	0.030
3	0.010	0.010	0.005

Which of the following is the rate law for this reaction?
(*a*) rate = $k\,[NH_4^+]\,[NO_2^-]^4$ (*b*) rate = $k\,[NH_4^+]\,[NO_2]$
(*c*) rate = $k\,[NH_4^+]\,[NO_2]^2$ (*d*) rate = $k\,[NH_4^+]^2\,[NO_2]$
(*e*) rate = $k\,[NH_4^+]^{1/2}\,[NO_2]^{1/4}$ *(Kerala PET 2014)*

B66. For the reaction A + 2B ⟶ C, the reaction rate is doubled if the concentration of A is doubled. The rate is increased by four times when concentrations of both A and B are increased by four times. The order of the reaction is
(*a*) 3 (*b*) 0
(*c*) 1 (*d*) 2 *(W.B. JEE 2015)*

B67. The relationship between rate constant and half life period of zero order reaction is given by
(*a*) $t_{\frac{1}{2}} = [A]_0\,2k$ (*b*) $t_{\frac{1}{2}} = \dfrac{0.693}{k}$
(*c*) $t_{\frac{1}{2}} = \dfrac{[A]_0}{2k}$ (*d*) $t_{\frac{1}{2}} = \dfrac{2[A]_0}{k}$
(MH-CET 2015)

B68. For the reaction $O_{3(g)} + O_{(g)} \longrightarrow 2O_{2(g)}$, if the rate law expression is, rate = $k[O_3]\,[O]$, the molecularity and order of the reaction are respectively
(*a*) 2 and 2 (*b*) 2 and 1.33
(*c*) 2 and 1 (*d*) 1 and 2 *(MH-CET 2015)*

B69. In the reversible reaction:
$2NO_2 \underset{k_2}{\overset{k_1}{\rightleftharpoons}} N_2O_4$, the rate of disappearance of NO_2 is equal to
(*a*) $\dfrac{2k_1}{k_2}[NO_2]^2$ (*b*) $2k_1[NO_2] - 2k_2[N_2O_4]$
(*c*) $2k_1[NO_2]^2 - 2k_2[N_2O_4]$
(*d*) $(2k_1 - k_2)\,[NO_2]$ *(A.M.U. Engg 2015)*

B70. The reaction takes place in two steps as:
(*i*) $NO_2Cl(g) \xrightarrow{k_1} NO_2(g) + Cl(g)$
(*ii*) $NO_2Cl(g) + Cl(g) \xrightarrow{k_2} NO_2(g) + Cl_2(g)$
Identify the reaction intermediate
(*a*) $NO_2Cl(g)$ (*b*) $NO_2(g)$
(*c*) $Cl_2(g)$ (*d*) $Cl(g)$ *(MH-CET 2016)*

Answers

B58. (*d*) **B59.** (*d*) **B60.** (*d*) **B61.** (*c*) **B62.** (*a*) **B63.** (*c*) **B64.** (*b*) **B65.** (*c*) **B66.** (*c*) **B67.** (*c*)
B68. (*a*) **B69.** (*c*) **B70.** (*d*)

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B71. The rate constant of the reaction, $2N_2O_5 \rightarrow 4NO_2 + O_2$ at 300 K is 3×10^{-5} s^{-1}. If the rate of the reaction at the same temperature is 2.4×10^{-5} mol dm^{-3} s^{-1}, then the molar concentration of N_2O_5 is
(*a*) 0.4 M (*b*) 0.8 M
(*c*) 0.04 M (*d*) 0.08 M
(*e*) 0.6 M (*Kerala PET 2016*)

B72. In the reaction A → Products, when the concentration of A was reduced from 2.4×10^{-2} M to 1.2×10^{-2} M, the rate decreased 8 times at the same temperature. The order of the reaction is
(*a*) 0 (*b*) 1
(*c*) 2 (*d*) 3
(*e*) 0.5 (*Kerala PET 2016*)

B73. The activation energy of a chemical reaction can be determined by
(*a*) evaluating rate constants at two different temperatures
(*b*) changing the concentration of reactants
(*c*) evaluating the concentration of reactants at two different temperatures
(*d*) evaluating rate constant at standard temperature
(*Karnataka C.E.T. 2016*)

B74. The half-life period of a first order reaction is 60 minutes. What percentage will be left over after 240 minutes?
(*a*) 6.25% (*b*) 4.25%
(*c*) 5% (*d*) 6%(*Karnataka C.E.T. 2016*)

B75. Which of the following statement is incorrect?
(*a*) Molecularity is only applicable for elementary reaction.
(*b*) The rate law for any reaction cannot be determined experimentally.
(*c*) Biomolecular reactions involve simultaneous collision between two species.
(*d*) Complex reactions have fractional order.
(*Karnataka CET 2017*)

B76. Which of the following is not true about a catalyst?
(*a*) Mechanism of the reaction in presence and absence of catalyst could be different.
(*b*) Enthalpy of the reaction does not change with catalysts.
(*c*) Catalyst enhances both forward and backward reaction at equal rate.
(*d*) Catalyst participates in the reaction, but not consumed in the process.
(*e*) Use of catalyst cannot change the order of the reaction. (*Kerala PET 2017*)

B77. What will be the correct unit of rate constant *k* for a reaction whose order is three?
(*a*) $mole^{-1}$ litre sec^{-1} (*b*) $mole^{2}$ litre sec^{-1}
(*c*) sec^{-1} (*d*) $mole^{-2}$ $litre^{2}$ sec^{-1}
(*J. K. CET 2018*)

B78. The following equation is the Arrhenius equation, $k = Ae^{-Ea/RT}$, where E_a is the minimum energy molecules must possess in order to react to form a product, *k* is the rate constant, A is the frequency factor, R is the gas constant and T is the Kelvin temperature. Under normal circumstances, the Arrhenius plot is obtained by plotting
(*a*) logarithm of the inverse of rate constant 1/*k*, versus the inverse temperature 1/T
(*b*) logarithm of the rate constant *k*, versus the temperature T
(*c*) logarithm of the rate constant *k*, versus the inverse temperature 1/T
(*d*) logarithm of the inverse of rate constant 1/*k*, versus the temperature T
(*J. K. CET 2018*)

B79. The half-life of C^{14} is 5760 year. For a 200 mg sample of C^{14}, the time taken to change to 25 mg is
(*a*) 11520 years (*b*) 23040 years
(*c*) 5760 years (*d*) 17280 years
(*WB. JEE 2018*)

B80. The temperature coefficient of a reaction is 2. When the temperature is increased from 30°C to 90°C, the rate of reaction is increased by
(*a*) 150 times (*b*) 410 times
(*c*) 72 times (*d*) 64 times
(*Karnataka CET 2018*)

B81. The value of rate constant of pseudo first order reaction
(*a*) depends only on temperature
(*b*) depends on the concentration of reactants present in small amounts
(*c*) depends on the concentration of reactants present in excess
(*d*) is independent of the concentration of reactants.
(*Karnataka CET 2018*)

B82. For the reaction, $2SO_2 + O_2 \rightleftharpoons 2SO_3$, the rate of disappearance of O_2 is 2×10^{-4} mol L^{-1} s^{-1}. The rate of appearance of SO_3 is
(*a*) 2×10^{-4} mol L^{-1} s^{-1}
(*b*) 4×10^{-4} mol L^{-1} s^{-1}
(*c*) 1×10^{-1} mol L^{-1} s^{-1}
(*d*) 6×10^{-4} mol L^{-1} s^{-1} (*Karnataka CET 2018*)

Answers

B71. (*b*) **B72.** (*d*) **B73.** (*a*) **B74.** (*a*) **B75.** (*b*) **B76.** (*e*) **B77.** (*d*) **B78.** (*c*) **B79.** (*d*) **B80.** (*d*)
B81. (*a*) **B82.** (*b*)

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B83. The data given below are for the reaction of A and D_2 to form product at 295 K. Find the correct rate expression for this reaction.

D_2/mol L^{-1}	A/mol L^{-1}	Initial rate/mol L^{-1} s^{-1}
0.05	0.05	1×10^{-3}
0.15	0.05	3×10^{-3}
0.05	0.15	9×10^{-3}

(*a*) $k[D_2]^1\,[A]^2$ (*b*) $k[D_2]^2\,[A]^1$
(*c*) $k[D_2]^1\,[A]^1$ (*d*) $k[D_2]^2\,[A]^2$
(*e*) $k[D_2]^1\,[A]^0$ (*Kerala PET 2018*)

B84. Find the unit of the rate constant of a reaction represented with a rate equation, rate = $k[A]^{1/2}\,[B]^{3/2}$
(*a*) $mol^{-1}\,L\,s^{-1}$ (*b*) s^{-1}
(*c*) $mol\,L^{-1}\,s^{-1}$ (*d*) $mol^{-2}\,L^2\,s^{-1}$
(*e*) $mol^{-3}\,L^3\,s^{-1}$ (*Kerala PET 2018*)

B85. Under what condition the order of reaction,

$$2HI(g) \xrightarrow{\Delta,\ catalyst} H_2(g) + I_2(g)$$ is zero?

(*a*) At high temperature
(*b*) At high partial pressure of HI
(*c*) At low partial pressure of HI
(*d*) At high partial pressure of I_2
(*e*) At high partial pressure of H_2 (*Kerala PET 2018*)

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B86. The reaction :

$$X \longrightarrow Product$$

follows first order kinetics. In 40 minutes the concentration of X changes from 0.1 to 0.025 M. Then the rate of reaction when concentration of X is 0.01 M is
(*a*) 1.73×10^{-4} M min^{-1} (*b*) 3.47×10^{-5} M min^{-1}
(*c*) 3.47×10^{-4} M min^{-1} (*d*) 1.73×10^{-5} M min^{-1}.
(*I.I.T. 2004*)

B87. Consider a reaction, $aG + bH \longrightarrow$ Products.
When concentration of both the reactants G and H is doubled, the rate increases by eight times. However, when the concentration of G is doubled keeping the concentration of H fixed, the rate is doubled. The overall order of the reaction is :
(*a*) 0 (*b*) 1
(*c*) 2 (*d*) 3 (*I.I.T. 2007*)

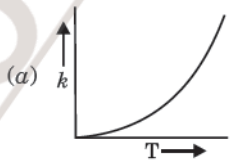
B88. Under the same conditions, initial concentration of 1.386 mol dm^{-3} of a substance becomes half in 40 seconds and 20 seconds through first order and zero order kinetics respectively. Ratio $\left(\frac{k_1}{k_0}\right)$ of the rate constants for first order (k_1) and zero order (k_0) of the reaction is
(*a*) 0.5 $mol^{-1}\,dm^3$ (*b*) 1.0 $mol^{-1}\,dm^{-3}$
(*c*) 1.5 mol dm^{-3} (*d*) 2.0 $mol^{-1}\,dm^{-3}$ (*I.I.T. 2008*)

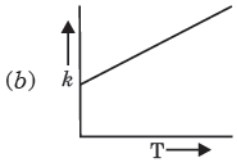
B89. For a first order reaction, A $\longrightarrow$ P, the temperature dependent rate constant (k) was found to follow the equation :

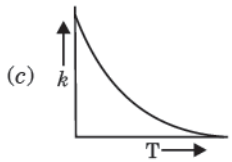
$$\log k = -(2000)/T + 6.0$$

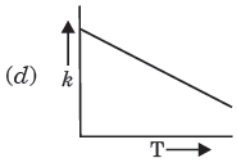
The pre-exponential factor A and the activation energy E_a, respectively are :
(*a*) $1.0 \times 10^6\ s^{-1}$ and 9.2 kJ mol^{-1}
(*b*) $6.0\ s^{-1}$ and 16.6 kJ mol^{-1}
(*c*) $1.0 \times 10^6\ s^{-1}$ and 16.6 kJ mol^{-1}
(*d*) $1.0 \times 10^6\ s^{-1}$ and 38.3 kJ mol^{-1} (*I.I.T. 2009*)

B90. Plots showing the variation of the rate constant (k) with temperature (T) are given below. The plot that follow Arrhenius equation is

(*a*) 

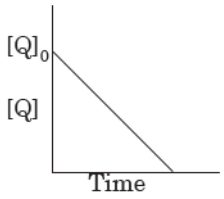
(*b*) 

(*c*) 

(*d*) 

(*I.I.T. 2010*)

B91. In the reaction, P + Q $\longrightarrow$ R + S, the time taken for 75% reaction of P is twice the time taken for 50% reaction of P. The concentration of Q varies with reaction time as shown in the figure. The overall order of the reaction is



(*a*) 2 (*b*) 3
(*c*) 0 (*d*) 1 (*JEE Advance 2013*)

B92. The initial rate of hydrolysis of methyl acetate (1M) by a weak acid (HA, 1M) is 1/100th of that of a strong acid (HX, 1M), at 25°C. The K_a of HA is
(*a*) 1×10^{-4} (*b*) 1×10^{-5}
(*c*) 1×10^{-6} (*d*) 1×10^{-3}
(*JEE Advance 2013*)

B93. For the elementary reaction M $\longrightarrow$ N, the rate of disappearance of M increases by a factor of 8 upon doubling the concentration of M. The order of the reaction with respect to M is
(*a*) 4 (*b*) 3
(*c*) 2 (*d*) 1 (*JEE Advance 2014*)

Answers

B83. (*a*) **B84.** (*a*) **B85.** (*b*) **B86.** (*c*) **B87.** (*d*) **B88.** (*a*) **B89.** (*d*) **B90.** (*a*) **B91.** (*d*) **B92.** (*a*) **B93.** (*b*)

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C MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS
with more than one correct answers

C1. Consider the rate law expression for a reaction :

rate = $k[NO_2^-]\ [I^-]\ [H^+]^2$

Which of the following is/are not correct ?

(*a*) When concentration of both NO_2^- and I^- are doubled rate becomes 4 times.

(*b*) When concentration of H^+ is tripled, rate becomes nine times.

(*c*) When concentration of each of H^+, NO_2^- and I^- are tripled, rate becomes nine times.

(*d*) When concentration of NO_2^- is doubled, of I^- is halved and of H^+ is doubled rate becomes 16 times.

C2. For a first order reaction :

(*a*) The degree of dissociation is equal to $1 - e^{-kt}$

(*b*) A plot of reciprocal of concentration of reactant *vs* time gives a straight line.

(*c*) The time taken the completion of 75% of reaction is thrice the $t_{1/2}$ of the reaction.

(*d*) The pre-exponential factor in the Arrhenius equation has the dimensions of time^{-1}.

C3. In acidic medium, the rate of reaction between BrO_3^- and Br^- is given by the expression :

$$-\frac{d[BrO_3]}{dt} = k\,[BrO_3^-]\,[Br^-]\,[H^+]^2$$

which of the following statements are correct ?

(*a*) Rate of reaction is independent of the concentration of acid added.

(*b*) Rate of reaction is affected by change in pH of the solution.

(*c*) Doubling the concentration of H^+ ions increases the reaction rate by 4 times.

(*d*) This is an example of pseudo second order reaction.

C4. The rate law for the reaction :

$RCl + NaOH \longrightarrow ROH + NaCl$

is given as : rate = $k[RCl]$.

The rate of this reaction :

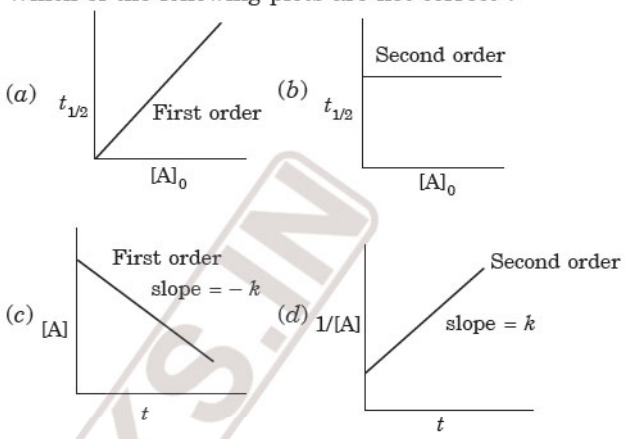
(*a*) is doubled by doubling the concentration of NaOH.

(*b*) is halved by reducing the concentration of RCl by one half.

(*c*) is increased by increasing the temperature of the reaction.

(*d*) is unaffected by change in temperature.

C5. Which of the following plots are not correct ?



C6. For the first order reaction

$2N_2O_5(g) \longrightarrow 4NO_2(g) + O_2(g)$

(*a*) the concentration of the reactant decreases exponentially with time.

(*b*) the half-life of the reaction decreases with increasing temperature.

(*c*) the half-life of the reaction depends on the initial concentration of the reactant.

(*d*) the reaction proceeds to 99.6% completion in eight half-life duration. *(I.I.T. 2011)*

C7. According to the Arrhenius equation,

(*a*) a high activation energy usually implies a fast reaction.

(*b*) rate constant increases with increase in temperature. This is due to a greater number of collisions whose energy exceeds the activation energy.

(*c*) higher the magnitude of activation energy, stronger is the temperature dependence of the rate constant.

(*d*) the pre-exponential factor is a measure of the rate at which collisions occur, irrespective of their energy. *(JEE Advance 2016)*

C8. Which of the following statements is in accordance with the Arrhenius equation?

(*a*) Rate of a reaction increases with increase in temperature.

(*b*) Rate of reaction does not change with increase in activation energy.

(*c*) Rate constant decreases exponentially with increase in temperature.

(*d*) Rate of a reaction increases with decrease in activation energy. *(Karnataka CET 2017)*

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Answers

C1. (*a, b*) **C2.** (*a, d*) **C3.** (*b, c*) **C4.** (*b, c*) **C5.** (*a, b*) **C6.** (*a, b, d*) **C7.** (*b, c, d*) **C8.** (*a, d*)

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C9. In a biomolecular reaction, the steric factor P was experimentally determined to be 4.5. The correct option(s) among the following is(are)

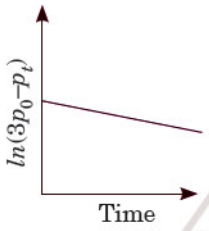
(*a*) experimentally determined value of frequency factor is higher than that predicted by Arrhenius equation

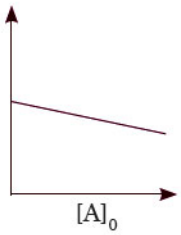
(*b*) the value of frequency factor predicted by Arrhenius equation is higher than that determined experimentally

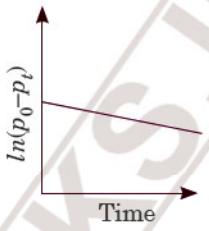
(*c*) the activation energy of the reaction is unaffected by the value of steric factor

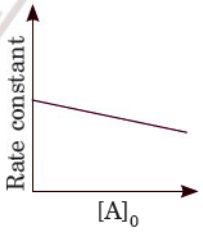
(*d*) since P = 4.5, the reaction will not proceed unless an effective catalyst is used. *(JEE Advance 2017)*

C10. For a first order reaction $A(g) \longrightarrow 2B(g) + C(g)$ at constant volume and 300 K, the total pressure at the beginning ($t = 0$) and at time t are P_0 and P_t, respectively. Initially, only A is present with concentration $[A]_0$, and $t_{1/3}$ is the time required for the partial pressure of A to reach 1/3rd of its initial value. The correct option(s) is (are) (assume that all these gases behave as ideal gases):

(*a*) 

(*b*) 

(*c*) 

(*d*) 

(JEE Advance 2018)

Answers

C9. (*a, c*) **C10.** (*a, d*)

D MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

based on the given passage/comprehension

Passage I.

The integrated rate equations can be fitted with kinetic data to determine the order of a reaction. The integrated rate equations for zero, first and second order reactions are :

Zero order : $[A] = -kt + [A]_0$

First order : $\log [A] = -\frac{kt}{2.303} + \log [A]_0$

Second order : $\frac{1}{[A]} = kt + \frac{1}{[A]_0}$

These equations can also be used to calculate the half life periods of different reactions, which give the time during which the concentration of a reactant is reduced to half of its initial concentration, *i.e.*, at time $t_{1/2}$; $[A] = [A]_0/2$

Answer the following questions :

D1. The decomposition of nitrogen pentoxide :

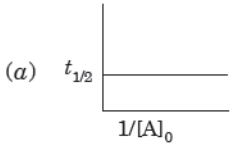
$$2N_2O_5(g) \longrightarrow 4NO_2(g) + O_2(g)$$

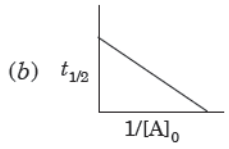
is a first order reaction. The plot of log $[N_2O_5]$ vs time (min) has slope = – 0.01389. The rate constant k is

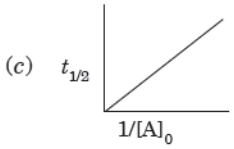
(*a*) 1.389×10^{-2} min^{-1} (*b*) 3.2×10^{-2} min^{-1}

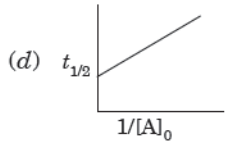
(*c*) 6.03×10^{-3} min^{-1} (*d*) 71.99 min^{-1}

D2. For a second order reaction, the correct plot of $t_{1/2}$ vs. $1/[A]_0$ is

(*a*) 

(*b*) 

(*c*) 

(*d*) 

D3. For a second order reaction, rate at a particular time is x. If the initial concentration is tripled, the rate will become

(*a*) $9x^2$ (*b*) $27x$

(*c*) $9x$ (*d*) $3x$

D4. The rate for the first order reaction is 0.0069 mol L^{-1} min^{-1} and the initial concentration is 0.2 mol L^{-1}. The half life period is

(*a*) 636 s (*b*) 0.635 s

(*c*) 690 s (*d*) 1205 s

D5. The plot of [A] versus t for zero order reaction gives slope

(*a*) $-\frac{k}{2.303}$ (*b*) $\frac{k}{2.303}$

(*c*) $2.303\,k$ (*d*) $-k$

Answers

Passage I. **D1.** (*b*) **D2.** (*c*) **D3.** (*c*) **D4.** (*d*) **D5.** (*d*)

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Passage II.

According to collision theory of chemical reactions, rate of a reaction depends upon collision frequency and fraction of effective collisions. The rate of a reaction generally increases with rise in temperature mainly because of increase in number of effective collisions. Arrhenius proposed a quantitative relation between rate constant and temperature as

$$k = Ae^{-E_a/RT}$$

where E_a is activation energy. It is equal to the difference between threshold energy and average kinetic energy of reacting molecules.

Answer the following questions :

D6. Which of the following plot will be linear ?
(*a*) *ln k* versus T with –ve slope
(*b*) *ln k* versus 1/T with –ve slope
(*c*) *ln k* versus 1/T with +ve slope
(*d*) *k* versus 1/T with –ve slope.

D7. For a first order reaction, the plot of log K versus 1/T gives straight line. The slope of the line has been found to be a -8.95×10^{-3} K. The activation energy for the reaction is
(*a*) 74.4 *k*J mol^{-1} (*b*) – 171.4 *k*J mol^{-1}
(*c*) 171.4 *k*J mol^{-1} (*d*) 20.61 *k*J mol^{-1}

D8. The pre-expotential factor in Arrhenius equation of a second order reaction has the units
(*a*) mol L^{-1} s^{-1} (*b*) s^{-1}
(*c*) L mol^{-1} s^{-1} (*d*) dimensionless

D9. At 27°C in the presence of a catalyst, the activation energy of a reaction is lowered by 10 *k*J mol^{-1}. The ratio of log *k* (catalyst)/*k* (uncatalysed) is
(*a*) 1.741 (*b*) 191.47
(*c*) 0.034 (*d*) 0.0145

D10. The rate of a chemical reaction becomes double for every 10°C rise in temperature. If this generalisation holds for a reaction in the temperature range 290 K to 300 K, what would be the approximate value of E_a for the reaction ?
(*a*) 50 *k*J mol^{-1} (*b*) 25 *k*J mol^{-1}
(*c*) 60 *k*J mol^{-1} (*d*) 40 *k*J mol^{-1}

D11. If activation energy for a reaction is zero and *k* is 1.72×10^5 s^{-1} at 300 K, the rate constant at 310 will be
(*a*) $\frac{310 \times 1.72 \times 10^5}{300}$ (*b*) $\frac{1.72 \times 10^5 \times 300}{310}$
(*c*) 1.72×10^5 (*d*) $\frac{1.72 \times 10^5 \times 10}{300 \times 310}$

D12. If *x* is the fraction of molecules having energy greater than activation energy. E_a then
(*a*) $x = -\frac{E_a}{RT}$ (*b*) $x = e^{E_a/RT}$
(*c*) $\log x = -\frac{E_a}{2.303\,RT}$ (*d*) $x = 10^{-E_a/RT}$

Answers

Passage II. **D6.** (*b*) **D7.** (*c*) **D8.** (*c*) **D9.** (*a*) **D10.** (*a*) **D11.** (*c*) **D12.** (*c*)

Assertion Reason Type Questions

The questions given below consist of an Assertion and Reason. Use the following key to choose the appropriate answer.
(*a*) If both assertion and reason are CORRECT and reason is the CORRECT explanation of the assertion.
(*b*) If both assertion and reason are CORRECT but, reason is NOT THE CORRECT explanation of the assertion.
(*c*) If assertion is CORRECT but, reason is INCORRECT.
(*d*) If assertion is INCORRECT but, reason is CORRECT.
(*e*) If both assertion and reason are INCORRECT.

1. Assertion : Rate of reaction increases with increase in temperature.
Reason : Number of collisions increases with increase in temperature.

2. Assertion : Reactions of higher order are rare.
Reason : The chances of simultaneous multimolecular collisions are extremely small.

3. Assertion : The half life period for a first order reaction is independent of initial concentration of reactants.
Reason : For first order reaction, $t_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{k}$

4. Assertion : For the first order reaction the units of rate constant are time^{-1}.
Reason : The rate of first order reaction remains constant throughout.

5. Assertion : For a second order reaction, graph of [A] vs. *t* is a straight line.
Reason : For second order reaction, $[A] = kt + \frac{1}{[A]_0}$

6. Assertion : For complex reactions molecularity and order are not same.
Reason : Order of a reaction may be zero.

7. Assertion : A catalyst increases the rate of a reaction.
Reason : A catalyst forms an activated complex of lower potential energy.

Answers

1. (*b*) **2.** (*a*) **3.** (*a*) **4.** (*c*) **5.** (*e*)

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8. Assertion : The molecularity of the reaction $H_2 + Br_2 \longrightarrow 2HBr$ is 2.

Reason : Order of the reaction is 3/2.

(A.I.I.M.S. 2004)

9. Assertion : For the reaction : RCl + NaOH (*aq*) $\longrightarrow$ ROH + NaCl, the rate of reaction is reduced to half when the concentration of RCl is reduced to half.

Reason : The rate of reactions is represented by k[RCl] *i.e.,* it is a first order reaction.

10. Assertion : Photochemical reactions always occur in the presence of light.

Reason : Photochemical reactions even with, ΔG = +ve occur.

Answers

6. (*b*) **7.** (*e*) **8.** (*b*) **9.** (*c*) **10.** (*b*)

Matrix Match Type Questions

Each question contains statements given in two columns, which have to be matched. Statements in Column I are labelled as A, B, C and D whereas statements in Column II are labelled as *p*, *q*, *r* and *s*. Match the entries of Column I with appropriate entries of Column II. Each entry in Column I may have one or more than one correct option from Column II. The answers to these questions have to be appropriately bubbled as illustrated in the following example.

	p	q	r	s
A	p	q	r	s
B	p	q	r	s
C	p	q	r	s
D	p	q	r	s

If the correct matches are A-*q*, A-*r*, B-*p*, B-*s*, C-*r*, C-*s* and D-*q*, then the correctly bubbled matrix will look like the following:

1. Match the units in Column I with the type of reaction in Column II

Column I	Column II
(A) s^{-1}	(*p*) First order reaction
(B) $L^2\ mol^{-2}\ s^{-1}$	(*q*) Second order reaction
(C) $L\ mol^{-1}\ s^{-1}$	(*r*) Third order reaction
(D) $mol\ L^{-1}\ s^{-1}$	(*s*) Zero order reaction

2. Match th e type of reaction in Column I with the property given in Column II.

Column I	Column II
(A) Zero order reaction $A \longrightarrow$ Products	(*p*) Plot of log [A] vs *t* is a linear plot.
(B) First order reaction $A \longrightarrow$ Products	(*q*) Units of *k* are $L\ mol^{-1}s^{-1}$
(C) Second order reaction $A + B \longrightarrow$ Products	(*r*) Doubling conc. of A, rate becomes twice.
(D) Second order reaction $2A \longrightarrow$ Products	(*s*) $t_{1/2} = \frac{[A]_0}{2k}$

Answers

(1) : (A) – (*s*) (B) – (*p*), (*s*) (C) – (*q*), (*s*) (D) – (*r*)

(2) : (A) – (*r*), (*s*) (B) – (*r*) (C) – (*q*) (D) – (*p*)

Integer Type or Numerical Value Type Questions

Integer Type: The answer to each of the following question is a **single-digit**-integer ranging from 0 to 9.

1. The concentration of R in the reaction R $\longrightarrow$ P was measured as a function of time and the following data is obtained :

[R] (molar)	1.0	0.75	0.40	0.10
t (min)	0.0	0.05	0.12	0.18

The order of the reaction is .....

(I.I.T. 2010)

2. For a reaction : $2A \longrightarrow A_2$ the rate of reaction becomes 27 times when the concentration of A changes from x to $3x$. The order of reaction is .....

3. The rate of a reaction is expressed as : 3.65×10^{-3} $atm^{-1}\ s^{-1}$. The order of reaction

4. The rate of a reaction of Br^- ions with BrO_3^- ions in the acidic medium is

rate = $k[Br^-][BrO_3^-][H^+]^2$

The order of reaction is .....

5. The order of the following reaction is

$C_{12}H_{22}O_{11} + H_2O \longrightarrow C_6H_{12}O_6 + C_6H_{12}O_6$

Answers

1. 0 **2.** 3 **3.** 2 **4.** 4 **5.** 1

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6. An organic compound undergoes first-order decomposition. The time taken for decomposition to 1/8 and 1/10 of its initial concentration are $t_{1/8}$ and $t_{1/10}$ respectively. What is the value of

$\frac{[t_{1/8}]}{[t_{1/10}]} \times 10$? (take $\log_{10} 2 = 0.3$) .....

(I.I.T.J.E.E. 2012)

7. In dilute aqueous H_2SO_4, the complex diaquodioxalato ferrate (II) is oxidized by MnO_4^-. For this reaction, the ratio of the rate of change of $[H^+]$ to the rate of change of $[MnO_4^-]$ is .....

(JEE Advance 2015)

Numerical Value Type. Give the correct numerical value (in decimal notation truncated/rounded off to the second decimal place).

8. Consider the following reversible reaction,

$A_{(g)} + B_{(g)} \rightleftharpoons AB_{(g)}$

The activation energy of the backward reaction exceeds, that of the forward reaction by 2RT (in J mol^{-1}). If the pre-exponential factor of the forward reaction is 4 times that of the reverse reaction, the absolute value of ΔG° (in J mol^{-1}) for the reaction at 300 K is .....

(Given : $ln\ (2) = 0.7$, RT = 2500 J mol^{-1} at 300 K and G is the Gibbs energy) *(JEE Advance 2018)*

Answers

6. 9 **7.** 8 **8.** 8500

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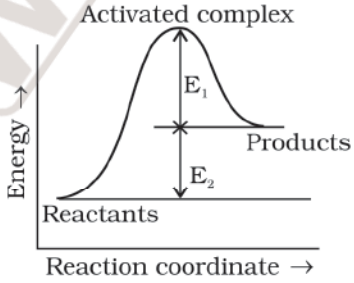
Multiple Choice Questions (Type-I)

1. The role of a catalyst is to change _____.
(*a*) gibbs energy of reaction.
(*b*) enthalpy of reaction.
(*c*) activation energy of reaction.
(*d*) equilibrium constant.

2. In the presence of a catalyst, the heat evolved or absorbed during the reaction _____.
(*a*) increases. (*b*) decreases.
(*c*) remains unchanged. (*d*) may increase or decrease.

3. Activation energy of a chemical reaction can be determined by _____.
(*a*) determining the rate constant at standard temperature.
(*b*) determining the rate constants at two temperatures.
(*c*) determining probability of collision.
(*d*) using catalyst.

4. Consider the following figure and mark the correct option.



(*a*) Activation energy of forward reaction is $E_1 + E_2$ and product is less stable than reactant.
(*b*) Activation energy of forward reaction is $E_1 + E_2$ and product is more stable than reactant.
(*c*) Activation energy of both forward and backward reaction is $E_1 + E_2$ and reactant is more stable than product.
(*d*) Activation energy of backward reaction is E_1 and product is more stable than reactant.

5. Consider a first order gas phase decomposition reaction given below :

$$A(g) \longrightarrow B(g) + C(g)$$

The initial pressure of the system before decomposition of A was p_i. After lapse of time '*t*', total pressure of the system increased by *x* units and became 'p_t'. The rate constant *k* for the reaction is given as _____.

(*a*) $\frac{2.303}{t} \log \frac{p_i}{p_i - x}$

(*b*) $\frac{2.303}{t} \log \frac{p_i}{2p_i - p_t}$

(*c*) $\frac{2.303}{t} \log \frac{p_i}{p_i - p_t}$

(*d*) $\frac{2.303}{t} \log \frac{p_i}{p_i x}$

Answers

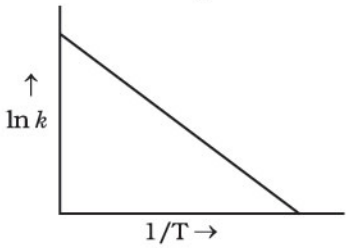
1. (*c*) **2.** (*c*) **3.** (*b*) **4.** (*a*) **5.** (*b*)

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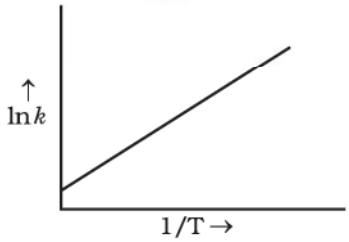
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6. According to Arrhenius equation rate constant k is equal to A $e^{-Ea/RT}$. Which of the following options represents the graph of ln k vs $\frac{1}{T}$?

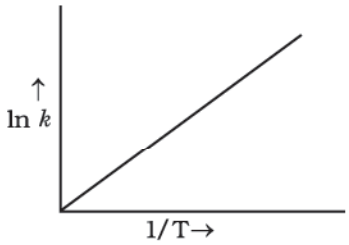
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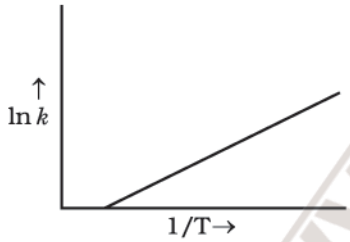
(b)



(c)



(d)



7. Consider the Arrhenius equation given below and mark the correct option. k = A $e^{-Ea/RT}$

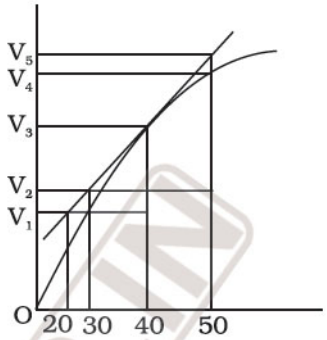
(a) Rate constant increases exponentially with increasing activation energy and decreasing temperature.

(b) Rate constant decreases exponentially with increasing activation energy and decreasing temperature.

(c) Rate constant increases exponentially with decreasing activation energy and decreasing temperature.

(d) Rate constant increases exponentially with decreasing activation energy and increasing temperature.

8. A graph of volume of hydrogen released vs time for the reaction between zinc and dil.HCl is given in figure. On the basis of this mark the correct option.



(a) Average rate upto 40 seconds $\frac{V_3 - V_2}{40}$

(b) Average rate upto 40 seconds is $\frac{V_3 - V_2}{40 - 30}$

(c) Average rate upto 40 seconds is $\frac{V_3}{40}$

(d) Average rate upto 40 seconds is $\frac{V_3 - V_1}{40 - 20}$

9. Which of the following statements is not correct about order of a reaction ?

(a) The order of a reaction can be a fractional number.

(b) Order of a reaction is experimentally determined quantity.

(c) The order of a reaction is always equal to the sum of the stoichiometric coefficients of reactants in the balanced chemical equation for a reaction.

(d) The order of a reaction is the sum of the powers of molar concentration of the reactants in the rate law expression.

10. Consider the graph given in previous question. Which of the following options does not show instantaneous rate of reaction at 40th second ?

(a) $\frac{V_5 - V_2}{50 - 30}$ (b) $\frac{V_4 - V_2}{50 - 30}$

(c) $\frac{V_3 - V_2}{40 - 30}$ (d) $\frac{V_3 - V_1}{40 - 20}$

11. Which of the following statements is correct?

(a) The rate of a reaction decreases with passage of time as the concentration of reactants decreases.

(b) The rate of a reaction is same at any time during the reaction.

(c) The rate of a reaction is independent of temperature change.

(d) The rate of a reaction decreases with increase in concentration of reactant(s).

Answers

6. (a) **7.** (d) **8.** (c) **9.** (c) **10.** (b) **11.** (a)

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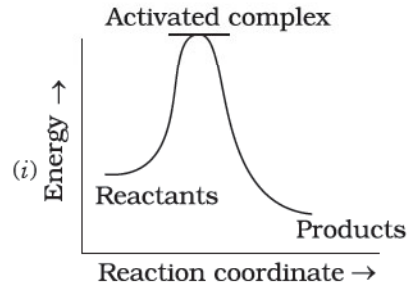
12. Which of the following expressions is correct for the rate of reaction given below?

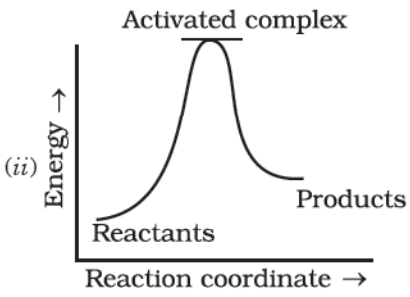
$$5Br^-(aq) + BrO_3^-(aq) + 6H^+(aq) \longrightarrow 3Br_2(aq) + 3H_2O(l)$$

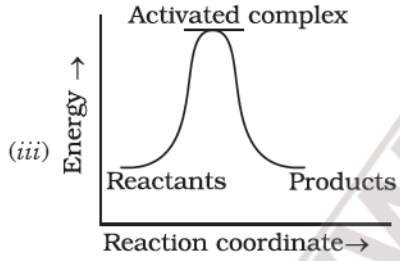
(a) $\frac{\Delta[Br^-]}{\Delta t} = 5\frac{\Delta[H^+]}{\Delta t}$ (b) $\frac{\Delta[Br^-]}{\Delta t} = \frac{6}{5}\frac{\Delta[H^+]}{t}$

(c) $\frac{\Delta[Br^-]}{\Delta t} = \frac{5}{6}\frac{\Delta[H^+]}{\Delta t}$ (d) $\frac{\Delta[Br^-]}{\Delta t} = 6\frac{\Delta[H^+]}{\Delta t}$

13. Which of the following graphs represents exothermic reaction?

(i)


(ii)


(iii)


(a) (i) only (b) (ii) only
(c) (iii) only (d) (i) and (ii)

14. Rate law for the reaction A + 2B ⟶ C is found to be

$$\text{Rate} = k\,[A][B]$$

Concentration of reactant 'B' is doubled, keeping the concentration of 'A' constant, the value of rate constant will be _____.

(a) the same (b) doubled
(c) quadrupled (d) halved

15. Which of the following statements is incorrect about the collision theory of chemical reaction?

(a) It considers reacting molecules or atoms to be hard spheres and ignores their structural features.

(b) Number of effective collisions determines the rate of reaction.

(c) Collision of atoms or molecules possessing sufficient threshold energy results into the product formation.

(d) Molecules should collide with sufficient threshold energy and proper orientation for the collision to be effective.

16. A first order reaction is 50% completed in 1.26×10^{14} s. How much time would it take for 100% completion?

(a) 1.26×10^{15} s (b) 2.52×10^{14} s
(c) 2.52×10^{28} s (d) infinite

17. Compounds 'A' and 'B' react according to the following chemical equation.

$$A(g) + 2B(g) \longrightarrow 2C(g)$$

Concentration of either 'A' or 'B' were changed keeping the concentrations of one of the reactants constant and rates were measured as a function of initial concentration. Following results were obtained. Choose the correct option for the rate equations for this reaction.

Experiment	Initial concentration of [A]/mol L^{-1}	Initial concentration of [B]/mol L^{-1}	Initial rate of formation of [C]/mol $L^{-1}s^{-1}$
1.	0.30	0.30	0.10
2.	0.30	0.60	0.40
3.	0.60	0.30	0.20

(a) Rate = $k[A]^2$ [B] (b) Rate = k[A] $[B]^2$
(c) Rate = k[A] [B] (d) Rate = $k[A]^2$ $[B]^0$

18. Which of the following statement is not correct for the catalyst?

(a) It catalyses the forward and backward reaction to the same extent.

(b) It alters G of the reaction.

(c) It is a substance that does not change the equilibrium constant of a reaction.

(d) It provides an alternate mechanism by reducing activation energy between reactants and products.

19. The value of rate constant of a pseudo first order reaction _____.

(a) depends on the concentration of reactants present in small amount.

(b) depends on the concentration of reactants present in excess.

(c) is independent of the concentration of reactants.

(d) depends only on temperature.

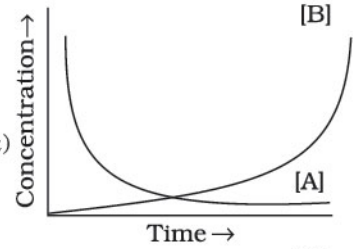
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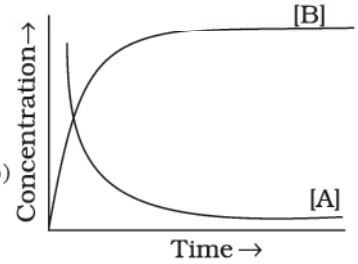
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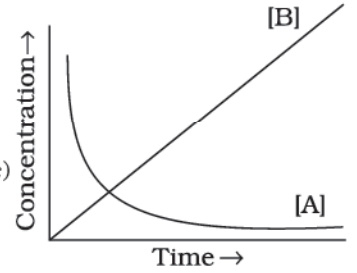
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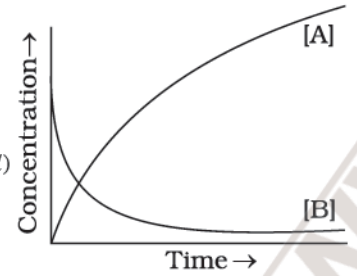
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20. Consider the reaction A ⇌ B. The concentration of both the reactants and the products varies exponentially with time. Which of the following figures correctly describes the change in concentration of reactants and products with time?

(*a*)


(*b*)


(*c*)


(*d*)


Multiple Choice Questions (Type-II)

Note : *In the following questions two or more options may be correct.*

21. Rate law cannot be determined from balanced chemical equation if _____.
(*a*) reverse reaction is involved.
(*b*) it is an elementary reaction.
(*c*) it is a sequence of elementary reactions.
(*d*) any of the reactants is in excess.

22. Which of the following statements are applicable to a balanced chemical equation of an elementary reaction?
(*a*) Order is same as molecularity.
(*b*) Order is less than the molecularity.
(*c*) Order is greater than the molecularity.
(*d*) Molecularity can never be zero.

23. In any unimolecular reaction _____.
(*a*) only one reacting species is involved in the rate determining step.
(*b*) the order and the molecularity of slowest step are equal to one.
(*c*) the molecularity of the reaction is one and order is zero.
(*d*) both molecularity and order of the reaction are one.

24. For a complex reaction _____.
(*a*) order of overall reaction is same as molecularity of the slowest step.
(*b*) order of overall reaction is less than the molecularity of the slowest step.
(*c*) order of overall reaction is greater than molecularity of the slowest step.
(*d*) molecularity of the slowest step is never zero or non integer.

25. At high pressure the following reaction is zero order.

$$2NH_3(g) \xrightarrow[\text{Platinum catalyst}]{1130K} N_2(g) + 3H_2(g)$$

Which of the following options are correct for this reaction?
(*a*) Rate of reaction = Rate constant
(*b*) Rate of the reaction depends on concentration of ammonia.
(*c*) Rate of decomposition of ammonia will remain constant until ammonia disappears completely.
(*d*) Further increase in pressure will change the rate of reaction.

26. During decomposition of an activated complex
(*a*) energy is always released
(*b*) energy is always absorbed
(*c*) energy does not change
(*d*) reactants may be formed

27. According to Maxwell Boltzmann distribution of energy, _____.
(*a*) the fraction of molecules with most probable kinetic energy decreases at higher temperatures.
(*b*) the fraction of molecules with most probable kinetic energy increases at higher temperatures.
(*c*) most probable kinetic energy increases at higher temperatures.
(*d*) most probable kinetic energy decreases at higher temperatures.

28. In the graph showing Maxwell Boltzmann distribution of energy, _____.
(*a*) area under the curve must not change with increase in temperature.
(*b*) area under the curve increases with increase in temperature.
(*c*) area under the curve decreases with increase in temperature.
(*d*) with increase in temperature curve broadens and shifts to the right hand side.

Answers

20. (*b*) **21.** (*a, c, d*) **22.** (*a, d*) **23.** (*a, b*) **24.** (*a, d*) **25.** (*a, c, d*) **26.** (*a, d*) **27.** (*a, c*) **28.** (*a, d*)

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29. Which of the following statements are in accordance with the Arrhenius equation?

(*a*) Rate of a reaction increases with increase in temperature.

(*b*) Rate of a reaction increases with decrease in activation energy.

(*c*) Rate constant decreases exponentially with increase in temperature.

(*d*) Rate of reaction decreases with decrease in activation energy.

30. Mark the incorrect statements.

(*a*) Catalyst provides an alternative pathway to reaction mechanism.

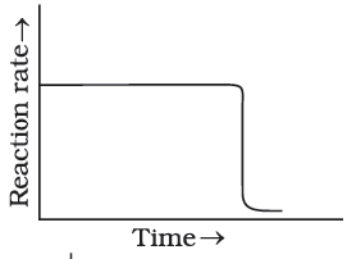
(*b*) Catalyst raises the activation energy.

(*c*) Catalyst lowers the activation energy.

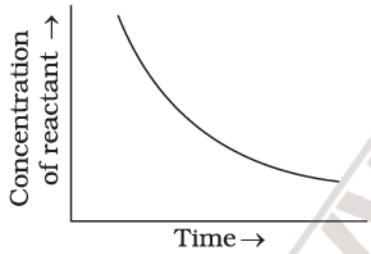
(*d*) Catalyst alters enthalpy change of the reaction.

31. Which of the following graphs is correct for a zero order reaction?

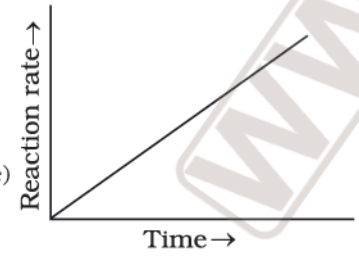
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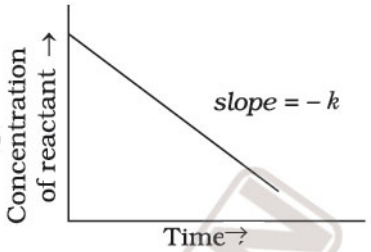
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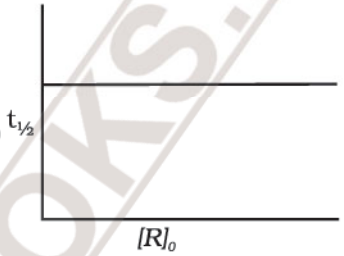


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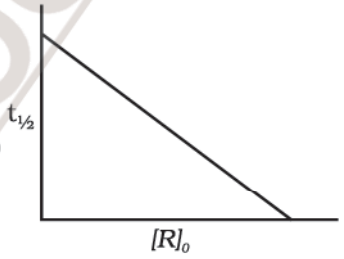


32. Which of the following graphs is correct for a first order reaction?

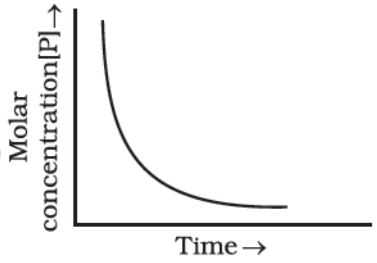
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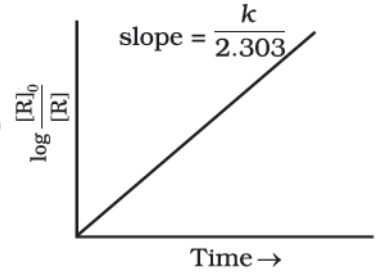
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Answers

29. (*a, b*) **30.** (*b, d*) **31.** (*a, d*) **32.** (*a, d*)

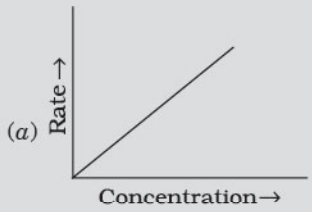
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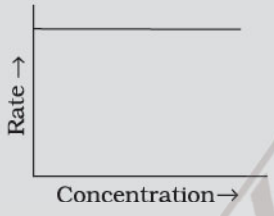
Matching Type Questions

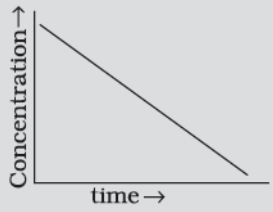
Note : *In the following questions match the items of Column I with appropriate item given in Column II.*

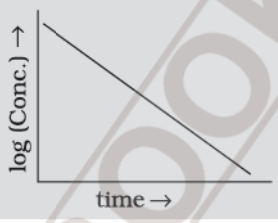
33. Match the graph given in Column I with the order of reaction given in Column II.
More than one item in Column I may link to the same item of Column II.

Column I

(*a*) 

(*b*) 

(*c*) 

(*d*) 

Column II

(*i*) Ist order

(*ii*) Zero order

34. Match the statements given in Column I and Column II.

Column I	Column II
(*a*) Catalyst alters the rate of reaction	(*i*) cannot be fraction or zero
(*b*) Molecularity	(*ii*) proper orientation is not there always
(*c*) Second half life of first order reaction	(*iii*) by lowering the activation energy
(*d*) $e^{-Ea/RT}$	(*iv*) is same as the first
(*e*) Energetically favourable reactions are sometimes slow	(*v*) total probability is one
(*f*) Area under the Maxwell Boltzman curve is constant	(*vi*) refers to the fraction of molecules with energy equal to or greater than activation energy

35. Match the items of Column I and Column II.

Column I	Column II
(*a*) Diamond	(*i*) short interval of time
(*b*) Instantaneous rate	(*ii*) ordinarily rate of conversion is imperceptible
(*c*) Average rate	(*iii*) long duration of time

36. Match the items of Column I and Column II.

Column I	Column II
(*a*) Mathematical expression for rate of reaction	(*i*) rate constant
(*b*) Rate of reaction for zero order is equal to	(*ii*) rate law reaction
(*c*) Units of rate constant for zero order reaction is same as that of	(*iii*) order of slowest step
(*d*) Order of a complex reaction is determined by	(*iv*) rate of a reaction

Answers

33. (*a*) — (*i*) ; (*b*) — (*ii*) ; (*c*) — (*ii*) ; (*d*) — (*i*)
34. (*a*) — (*iii*) ; (*b*) — (*i*) ; (*c*) — (*iv*) ; (*d*) — (*vi*) ; (*e*) — (*ii*) ; (*f*) — (*v*)
35. (*a*) — (*ii*) ; (*b*) — (*i*) ; (*c*) — (*iii*)
36. (*a*) — (*ii*) ; (*b*) — (*i*) ; (*c*) — (*iv*) ; (*d*) — (*iii*)

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Assertion and Reason Type Questions

Note: *In the following questions a statement of assertion followed by a statement of reason is given. Choose the correct answer out of the following choices.*

(*a*) Both **assertion** and **reason** are correct and the **reason** is correct explanation of **assertion**.

(*b*) Both **assertion** and **reason** are correct but **reason** does not explain **assertion**.

(*c*) **Assertion** is correct but **reason** is incorrect.

(*d*) Both **assertion** and **reason** are incorrect.

(*e*) **Assertion** is incorrect but **reason** is correct.

37. Assertion : Order of the reaction can be zero or fractional.
Reason : We cannot determine order from balanced chemical equation.

38. Assertion : Order and molecularity are same.
Reason : Order is determined experimentally and molecularity is the sum of the stoichiometric coefficient of rate determining elementary step.

39. Assertion : The enthalpy of reaction remains constant in the presence of a catalyst.
Reason : A catalyst participating in the reaction, forms different activated complex and lowers down the activation energy but the difference in energy of reactant and product remains the same.

40. Assertion : All collision of reactant molecules lead to product formation.
Reason : Only those collisions in which molecules have correct orientation and sufficient kinetic energy lead to compound formation.

41. Assertion : Rate constants determined from Arrhenius equation are fairly accurate for simple as well as complex molecules.
Reason : Reactant molecules undergo chemical change irrespective of their orientation during collision.

Answers

37. (*b*) **38.** (*e*) **39.** (*a*) **40.** (*e*) **41.** (*c*)

Hints & Explanations for *Difficult Objective Type Questions*

A. *mcq with only one correct answer*

A1. (*b*) : The rate of appearance of C is double the rate of disapperance of B; is correct.

A2. (*c*) : Rate of disappearance of N_2O_4

$$= \frac{\Delta[N_2O_4]}{\Delta t} = \frac{0.50 - 0.32}{30}$$

$$= 0.006 \text{ atm min}^{-1}$$

Rate of appearance of NO_2

= Twice rate of disappearance of N_2O_4

$2 \times 0.006 = 0.012$ atm min^{-1}

A3. (*c*) : mol L^{-1} s^{-1} = k mol L^{-1}

$\therefore$ units of k is $\mathbf{s^{-1}}$.

A4. (*b*) : Rate = k[A]

1.8×10^{-3} mol L^{-1} min^{-1} = k (0.3 mol L^{-1})

$$\therefore \quad k = \frac{1.8 \times 10^{-3}}{0.3} = 6 \times 10^{-3} \text{ min}^{-1} = \frac{6 \times 10^{-3}}{60}$$

$$= \mathbf{1 \times 10^{-4}\ s^{-1}}.$$

A5. (*d*) : The units of k correspond to third order reaction.

A6. (*b*) : On increasing the volume to a twice value, the concentration of each species is reduced by a factor of 2. Therefore,

$$\text{Rate}_1 = k[NO]^2[O_2]$$

$$\text{Rate}_2 = k\left(\frac{[NO]}{2}\right)^2\left(\frac{[O_2]}{2}\right)$$

$$\frac{\text{Rate}_2}{\text{Rate}_1} = \frac{1}{8}.$$

A7. (*b*) : Rate = $k[N_2O_5]$

$1.22 \times 10^{-4} = 3.4 \times 10^{-5}[N_2O_5]$

$$\therefore [N_2O_5] = \frac{1.22 \times 10^{-4}}{3.4 \times 10^{-5}} = \mathbf{3.6.}$$

A8. (*a*) : Rate = $k[N_2O_5]$ $= 6.2 \times 10^{-4} \times 1.25$

$= 7.75 \times 10^{-4}$ mol L^{-1} s^{-1}

A9. (*a*) : $k = \frac{0.693}{69.3 \text{ s}} = \mathbf{0.01\ s^{-1}}$ or 10^{-2} s^{-1}

A10. (*d*) : Half life period of a first order reaction is independent of the initial concentration of reactants.

A12. (*c*) : Inspection of table shows that by making the conc. of A three times (keeping B constant) rate becomes nine times *i.e.*, Rate $\propto$ $[A]^2$

By doubling conc. of B (keeping A constant) rate remains same *i.e.*, Rate $\propto$ $[B]^0$

$\therefore$ **Rate = $k[A]^2$.**

A13. (*a*) : Rate = k [A]

$0.69 \times 10^{-2} = k\ (0.2) \therefore \quad k = \frac{0.69 \times 10^{-2}}{0.2}$

$= 3.45 \times 10^{-2}$ min^{-1}

$= \frac{3.45 \times 10^{-2}}{60}$

$= 5.75 \times 10^{-4}$ s^{-1}

$$t_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{k} = \frac{0.693}{5.75 \times 10^{-4}} = \mathbf{1205\ s.}$$

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A15. (*b*) : Inspection of table shows that

Rate = k[A] [B]^2 $\therefore$ Order = **3.**

A16. (*b*) : $(1.5)^n = 1.837$

$$n = \frac{\log 1.837}{\log 1.5} = \mathbf{1.5.}$$

A19. (*b*) : $2N_2O_5(g) \longrightarrow 4NO_2 + O_2(g)$

$$\text{Rate} = -\frac{1}{2}\frac{[N_2O_5]}{dt} = k[N_2O_5]$$

$$\text{or Rate} = -\frac{d[N_2O_5]}{dt} = 2k[N_2O_5]$$

For $N_2O_5 \longrightarrow 2NO_2 + \frac{1}{2}O_2$

$$-\frac{d[N_2O_5]}{dt} = k'[N_2O_5]$$

$$\text{or Rate} = -\frac{d[N_2O_5]}{dt} = k'[N_2O_5]$$

Since rate must be same, $k' = \mathbf{2}k$.

A23. (*c*) : Rate = $k[A]^2 = x$

If conc. is tripled *i.e.*, A′ = [3A]

Rate′ = $k[3A]^2$ = k.9[A] = x'

$\therefore \frac{x'}{x} = \mathbf{9}$ *i.e.*, becomes nine times (9x).

A24. (*b*) : For a zero order reaction :

$[A] = -k_0t + [A]_0$

$\therefore$ Plot of [A] vs. t gives slope = $\mathbf{-k_0}$.

A25. (*a*) : $r_1 = k\,(a)^{3/2}\,(b)^{-1/2}$

$r_2 = k\,(4a)^{3/2}\,(4b)^{-1/2}$

$\frac{r_2}{r_1} = (4)^{3/2}\,(4)^{-1/2} = \mathbf{4.}$

A26. (*c*) : Rate = k[A]

$2 = k[4A]^n$ *i.e.*, $4^n = 2$ or $n = \frac{1}{2}$

A28. (*b*) : For a first order reaction, time required to 75% complete is twice the time required to 50% complete.

A29. (*a*) : The fraction of A reacted in each case is same

i.e., $\frac{0.6}{0.8} = \frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{0.675}{0.90} = \frac{3}{4}$

$\therefore$ **Time taken is same.**

A30. (*c*) : $t_{90\%} = \frac{2.303}{k}\log\frac{a}{a-0.9a} = \frac{2.303}{k}\log 10 = \frac{2.303}{k}$

$$t_{1/2} = \frac{2.303}{k}\log\frac{a}{a-0.5a} = \frac{2.303}{k}\log 2$$

$$t_{1/2} = \frac{2.303 \times 0.3010}{k}$$

$$\therefore \quad \frac{t_{90\%}}{t_{1/2}} = \frac{1}{0.3010} = 3.3 \quad \therefore t_{90\%} = \mathbf{3.3}t_{1/2}.$$

A31. (*c*) : Earlier rate, rate= $k\,a^nb^m$

$$\text{New rate, rate}' = k(2a)^n\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^m$$

$$\frac{\text{rate}'}{\text{rate}} = \frac{2^n a^n b^m 2^{-m}}{a^n b^m}$$

$$= 2^n.2^{-m} = \mathbf{2^{n-m}}$$

A32. (*c*) : $k = \frac{2.303}{t}\log\frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$

$$= \frac{2.303}{2\times10^4}\log\frac{800}{50}$$

or $k = \mathbf{1.38 \times 10^{-4}\ sec^{-1}.}$

A33. (*a*) : $\text{Rate} = k[C]$ or $k = \frac{\text{Rate}}{[C]}$

$$k = \frac{1.5\times10^{-2}}{0.5} = 3.0\times10^{-2}$$

$$t_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{3\times10^{-2}} = \mathbf{23.1\ min.}$$

A37. (*c*) : Rate of reaction = $-\frac{1}{2}\frac{d[NO_2]}{dt}$

$$= k_1[NO_2]^2 - k_2[N_2O_4]$$

Rate of disappearance of NO_2

$$-\frac{d[NO_2]}{dt} = \mathbf{2}k_1\,[NO_2]^2 - \mathbf{2}k_2[N_2O_4].$$

A38. (*c*) : Slope = $-E_a = -10.7 \times 10^3$ R

$\therefore E_a = 10.7 \times 10^3 \times 8.314 = 88.9 \times 10^3$

$= \mathbf{88.9\ kJ\ mol^{-1}.}$

A39.(*c*) : $k_1 = A_1e^{-E_{a_1}/RT}$

$k_2 = A_2e^{-E_{a_2}/RT}$

$$\frac{k_1}{k_2} = \left(\frac{A_1}{A_2}\right)e^{\frac{-E_{a_1}+E_{a_2}}{RT}}$$

Now, $\frac{A_1}{A_2}$ = constant and $E_{a_2} = E_{a_1}$

$$\frac{k_1}{k_2} = A\,e^{\frac{-E_{a_1}+2E_{a_1}}{RT}}$$

or $\frac{k_1}{k_2} = A\,e^{E_{a_1}/RT}$ or $k_1 = \mathbf{A}k_2e^{\mathbf{E_{a_1}/RT}}$

A40. (*d*) : **% of formation of B** = $\frac{k_1}{k_1+k_2}\times100$

$$= \frac{1.26\times10^{-4}}{1.26\times10^{-4}+3.8\times10^{-5}}\times100$$

$$= \frac{1.26\times10^{-4}}{(1.26+0.38)\times10^{-4}}\times100$$

$= \mathbf{76.83\%}$

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A41. (*a*) : $\log\frac{k_2}{k_1}=\frac{E_a}{2.303R}\left[\frac{1}{T_1}-\frac{1}{T_2}\right]$

$$\log 3=\frac{E_a}{2.303\times 8.3}\times\left[\frac{1}{273}-\frac{1}{313}\right]$$

$$E_a=\frac{2.303\times 8.3\times 273\times 313}{40}\log 3$$

A42. (*b*) : $\log\frac{k_2}{k_1}=\frac{E_a}{2.303R}\left[\frac{1}{T_1}-\frac{1}{T_2}\right]$

$$\log\frac{k_2}{k_1}=\frac{56.2\times 10^3}{2.303\times 8}\left[\frac{1}{300}-\frac{1}{305}\right]$$

$$\log\frac{k_2}{k_1}=\frac{56.2\times 10^3}{2.303\times 8}\left(\frac{5}{300\times 305}\right)=0.167$$

$$\therefore \quad \frac{k_2}{k_1}=1.47$$

A43. (*c*) : For exothermic reaction,

E_a (backward) = E_a (forward) + ΔH (magnitude)

= 17 + 40 = 57 kJ

B. *mcq from Competitive Examinations*

B1. (*a*) : $k=\frac{2.303}{t}\log\frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$

Here $[A]=[A]_0-\frac{60}{100}[A]_0=0.4\,[A]_0$

$$\therefore \quad k=\frac{2.303}{60}\log\frac{[A]_0}{0.4[A]_0}$$

$$=\frac{2.303}{60}\log\frac{10}{4}$$

$$=\frac{2.303}{60}\times 0.4$$

$$=0.0153$$

Now $t_{1/2}=\frac{0.693}{k}$

$$=\frac{0.693}{0.0153}=45.29\approx 45 \text{ min.}$$

B2. (*d*) : In expt (1) and (2) rate does not depend on $[Br_2]$.

$\therefore$ Rate expression does not include $[Br_2]$

B3. (*c*) : $k_1=10^{16}e^{-2000/T}$

$k_2=10^{15}e^{-1000/T}$

When $k_1=k_2$

$10^{16}e^{-2000/T}=10^{15}e^{-1000/T}$

$10^{16-15}=e^{(-1000+2000)/T}$

$10=e^{1000/T}$

or $\frac{1000}{T}=2.303\log 10$

or $T=\frac{1000}{2.303}$ K

B4. (*a*) : Rate $=k[A]^m[B]^n$ ...(*i*)

$2\,\text{Rate}=k[2A]^m[B]^n$ ...(*ii*)

$8\,\text{Rate}=k[2A]^m[2B]^n$ ...(*iii*)

From (*i*), (*ii*) and (*iii*)

$m = 1, n = 2$

$\text{Rate}=k[A][B]^2$

B5. (*b*) : $t_{1/2}=\frac{0.693}{k}$

or $k=\frac{0.693}{t_{1/2}}=\frac{0.693}{1386}=0.5\times 10^{-3}\text{s}^{-1}$

B6. (*d*) : $-\frac{1}{3}\frac{d[H_2]}{dt}=\frac{1}{2}\frac{d[NH_3]}{dt}$

$$=\frac{1}{2}\left(2\times 10^{-4}\right)\text{mol L}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$$

$$\therefore \quad \frac{-d[H_2]}{dt}=\frac{3}{2}\times 2\times 10^{-4}$$

$$=3\times 10^{-4}\text{ mol L}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$$

B7. (*d*) : $-\frac{1}{5}\frac{d[Br]}{dt}=\frac{1}{3}\frac{d[Br_2]}{dt}$

or $\frac{d[Br_2]}{dt}=-\frac{3}{5}\frac{d[Br^-]}{dt}$

B8. (*b*): Let order w.r.t. A be a and order w.r.t. B be b

Rate law is Rate $=k[A]^a[B]^b$

Dividing (III) by (II)

$$\frac{(0.3)^a(0.4)^b}{(0.3)^a(0.2)^b}=\frac{2.88\times 10^{-1}}{7.2\times 10^{-2}}$$

$$2^b=4$$

or $2^b=2^2$

$\therefore \quad b=2$

Dividing (IV) by (I)

$$\frac{(0.4)^a(0.1)^b}{(0.1)^a(0.1)^b}=\frac{2.40\times 10^{-2}}{6.01\times 10^{-3}}$$

$$4^a=4$$

or $4^a=4^1$

$\therefore \quad a=1$

Rate law $=k[A][B]^2$

B9. (*d*) : $N_2O_5(g)\longrightarrow 2NO_2(g)+\frac{1}{2}O_2(g)$

$$-\frac{d[N_2O_5]}{dt}=\frac{1}{2}\frac{d[NO_2]}{dt}+\frac{2d[O_2]}{dt}$$

$$\frac{d[NO_2]}{dt}=-\frac{2d[N_2O_5]}{dt}=2\times 6.25\times 10^{-3}$$

$$=1.25\times 10^{-2}\text{ mol L}^{-1}\text{ s}^{-1}$$

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$$\frac{d[O_2]}{dt} = -\frac{1}{2}\frac{[N_2O_5]}{dt} = \frac{1}{2}\times 6.25\times 10^{-3}$$

$$= 3.125 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol } L^{-1} s^{-1}$$

B10. (*d*) : Let rate $= [A]^p [B]^q = r$ ...(*i*)

rate $= [A]^p [2B]^q = 2r$ ...(*ii*)

Dividing eq. (*ii*) by (*i*)

$2^q = 2$ or $2^q = 2^1$ i.e., $q = 1$

Now, rate $= [2A]^p [2B]^q = 8r$ ...(*iii*)

Dividing eq. (*iii*) by eq. (*i*)

$2^p \cdot 2^q = 8$

or $2^p \times 2 = 8$ or $2^p = 4$ i.e., $2^p = 2^2$ or $p = 2$

rate $= \boldsymbol{k[A]^2 [B]}$

B11. (*b*): By 10°C rise in temperature rate becomes double For 100°C rise in temperature rate will become $(2)^9$ times i.e., 512 times.

B12. (*a*): $\log \frac{k_2}{k_1} = \frac{E_a}{2.303\,R}\left(\frac{1}{T_1} - \frac{1}{T_2}\right)$

$T_1 = 273 + 20 = 293$ K, $T_2 = 273 + 35 = 308$ K

$$\log 2 = \frac{E_a}{2.303\times 8.314}\left(\frac{1}{293} - \frac{1}{308}\right)$$

$$0.3010 = \frac{E_a}{2.303\times 8.314}\times\frac{15}{293\times 308}$$

$$E_a = \frac{0.3010\times 2.303\times 8.314\times 293\times 308}{15}$$

$= 34673$ J mol^{-1} **= 34.7 kJ mol^{-1}.**

B13. (*b*): The units of rate constant indicate that the reaction is a zero order reaction.

$$k = \frac{1}{t}([R]_0 - [R])$$

or $[R]_0 - [R] = kt = 0.6 \times 10^{-3} \times 20 \times 60$

$= 0.72$ mol L^{-1}

Moles of A reacted *i.e.*, $[R]_0 - [R]$ = Moles of B produced

∴ Moles of B produced = **0.72 M**

B14. (*a*): Arrhenius equation is

$$k = Ae^{-E_a/RT}$$

or $$\ln k = \ln A - \frac{E_a}{RT}$$

so, by plotting ln k vs 1/T, slope is $-E_a/R$ and hence activation energy can be obtained.

B15. (*d*): For a first order reaction, half life is independent of concentration.

$$t_{1/2} = 0.693/k$$

B16. (*b*): On adding the catalyst, the activation energy of a reaction decreases.

B17. (*c*): $k = \frac{2.303}{20-10}\log\frac{0.04}{0.03}$

$$= \frac{2.303}{10}\times 0.1249$$

$= 0.0287$ s^{-1}

$$t_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{k} = \frac{0.693}{0.0287} = \textbf{24.1 s}$$

B18. (*a*): At low pressure, the decomposition of NH_3 is a first order reaction and the rate is directly proportional to the coverage of surface. However, at high pressure, the decomposition of NH_3 on tungsten surface is a zero order reaction and the rate is independent of the coverage of the surface.

B19. (*c*): Overall order of reaction

= Rate of slowest step (*ii*)

Rate $= k [X] [Y_2]$ ...(*i*)

Assuming step (*i*) to be reversible,

$X_2 = X + X$

$$K_{eq} = \frac{[X]^2}{[X_2]}$$

or $[X] = (K_{eq}\,[X_2])^{1/2}$ ...(*ii*)

∴ Rate $= k\,K_{eq}^{1/2}\,[X_2]^{1/2}\,[Y_2]$

or $= k'[X_2]^{\frac{1}{2}}[Y_2]$

Order $= \frac{1}{2} + 1 = \frac{3}{2} = 1.5$

B20. (*a*) : $t_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{k} = \frac{0.693}{10^{-2}} = 69.3$ s

For the reaction of 20 g of reactant to 5 g, two half-life times are required.

∴ $t = 2 \times 69.3 = 138.6$ s

B21. (*b*) : For a first order reaction,

$$t_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{k}$$

$t_{1/2}$ is independent of initial concentration of reactant

For a second order reaction,

$$t_{1/2} = \frac{1}{k[A]_0}$$

$t_{1/2}$ depends upon the initial concentration of the reactants.

B22. (*b*) : $t_{1/2}$ (zero order reaction) $= \frac{[A]_0}{2k}$

When the concentration of the reactant is doubled, the half life period of the reaction is also doubled.

B23. (*a*) : For a zero order reaction, if the initial conc. is doubled the half life period is also doubled.

$t_{1/2} = [A]_0^{1-n}$.

B24. (*a*) : According to Arrhenius equation,

$$k = Ae^{-E/RT}$$

where E is activation energy

Now $k = \frac{k_1 k_2}{k_3}$

$$Ae^{-E/RT} = \frac{Ae^{-E_1/RT}\cdot e^{-E_2/RT}}{Ae^{-E_3/RT}}$$

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$$e^{-E/RT} = \frac{e^{-E_1/RT} \cdot e^{-E_2/RT}}{e^{-E_3/RT}}$$

$$-\frac{E}{RT} = \frac{-E_1 - E_2 + E_3}{RT}$$

or $E = E_1 + E_2 - E_3 = 40 + 50 - 60$

$= \mathbf{30\ kJ\ mol^{-1}}$.

B25. (*c*) : For a zero order reaction, the plot of conc. of reactant vs time is linear with –ve slope and non-zero intercept.

B26. (*c*)

$$k_1[N_2O_5] = \frac{1}{2}k_1'[N_2O_5]$$

$$k_1[N_2O_5] = 2k''[N_2O_5]$$

Equating $k_1[N_2O_5] = \frac{1}{2}k_1'[N_2O_5] = 2k''[N_2O_5]$

or $2k_1 = k' = 4k''$

B27. (*b*) : The effect of temperature on rate constant is given by Arrhenius equation

$$k = Ae^{-E_a/RT}$$

Here, if $E_a = 0$, $k = A$

$$\ln k = \ln A - \frac{E_a}{RT}$$

The plot of ln k vs 1/T is a straight line with slope

$$= -\frac{E_a}{R}$$

Hence statements *(ii)* and *(v)* are correct.

B28. (*e*) : Expt. 1 and 2 show that there is no change in rate with the change in concentration of C. So, the order w.r.t. C is zero.

Expt. 4 and 1 show that by only doubling the conc. of A rate becomes four times, so that the order w.r.t. A is 2.

Expt. 1 and 3 show that by only doubling the conc. of B rate becomes double so that the order w.r.t. B is 1.

∴ The order w.r.t A, B and C is 2, 1 and 0 respectively.

B29. (*a*): Let rate $= k\ [A]^x\ [B]^y$

From trial 1 and 2

$k(0.4)^x\ (0.2)^y = 5.5 \times 10^{-4}$

$k(0.8)x\ (0.2)y = 5.5 \times 10^{-4}$

$\left(\frac{0.8}{0.4}\right)^x = 1$ or $2^x = 20$ ∴ $x = 0$

From trial 1 and 3

$k\ (0.4)^x\ (0.20)^y - 5.5 \times 10^{-4}$

$k\ (0.4)^x\ (0.40)^y = 2.2 \times 10^{-3}$

$\left(\frac{0.40}{0.20}\right)^y = 4$ or $2^y = 2^2$ ∴ $y = 2$

∴ The correct rate law is

rate $= k[A]^0\ [B]^2$

B30. (*d*) : $k = \frac{2.303}{t}\log\frac{a}{a-x} = \frac{2.303}{75}\log\frac{1}{1/8}$

$= \frac{2.303}{75}\log 8 = \frac{2.303}{75} \times 0.903\ min^{-1}$

$t_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{k} = \frac{0.693 \times 75}{2.303 \times 0.903} = 25\ min$

B31. (*b*) : Slope $= -\frac{E_a}{R}$ or $E_a = -$ Slope $\times$ R

$= -(-2 \times 10^4) \times 8.3$

$= 16.6 \times 10^4\ J\ mol^{-1}$

or $= \mathbf{166\ kJ\ mol^{-1}}$

B32. (*d*) : For a zero order reaction :

$t_{1/2} \propto [A]_0$ *i.e.*, initial conc. or initial pressure

$$\frac{(t_{1/2})_2}{(t_{1/2})_1} = \frac{p_2}{p_1} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{(t_{1/2})_2}{45} = \frac{16\ bar}{4\ bar}$$

$$\therefore \quad (t_{1/2})_2 = \frac{16}{4} \times 45 = \mathbf{180\ min.}$$

B33. (*c*) : For 5°C rise in temperature, rate constant becomes double.

∴ For 20°C rise in temperature, rate constant becomes $(2)^4$ times *i.e.*, 16 times.

B34. (*c*) : pH = 2, $[H^+] = 10^{-2}$

pH = 1, $[H^+] = 10^{-1}$

Initial rate, $(rate)_0 = k[H^+]^n$

$(rate)_1 = k(10^{-2})^n$

$(rate)_2 = k(10^{-1})^n$

$$\frac{rate_2}{rate_1} = 100 = \left(\frac{10^{-1}}{10^{-2}}\right)^n$$

$100 = (10)^n$ or $n = 2$.

B35. (*d*) : $k = \frac{2.303}{t}\log\frac{[R]_0}{[R]}$

$= \frac{2.303}{4606}\log\frac{80}{8} = \mathbf{5.00 \times 10^{-4}\ s^{-1}}$

B36. (*a*) : $2N_2O_5 \longrightarrow 4NO_2 + O_2$

$$\text{Rate} = -\frac{1}{2}\frac{\Delta[N_2O_5]}{\Delta t} = \frac{1}{4}\frac{\Delta[NO_2]}{\Delta t}$$

$$\frac{\Delta[N_2O_5]}{\Delta t} = \frac{2.0 - 2.4}{200} = -2 \times 10^{-3}\ mol\ L^{-1}\ min^{-1}$$

$$\frac{\Delta[NO_2]}{\Delta t} = \frac{4}{2}\left(-\frac{\Delta[N_2O_5]}{\Delta t}\right) = 2 \times 2 \times 10^{-3}$$

$= 4 \times 10^{-3}\ mol\ L^{-1}\ min^{-1}$

B37. (*a*) : $k = \frac{2.303}{t}\log\frac{[R]_0}{[R]}$

$= \frac{2.303}{30}\log\frac{0.6}{0.3} = 0.0231\ min^{-1}$

$$\therefore \quad t = \frac{2.303}{k}\log\frac{[R]_0}{[R]}$$

$= \frac{2.303}{0.0231}\log\frac{0.1}{0.025} = \mathbf{60\ min}$

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B38. (*c*) :
$$k = \frac{0.693}{t_{1/2}} = \frac{0.693}{6.93} = 0.1 \text{ min}^{-1}$$
$$t = \frac{2.303}{k}\log\frac{[A]_0}{[A]} = \frac{2.303}{0.1}\log\frac{100}{1}$$
$$= \frac{2.303\times 2}{0.1} = \mathbf{46.06\ min}$$

B39. (*a*) : For zero order reaction
$$t_{1/2} = \frac{[A]_0}{2k}$$
$$k = \frac{[A]_0}{2t_{1/2}} = \frac{2}{2\times 1}$$
$$= 1 \text{ mol L}^{-1}\text{ hr}^{-1}$$
$$k = \frac{[A]_0 - [A]}{t}$$
$$t = \frac{[A]_0 - [A]}{k}$$
$$= \frac{0.50 - 0.25}{1} = \mathbf{0.25\ hr.}$$

B40. (*c*): Increase in reaction rate = $2^5 = 32$ times.

B41. (*a*): For a first order reaction :
$$k = \frac{2.303}{t}\log\frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$$
At $t = 40$ min, $[A]_0 = 0.1$M, $[A] = 0.025$ M
$$\therefore \quad k = \frac{2.303}{40}\log\frac{0.1}{0.025}$$
$$\therefore \quad = \frac{2.303}{40}\log 4 = 0.0347\,\text{min}^{-1}$$
Rate = $k[A] = 0.0347 \times 0.01 = 3.47 \times 10^{-4}$ M/min.

B42. (*b*): $\log\frac{k_2}{k_1} = \frac{E_a}{2.303\,R}\left(\frac{1}{T_1} - \frac{1}{T_2}\right)$
$$\log 2 = \frac{E_a}{2.303\times 8.314}\left(\frac{1}{300} - \frac{1}{310}\right)$$
$$0.3010 = \frac{E_a}{2.303\times 8.314}\times\frac{10}{300\times 310}$$
$$E_a = \frac{0.3010\times 2.303\times 8.314\times 300\times 310}{10}$$
$$= 53.6 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}.$$

B43. (*a*) : Initial rate, $\frac{dc}{dt} = k[A]^x[B]^y$
$$1.2\times 10^{-3} = k\,(0.1)^x\,(0.1)^y \quad ...(i)$$
$$1.2\times 10^{-3} = k\,(0.1)^x\,(0.2)^y \quad ...(ii)$$
Dividing eq. (*ii*) by eq. (*i*)
$$\frac{1.2\times 10^{-3}}{1.2\times 10^{-3}} = \left(\frac{2}{1}\right)^y$$
$$1 = 2^y \text{ or } 2^y = 2^0$$
$$\therefore \quad y = 0$$
Now $2.4\times 10^{-3} = k\,(0.2)^x\,(0.1)^y \quad ...(iii)$
Dividing eq. (*iii*) by eq. (*i*)
$$\frac{2.4\times 10^{-3}}{1.2\times 10^{-3}} = (2)^x$$
$$2 = 2^x$$
$$\therefore \quad x = 1$$
$$\therefore \quad \text{Rate} = k\,[A]$$
Hence, $\frac{d[C]}{dt} = k\,[A]^1\,[B]^0 = k\,[A]$

B45. (*b*): $k = \frac{2.303}{t}\log\frac{[R]_0}{[R]} = \frac{2.303}{50}\log\frac{0.5}{0.125} = \frac{2.303}{50}\log 4$
$= 0.0277\ \text{min}^{-1}$
When $[H_2O_2] = 0.05$ M,
Rate = $k\,[H_2O_2] = 0.0277 \times 0.05$
$= 1.385 \times 10^{-3}$ mol L^{-1} min^{-1}
According to the reaction,
$$H_2O_2 \rightarrow 2H_2O + \frac{1}{2}O_2$$
$$\text{Rate} = \frac{-d[H_2O_2]}{dt} = 2\frac{d[O_2]}{dt}$$
$$\therefore \quad \frac{d[O_2]}{dt} = \frac{1}{2}\times\text{Rate of reaction} = \frac{1}{2}\times 1.385\times 10^{-3}$$
$= 6.93 \times 10^{-4}$ mol L^{-1} min^{-1}

B46. (*d*) :
$$k_1 = Ae^{-E_{a_1}/RT}$$
$$k_2 = Ae^{-E_{a_2}/RT}$$
$$\frac{k_2}{k_1} = e^{(-E_{a_2} + E_{a_1})/RT}$$
or
$$\frac{k_2}{k_1} = e^{(E_{a_1} - E_{a_2})/RT}$$
$$ln\frac{k_2}{k_1} = \frac{E_{a_1} - E_{a_2}}{RT} = \frac{10\times 10^3}{8.314\times 300} = 4$$

B47. (*a*) :
$$\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S$$
$$-RT\ln k = \Delta H - T\Delta S$$
$$\ln k = -\frac{\Delta H}{RT} + \frac{\Delta S}{R}$$
The plot of ln k vs. $\frac{1}{T}$ is a straight line with slope $= -\frac{\Delta H}{R}$
Since ΔH is negative (exothermic reaction), slope is positive. Therefore, lines should be A and B.

B48. (*a*) :
$$\text{Rate} = k\,(p)^n$$
$$r_1 = k(p_1)^n$$
$$p_1 = 363 - \frac{363\times 5}{100} = 344.85$$
$$r_1 = k(344.85)^n \quad (i)$$
$$r_2 = k(p_2)^n$$
$$p_2 = 363 - \frac{363\times 33}{100} = 243.21$$
$$r_2 = k(243.21)^n \quad (ii)$$
$$\frac{r_1}{r_2} = \left(\frac{344.85}{243.21}\right)^n = (1.41)^n$$

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$$\frac{1}{0.5} = (1.41)^n = (\sqrt{2})^n$$

$$2 = \left(\sqrt{2}\right)^n \text{ or } \left(\sqrt{2}\right)^2 = \left(\sqrt{2}\right)^n \quad \therefore \ n = 2$$

B49. (*a*) : $p_1 = 80$ *k*Pa, $p_2 = 40$ *k*Pa, $(t_{1/2})_1 = 350$ sec $(t_{1/2})_2 = 175$ sec

Now $\frac{350}{175} = \frac{80}{40} = 2$

$\therefore \quad \frac{p_1}{p_2} = \frac{(t_{1/2})_1}{(t_{1/2})_2}$

or $\frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{(t_{1/2})_1}{(t_{1/2})_2}$ or $t_{1/2} \propto a$

This is true for zero order reaction.

B50. (*b*) : When $k_1 = k_2$

$$10^{10} e^{-20000/T} = 10^{12}\, e^{-24606}$$

$$e^{4606/T} = 100$$

$$\frac{4606}{T} = 2.303 \log 100$$

$$\frac{4606}{T} = 2.303 \times 2$$

$$T = \frac{4606}{2.303 \times 2} = 1000 \text{ K}$$

B51. (*b*) :

$$\log \frac{k_1'}{k_1} = \frac{E_1}{2.303 R}\left[\frac{T_2 - T_1}{T_1 T_2}\right]$$

$$\log \frac{k_2'}{k_2} = \frac{E_2}{2.303 R}\left[\frac{T_2 - T_1}{T_1 T_2}\right]$$

Since $E_1 > E_2$

$$\frac{\log \frac{k_1'}{k_1}}{\log \frac{k_2'}{k_2}} > 1$$

or $\frac{k_1'}{k_1} > \frac{k_2'}{k_2}$

B52. (*a*) : $2.303 \log k = 2.303 \log A - \frac{E_a}{RT}$

$$E_a = 2.303\ RT$$

$$2.303 \log k = 2.303 \log A - \frac{2.303\ RT}{RT}$$

$$\log k = \log A - 1$$

$$\log\left(\frac{k}{A}\right) = -1$$

or $\frac{k}{A} = 10^{-1}$

B53. (*b*) : $t_{1/2}$ for zero order reaction $= \frac{[A]_0}{2k}$

$t_{1/2}$ for first order reaction $= \frac{0.693}{k'}$

If initial rate, $[A]_0 = 1$

$$\frac{1}{2k} = \frac{0.693}{k'} \text{ or } \frac{k'}{k} = 2 \times 0.693$$

B54. (*b*): For a reversible reaction

$\Delta H = E_a$ (forward) $- E_a$ (backward)

$\Delta H = 150 - 260 = -110$ kJ mol^{-1}

B55. (*b*): $k = \frac{0.693}{69.3} = 0.01$

$$t = \frac{2.303}{0.01} \log \frac{100}{10} = \frac{2.303}{0.01} = \mathbf{230.3\ min}$$

B56. (*a*): $2A(g) \longrightarrow B(g) + C(s)$

$2(1-x)\ x$

At end of the reaction, only 1 mol of gas is present whose pressure is 200 Pa.

$\therefore$ In the beginning of the reaction, when 2 mol of gas were present, pressure would have been $2 \times 200 = 400$ Pa

At the end of 10 min, moles of gas present,

$2 - 2x + x = 2 - x$

But pressure of 2 mol of gas = 400 Pa

$\therefore \quad 400 - x = 300 \quad$ or $\quad x = 100$

Pressure due to $2 - 2x$ mol of A $= 400 - 2 \times 100 = 200$ Pa

Now, $k = \frac{2.303}{t} \log\left[\frac{a}{a-x}\right]$

$$= \frac{2.303}{10} \log \frac{400}{200} = \frac{2.303}{10} \log 2$$

$$= \frac{2.303}{10} \times 0.3010 = 0.0693 \text{ min}^{-1}$$

B57. (*d*): If rate at conc. 1.2×10^{-2} M is *r*, then

$r = k(1.2 \times 10^{-3})^a$ ... (*i*)

$9r = k(3.24 \times 10^{-2})^a$ ...(*ii*)

Dividing eq. (*ii*) by eq. (*i*)

$$9 = \frac{(3.24 \times 10^{-2})^a}{(1.2 \times 10^{-3})^a} = 27^a$$

or $3^2 = 3^{3a}$

$\therefore \quad 3a = 2 \quad$ or $\quad a = 2/3$

B58. (*d*): $T_1 = 27°C = 300$K

$T_2 = -3°C = 270$K

$$\frac{k_2}{k_1} = \frac{1}{10}$$

$$\log \frac{k_2}{k_1} = \frac{E_a}{2.303R}\left[\frac{1}{T_1} - \frac{1}{T_2}\right]$$

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$$\log 10^{-1} = \frac{E_a}{2.303R}\left[\frac{1}{300}-\frac{1}{270}\right]$$

$$-1 = \frac{E_a}{2.303R}\left[\frac{270-300}{270\times 300}\right]$$

$$E_a = \frac{2.303R\times 270\times 300}{30}$$

$$= 2.303R \times 2700 \text{ J mol}^{-1}$$

$$= 2.303 \times 2.7 \text{ R kJ mol}^{-1}$$

B59. (*d*): Let P is the initial pressure of A and p is the decrease in pressure after 20 minutes.

	A	⟶	B	+	C
Initial	P		0		0
at $t = 20$	$P - p$		p		p
At completion	0		P		P

At completion of reaction ($t = \infty$)

$2P = 180$

or $P = 90$

At time = 20 min

Total pressure : $P - p + p + p = 100$

or $P + p = 100$

or $90 + p = 100$

$\therefore \quad p = 10$

$\therefore$ Partial pressure of A at $t = 20$ min

$= P - p = 90 - 10 = 80$ mm.

B60. (*d*): Number of half lives $= \frac{22,920}{5730} = 4$

Amount left after 4 half lives $= \frac{N_0}{2^4} = \frac{N_0}{16}$

The fraction of ^{14}C that decayed $= N_0 - \frac{N_0}{16} = \frac{15}{16} N_0$.

B61. (*c*): $ln\ \frac{k_2}{k_1} = \frac{E_a}{R}\left(\frac{1}{T_1}-\frac{1}{T_2}\right)$

$$ln\frac{k_2}{k_1} = \frac{600\ R}{R}\left(\frac{1}{300}-\frac{1}{600}\right)$$

$$ln\frac{k_2}{k_1} = \frac{600\ R}{R}\left(\frac{2-1}{600}\right) = 1$$

or $ln\frac{k_2}{k_1} = \ln e$

or $\frac{k_2}{k_1} = e.$

B62. (*a*): Half life = 25 min.

No. of half lives, $n = \frac{100}{25} = 4$

Amount left $= \frac{[A]_0}{2^n} = \frac{[A]_0}{2^4} = \frac{[A]_0}{16}$

Fraction reacted $= [A]_0 - \frac{[A]_0}{16} = \frac{15}{16}[A]_0$

$= \mathbf{93.75\ \%}$.

B63. (*c*): Rate $= k\ [A]\ [B]^2$

$= 1 \times 10^{-2} \times (0.50)(0.50)^2$

$= 1.25 \times 10^{-3}$ mol L^{-1} s^{-1}.

B64. (*b*): $k = \frac{0.693}{t_{1/2}} = \frac{0.693}{5770} = 1.2 \times 10^{-4}$ year^{-1}

Age of sample, $t = \frac{2.303}{k}\log\frac{[R]_0}{[R]}$

$$= \frac{2.303}{1.2\times 10^{-4}}\log\frac{15}{5}$$

$= 9154$ years $\approx$ **9200 years**

B69. (*c*): $2NO_2 \underset{k_2}{\overset{k_1}{\rightleftharpoons}} N_2O_4$

Rate $= -\frac{1}{2}\frac{d[NO_2]}{dt} = k_1[NO_2]^2 - k_2[N_2O_4]$

$\therefore$ Rate of disappearance of NO_2;

$-\frac{d[NO_2]}{dt} = 2k_1[NO_2]^2 - 2k_2[N_2O_4]$

B71. (*b*): $k = 3 \times 10^{-5}$ s^{-1}; Rate $= 2.4 \times 10^{-5}$ mol dm^{-3} s^{-1}

$[N_2O_5] = ?$

Rate $= k[N_2O_5]$

$2.4 \times 10^{-5} = 3 \times 10^{-5} \times [N_2O_5]$

$[N_2O_5] = \frac{2.4\times 10^{-5}}{3\times 10^{-5}} = 0.8$ mol dm^{-3} or $= 0.8$ M

B72. (*d*): $\frac{r_1}{r_2} = \left[\frac{2.4\times 10^{-2}}{1.2\times 10^{-2}}\right]^x$

$8 = 2^x$

or $2^3 = 2^x \quad \therefore x = 3$

B74. (*a*): $k = \frac{0.693}{t_{1/2}} = \frac{0.693}{60} = 0.0115$ min^{-1}

$t = \frac{2.303}{k}\log\frac{[R]_0}{[R]}$

$240 = \frac{2.303}{0.0115}\log\frac{[R]_0}{[R]}$

$\log\frac{[R]_0}{[R]} = \frac{240\times 0.0115}{2.303} = 1.198$

$\log\frac{[R]}{[R]_0} = -1.198$ or $\frac{[R]}{[R]_0} = \text{Antilog}(-1.198) = 0.063$

Percentage left $= \frac{[R]}{[R]_0} \times 100 = 0.063 \times 100 = \mathbf{6.3\%}$

B75. (*b*): The rate law for any reaction cannot be determined theoretically but it is determined experimentally.

B76. (*e*): A catalyst may change the order of the reaction as the mechanism in presence of catalyst could be different than that in the absence of it.

B77. (*d*): Rate $= k[A]^3$

mol $L^{-1}s^{-1} = k(\text{mol } L^{-1})^3$

$\therefore\ k =$ mol^{-2} L^2s^{-1}

B78. (*c*): $k = Ae^{-Ea/RT}$

$\log k = \log A - \frac{E_a}{2.303R}\left(\frac{1}{T}\right)$

$\log k$ vs $1/T$ is a Arrhenius plot.

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B79. (*d*): $[R]_0 = 200$ mg $\quad [R] = 25$ mg

$$\left[\frac{[R]}{[R]_0}\right] = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n \text{ or } \left(\frac{25}{200}\right) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n$$

$$\frac{1}{8} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n \text{ or } \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n$$

$\therefore n = 3$

Time taken = $5760 \times 3 =$ **17280 years**

B80. (*d*): Temperature coefficient 2 means that the rate of reaction becomes double for every 10° rise in temperature.

$$\therefore \quad \frac{k(90°C)}{k(30°C)} = 2^6 = 64 \text{ times}$$

B82. (*b*): $\text{Rate} = -\frac{1}{2}\frac{d[SO_2]}{dt} = -\frac{d[O_2]}{dt} = \frac{1}{2}\frac{d[SO_3]}{dt}$

$$\frac{d[O_2]}{dt} = 2\times10^{-4}$$

$$\frac{d[SO_3]}{dt} = 2\times2\times10^{-4} = 4\times10^{-4} \text{ mol } L^{-}s^{-1}$$

B83. (*a*): $\text{Rate} = k[D_2]^x[A]^y$

$1 \times 10^{-3} = k\ (0.05)^x\ (0.05)^y \quad \ldots (i)$

$3 \times 10^{-3} - k\ (0.15)^x\ (0.05)^y \quad \ldots (ii)$

Dividing eq. (*ii*) by eq. (*i*)

$$\frac{3\times10^{-3}}{1\times10^{-3}} = \left(\frac{0.15}{0.05}\right) \text{ or } 3 = 3^x \quad \therefore x = 1$$

$9 \times 10^{-3} = k\ (0.05)^x\ (0.15)^y \quad \ldots (iii)$

Dividing eq. (*iii*) by eq. (*i*)

$$\frac{9\times10^{-3}}{1\times10^{-3}} = \left(\frac{0.15}{0.05}\right)^y \text{ or } 9 = 3^y \quad \therefore y = 2$$

$\therefore$ Rate law = $\boldsymbol{k[D_2][A]^2}$

B84. (*a*): $\text{Rate} = k[A]^{1/2}\ [B]^{3/2}$

$\text{mol } L^{-1}s^{-1} = k(\text{mol } L^{-1})^{1/2}\ (\text{mol } L^{-1})^{3/2}$

$\text{mol } L^{-1}s^{-1} = k(\text{mol } L^{-1})^2$

$\therefore \quad k = \text{mol}^{-1}\ L\ s^{-1}$

B86. (*c*): For a first order reaction,

$$k = \frac{2.303}{t}\log\frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$$

$$= \frac{2.303}{40}\log\frac{0.1}{0.025}$$

or $$= \frac{2.303}{40}\log 4 = \frac{2.303}{40}\times0.6020$$

$$= 0.0347 \text{ min}^{-1}$$

Now, at 0.01 M concentration

$$\text{Rate} = k[A]$$

$$= 0.0347 \times 0.01$$

$$= \mathbf{3.47 \times 10^{-4}\ mol\ L^{-1}\ min^{-1}.}$$

B87. (*d*): If order of reaction w.r.t. G is x and w.r.t. H is *y*, then on doubling [G] and [H], the rate becomes 8 times i.e.,

$2^x2^y = 8$ or $2^{(x+y)} = 23$

$\therefore x + y = 3$

$\therefore$ Order of reaction **= 3**

B88. (*a*): $k_1 = \frac{0.693}{40} \text{ min}^{-1}$

$$k_0 = \frac{1.386}{2\times20} = \frac{1.386}{40}\text{ min}^{-1}\text{ mol dm}^{-3}$$

$$\frac{k_1}{k_0} = \frac{0.693}{1.386} = \mathbf{\frac{1}{2}\ mol^{-1}dm^3}$$

B89. (*d*): Arrhenius equation is

$$\log k = \log A - \frac{E_a}{2.303\,RT}$$

$$\log k = 6.0 - 2000/T$$

$\therefore \quad \log A = 6.0$

$\therefore \quad A = 10^6\ s^{-1}$

$$\frac{E_a}{2.303\,R} = 2000$$

$$E_a = 2000 \times 2.303 \times 8.314$$

$$= \mathbf{38.28\ kJ\ mol^{-1}}$$

B90. (*a*): $k = Ae^{-Ea/RT}$

$\therefore$ As T increases, *k* increases exponentially.

B91. (*d*): For P, if $t_{1/2} = x$, then $t_{75\%} = 2x$. This means the order with respect to P is one.

From the graph, concentration of Q decreases linearly with time. So rate with respect to Q remains constant. Therefore, order of reaction with respect to Q is zero

Rate = $k[P]^1\ [Q]^0 \quad$ Order = 1 + 0 **= 1**

B92. (*a*): Rate with respect to weak acid,

$$\text{rate}_1 = k[H^+]_{\text{weak acid}}$$

Rate with respect to strong acid

$$\text{rate}_2 = k[H^+]_{\text{strong acid}}$$

$$\frac{\text{rate}_1}{\text{rate}_2} = \frac{k[H^+]_{\text{weak acid}}}{k[H^+]_{\text{strong acid}}} = \frac{1}{100}$$

$$\therefore [H^+]_{\text{weak acid}} = \frac{1}{100} = 0.01 \text{ M}$$

$$HA \rightleftharpoons H^+ + A^-$$

$1 - 0.01 \quad 0.01 \quad 0.01$

≈ 1

$$K_a = \frac{[H^+][A^-]}{[HA]} = \frac{0.01\times0.01}{1} = \mathbf{1\times10^{-4}}.$$

C. *mcq more than one correct answer*

C1. (*a, b*): (*c*) rate becomes 81 times.

(*d*) rate becomes 4 times.

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C2. (a, d): For a first order reaction, degree of dissociation $= \frac{x}{a}$

$$k = \frac{1}{t}\ln\frac{a}{a-x}$$

$$\ln\frac{a}{a-x} = kt \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{a}{a-x} = e^{kt}$$

$$\frac{a-x}{a} = e^{-kt} \quad \text{or} \quad 1-\frac{x}{a} = e^{-kt}$$

$$\frac{x}{a} = 1 - e^{-kt}$$

or degree of dissociation $= 1 - e^{-kt}$

As E_a/RT is dimensionless therefore, A has the dimensions of k, i.e. time^{-1}.

C3. (b, c): Since rate depends upon $[H^+]^2$, it is affected by change in pH of solution. Doubling the conc. of H^+ increases the rate four times.

C4. (b, c): (a) is wrong because it is independent of [NaOH].
(d) is wrong because all reactions are affected by temperature.

C6. (a, b, d) : (a) For a reaction, concentration of reactant decreases exponentially with time. It is true.
(b) Half life period decreases with increase in concentration because it is inversely proportional to k.

$$(d) \qquad k = \frac{0.693}{t_{1/2}} \qquad ...(i)$$

For 99.6% completion, $a = 100$, $a - x = 100 - 99.6 = 0.4$.

$$k = \frac{2.303}{t_{99.6}} \times \log\frac{100}{0.4}$$

$$= \frac{2.303}{t_{99.6}} \times 2.40 \qquad ...(ii)$$

From eq. (i) and (ii)

$$\frac{0.693}{t_{1/2}} = \frac{2.303}{t_{99.6}} \times 2.4$$

$$t_{99.6} = \frac{2.303}{0.693} \times 2.4 \times t_{1/2}$$

$$= 7.976\, t_{1/2} \quad \text{or} \quad = 8\, t_{1/2}.$$

C8. (a, d) : According to Arrhenius equation,

$$k = Ae^{-Ea/RT}$$

On increasing temperature (T) and decreasing activation energy (E_a), rate of reaction increases.

C9. (a, c): (a) $A = PZ_{AB}$

P = frequency factor, Z_{AB} = collision frequency

A = Arrhenius factor

Assuming Z_{AB} to be same,

$$P = \frac{(A)_{exp}}{(A)_{theo}}$$

Since P = 4.5 i.e P > 1

$(A)_{exp} > (A)_{theo}$

(c) The activation energy of the reaction is unaffected by the value of stearic factor.

C10. (a, d) : $A(g) \longrightarrow 2B(g) + C(g)$

$t = 0$	$[A]_0$		
$t = t$	$[A]_0 - x$	$2x$	x

$[A]_0 \propto p_0$

$[A]_0 - x + 2x + x$ or $[A]_0 + 2x \propto p_t$

$2x \propto p_t - p_0$

$$x \propto \frac{p_t - p_0}{2}$$

$$t = \frac{1}{k}\ln\frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$$

$$= \frac{1}{k}\ln\frac{p_0}{p_0 - \left(\frac{p_t - p_0}{2}\right)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{k}\ln\frac{2p_0}{2p_0 - p_t + p_0}$$

or $$kt = \ln\frac{2p_0}{3p_0 - p_t} \quad \text{or} = \ln 2p_0 - \ln(3p_0 - p_t)$$

or $$\ln(3p_0 - p_t) = -kt + 2\,p_0$$

$\therefore$ Graph between $\ln(3p_0 - p_t)$ vs t is a straight line with –ve slope. Hence, option (a) is correct.

Now $$t_{1/3} = \frac{1}{k}\ln\frac{p_0}{p_0/3} = \frac{1}{k}\ln 3$$

$\therefore$ Rate constant is independent of $[A]_0$, hence option (d) is correct.

D. *mcq based on comprehension*

D1. (b) : $$\text{Slope} = -\frac{k}{2.303}$$

$$\therefore \quad k = -2.303 \times \text{slope}$$

$$= -2.303 \times 0.01389 = \mathbf{3.2 \times 10^{-2}\ min^{-1}}$$

D4. (d) : $\text{Rate} = k\,[c]$

$$0.0069 = (0.2)\,k$$

$$k = \frac{0.0069}{0.2} = \frac{3.45 \times 10^{-2}}{60} = 5.75 \times 10^{-4}\ s^{-1}$$

$$t_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{5.75 \times 10^{-4}} = \mathbf{1205\ s}$$

D6. (b) : $$\ln k = \ln A - \frac{E_a}{RT}$$

Therefore, plot of ln k versus 1/T is linear with

$$\text{slope} = -\frac{E_a}{R}$$

D7. (c) : $$\text{Slope} = -\frac{E_a}{2.303\,R}$$

$$\therefore \quad E_a = -(-8.95 \times 10^3) \times 2.303 \times 8.314$$

$$= \mathbf{171.4\ kJ\ mol^{-1}}.$$

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D8. (*c*) : The factor A has the same units as those of k.
For a second order reaction, k has the units $L\ mol^{-1}\ s^{-1}$.

D9. (*a*): For uncatalysed reaction :

$$\log k = \log A - \frac{E_a}{2.303\,RT}$$

For catalysed reaction (k' is constant)

$$\log k' = \log A - \frac{E_a - 10}{2.303\,RT}$$

or $$\log k' = \log A - \frac{E_a}{2.303\,RT} + \frac{10}{2.303\,RT}$$

Subtracting, $\log k' - \log k = \frac{10}{2.303\,RT}$

$$\log \frac{k'}{k} = \frac{10}{2.303 \times 8.314 \times 300} = 1.741$$

D10. (*a*): On solving E_a comes out to be 50 kJ mol^{-1}.

D11. (*c*): $E_a = 0$

$$\log \frac{k_2}{k_1} = 0$$

or $$\frac{k_2}{k_1} = 1 \quad \therefore \quad k_2 = k_1$$

D12. (*c*): Fraction of molecules having energy greater than E_a at any temperature T is given as

$$x = \frac{n}{N} = e^{-E_a/RT} \qquad ln\ x = -\frac{E_a}{RT}$$

or $$\log x = -\frac{E_a}{2.303\,RT}$$

Integer Type Questions

1. (0): For a zero order reaction,

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = k$$

From 1 to 0.75

$$\frac{0.25}{0.05} = 5$$

From 0.75 to 0.40

$$\frac{0.35}{0.07} = 5$$

From 0.40 to 0.10

$$\frac{0.30}{0.06} = 5$$

Thus, order of reaction is zero.

6. (9): For a first order reaction :

$$t = \frac{2.303}{k}\log\frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$$

At $t_{1/8}$, $[A] = [A]_0/8$

$$t_{1/8} = \frac{2.303}{k}\log\frac{[A]_0}{[A_0]/8} = \frac{2.303}{k}\log 8 \qquad ...(i)$$

At $t = t_{1/10}$, $[A] = [A]_0/10$

$$10 = \frac{2.303}{k}\log\frac{[A]_0}{[A]_0/10} = \frac{2.303}{k}\log 10 \qquad ...(ii)$$

From eq. (*i*) and (*ii*)

$$\frac{t_{1/8}}{t_{1/10}} = \frac{\log 8}{\log 10}$$

$$\therefore \quad \frac{t_{1/8}}{t_{1/10}} \times 10 = 10 \times \frac{\log 2^3}{\log 10} = \frac{10 \times 3 \log 2}{\log 10}$$

$$= \frac{10 \times 3 \times 0.3}{1} = \mathbf{9}.$$

7. (8): In the complex $[Fe(C_2O_4)_2(H_2O)_2]^{2-}$
The oxidation state of iron is +2
In acidic medium Fe^{2+} is oxidised to Fe^{3+} as

$$2MnO_4^- + 10Fe^{2+} + 16\ H^+ \longrightarrow 2Mn^{2+} + 8H_2O + 10Fe^{3+}$$

or $$MnO_4^- + 5Fe^{2+} + 8\ H^+ \longrightarrow Mn^{2+} + 4H_2O + 5Fe^{3+}$$

$$\frac{\text{Rate of change of } [H^+]}{\text{Rate of change of } [MnO_4^-]} = \frac{8}{1} = 8$$

NCERT Exemplar Problems : MCQs Type-I

1. (*c*): A catalyst lowers the activation energy of a reaction.

2. (*c*): In the presence of a catalyst, ΔH does not change.

4. (*a*): The activation energy for the forward reaction is $E_1 + E_2$ and product is stable than reactants.

7. (*d*): Rate constant increases exponentially with decreasing E_{act} and increasing temperature.

9. (*c*): The order of a reaction is not always equal to the sum of the stoichiometric coefficients of the reactants in the balanced chemical equation.

12. (*c*): $$-\frac{1}{5}\frac{\Delta[Br^-]}{\Delta t} = -\frac{1}{6}\frac{\Delta[H^+]}{\Delta t}$$

or $$\frac{\Delta[Br^-]}{\Delta t} = \frac{5}{6}\frac{\Delta[H^+]}{\Delta t}$$

13. (*a*): Graph represents (*a*) is exothermic reaction in which $H_{products} < H_{reactants}$.

14. (*b*): Rate will become double.

16. (*d*): It will take infinite time for completion.

17. (*b*): On doubling conc. of B, rate becomes four times (exp. 1 and 2)

$\therefore$ rate $\propto [B]^2$

On doubling conc. of A, rate becomes double (exp. 1 and 3)

$\therefore$ Rate $\propto$ [A]

$\therefore$ Rate = $k[A]\,[B]^2$

18. (*b*): A catalyst does not change ΔG or ΔH of the reaction.

19. (*b*): In pseudo first order reaction, rate constant depends on the concentration of reactant present in excess.

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Unit Practice Test

for Board Examination

Time Allowed : 2 Hrs. Maximum Marks : 35

1. Define activation energy of a reaction. (1)
2. 75% of a radioactive substance disintegrates in 50 s. What is its half-life period? (1)
3. For a chemical reaction A $\longrightarrow$ B, the rate increases by a factor of 2.25 when the concentration of A is increased by 1.5. What is the order of the reaction? (1)
4. Can order of a reaction be fractional? Explain. (1)
5. What is the order of a reaction whose rate constant has same units as the rate of the reaction? (1)
6. The decomposition of ammonia on platinum surface is zero order reaction. What are the rates of production of N_2 and H_2 if $k = 2.5 \times 10^{-4}$ mol $L^{-1}s^{-1}$? (2)
7. Show that half life period of a first order reaction does not depend upon the initial concentration of reactants. (2)
8. A first order reaction is 15% complete in 20 minutes. How long will it take to complete 60%? (2)
9. Give differences between rate constant and rate of a reaction. (2)
10. A reaction is of second order with respect to a reactant. How is the rate of reaction affected if the concentration of the reactant is reduced to half? What is the unit of rate constant for such a reaction? (2)
11. The rate of a particular reaction quadruples when the temperature changes from 293 K to 313 K. Calculate the energy of activation for such a reaction. (3)
12. A first order reaction has a rate constant of 0.0051 min^{-1}. If we begin with 0.10 M concentration of the reactant, what concentration of the reactant will be left after 3 hours ? (3)
13. Explain the following: (3)

    (*i*) pseudo first order reactions

    (*ii*) graphical method for measuring rate of a reaction.
14. Discuss the effect of temperature on the rate of a reaction. How can this temperature effect on rate constant be represented quantitatively ? (3)
15. During nuclear explosion one of the products is ^{90}Sr with half-life of 28.1 years. If 1 μg of ^{90}Sr was absorbed in the bones of a newly born baby instead of calcium, how much of it will remain after 10 years and 60 years if it is not lost metabolically? (3)
16. (*a*) What is meant by order and molecularity of a reaction? How do these differ?

    (*b*) Derive an expression for the rate constant of a zero order reaction.

    (*c*) A reaction rate is first order in A and second order in B. How is its rate affected on increasing concentrations of A and B two and three times respectively? (5)

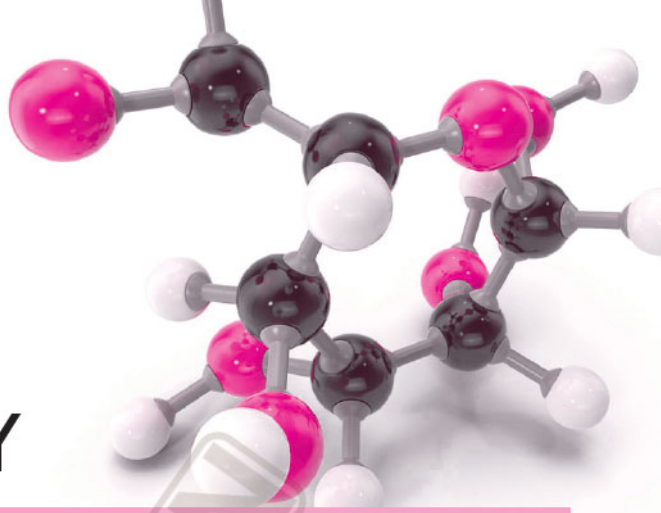
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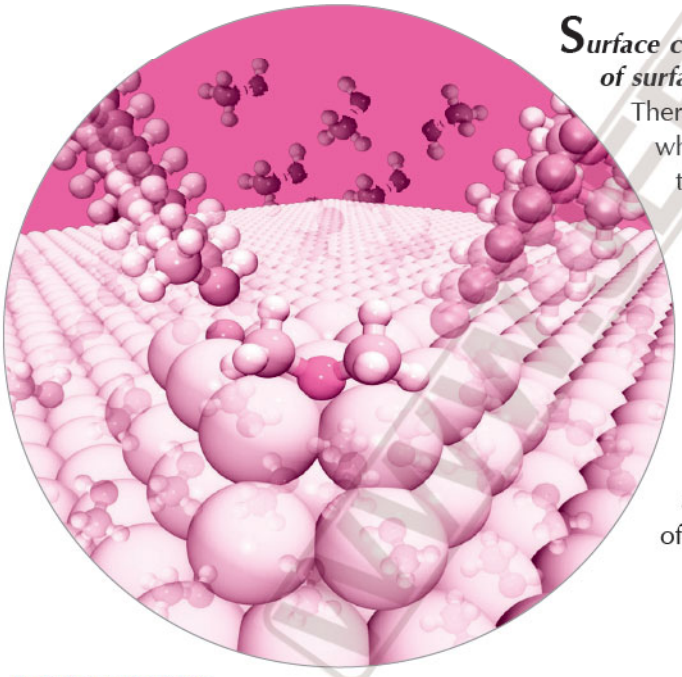
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Surface chemistry is the branch of chemistry which deals with the nature of surfaces and the phenomena that occur at the surfaces or interfaces. There are many properties of substances particularly of solids and liquids, which depend upon the nature of the surface. Surface represents the boundary which separates two bulk phases. This is also called interface and is generally represented by separating the bulk phases by a hyphen or a slash. For example, the interface or surface between a solid and a liquid may be represented by solid-liquid or solid/liquid interface. There is no interface between gases because they are completely miscible.

Adsorption on solid or on solution surfaces, colloidal properties, electrode processes, heterogeneous catalysis, dissolution and crystallisation, corrosion etc. are important surface effects which are useful to understand many physical and chemical properties of the substances.

ADSORPTION

There are many examples which show that the surface of a solid has a tendency to attract and retain the molecules of the phase with which it comes into contact. These molecules, however, remain only at the surface of the solid and do not penetrate into the bulk. For example, when a small amount of finely divided charcoal is put into vessel containing a gas, it is observed that the pressure of the gas decreases rapidly at first and then gradually. The decrease in pressure of the gas is due to the accumulation of the gas on the surface of charcoal. It has been observed that the gas molecules remain only on the surface and do not penetrate into the bulk of the solid. Since these molecules remain only at the surface and donot go deeper into the bulk, their concentration is more at the surface than in the bulk of the solid. Thus,

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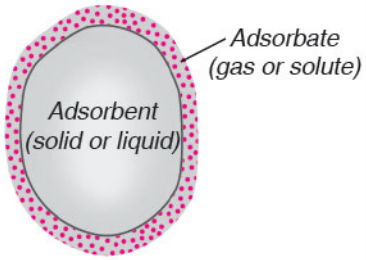


Fig. 1. Adsorbent and adsorbate.

the phenomenon of attracting and retaining the molecules of a substance at the surface of a solid or a liquid resulting into higher concentration of the molecules on the surface than in the bulk is called ***adsorption***.

As a result of adsorption, there is decrease of surface energy.

Adsorbent and Adsorbate

The solid substance on the surface of which adsorption occurs is known as **adsorbent**.

The substances that get adsorbed on the solid surface due to intermolecular attractions are called **adsorbate.** *The process of removal of an adsorbed substance from the surface on which it is adsorbed* is called **desorption.** It is reverse of adsorption and can be brought about by heating or by reducing the pressure.

The phenomenon of adsorption of gases on the surface of metals is called occlusion.

The adsorbent may be a solid or a liquid and the adsorbate may be a gas or a solute in some solution.

Examples of adsorption

1. Adsorption of a gas by charcoal. If a gas like ammonia, sulphur dioxide, chlorine, oxygen, hydrogen, carbon monoxide or phosgene is taken in a closed vessel containing powdered charcoal, it is observed that the pressure of the gas **decreases**. The gas molecules concentrate at the surface of the charcoal *i.e.*, gases are adsorbed at the surface. In this case, *charcoal acts as an adsorbent* while *gas molecules act as adsorbate.*

Solids particularly, finely divided have a large surface area and therefore, they show the property of adsorption to a much larger extent. For example, charcoal, silica gel, alumina gel, clay, colloids, metals in finely divided state, etc. are highly good adsorbents because they have highly porous structures and hence large surface area.

2. Adsorption of a dye by charcoal. When animal charcoal is shaken with a solution of an organic dye such as methylene blue it is observed that the solution turns colourless. The discharge of the colour is due to the fact that the coloured component (generally an organic dye) gets adsorbed on the surface of animal charcoal. Therefore, animal charcoal is used for decolourising a number of organic substances in the form of their solutions.

3. When aqueous solution of raw sugar (which has yellowish brown colour) is passed over beds of animal charcoal, it becomes colourless because the colouring substances are adsorbed by the charcoal.

4. The air becomes dry in the presence of silica gel because the water molecules get adsorbed on the silica gel.

Difference between Adsorption and Absorption

The terms adsorption and absorption are different. Adsorption is a phenomenon in which there is higher concentration of another substance on the surface than in the bulk. On the other hand *absorption is a phenomenon in which the molecules of a substance are uniformly distributed throughout the body of other substance*.

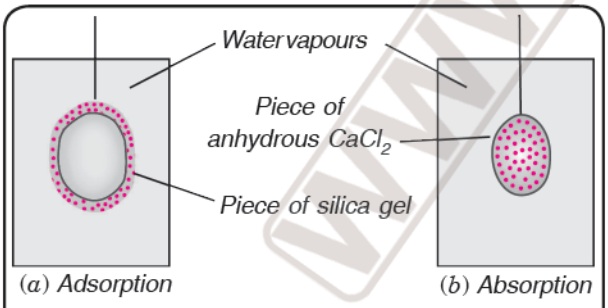


Fig. 2. Phenomena of adsorption and absorption.

Thus, adsorption of substance A by B means that A is present on the surface of B and the concentration of A in parts of B away from the surface is negligible. On the other hand, absorption of A by B means that A is uniformly distributed over B. For example, when a stick of chalk is dipped in ink, the surface retains the colour of ink due to adsorption of coloured molecules. On the other hand, the solvent of the ink goes deeper into the stick due to absorption. When chalk stick is broken, it is found to be white from inside.

The distinction between adsorption and absorption can be made by taking the example of water vapour. When silica gel is placed in the environment of water, it adsorbs the water vapour. As shown in Fig. 2 (*a*), the water vapours are present in high concentration at the surface of silica gel. On the other hand, when anhydrous calcium chloride is placed in the environment of water, it absorbs water. The water vapours uniformly get distributed throughout the body of calcium chloride as shown in Fig. 2(*b*).

REMEMBER

- Silica gel **adsorbs** water vapour while
- anhydrous calcium chloride **absorbs** water.

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Thus, silica gel **adsorbs** *water vapour while anhydrous calcium chloride* **absorbs** *water*. Similarly, when ammonia gas is placed in contact with charcoal, it gets adsorbed on the charcoal.

Thus, adsorption is a surface phenomenon while absorption is a bulk property.

The **important points of distinction** between adsorption and absorption are:

Absorption	Adsorption
1. It is the phenomenon in which the particles of gas or liquid get uniformly distributed throughout the body of the solid.	It is the phenomenon of higher concentration of particles of gas or liquid on the surface than in the bulk of the solid.
2. The concentration is the same throughout the material. Therefore, it is a bulk phenomenon.	The concentration on the surface of the adsorbent is different from that in the bulk. Therefore it is a surface phenomenon.
3. Absorption occurs at uniform rate.	Adsorption is rapid in the beginning and its rate slowly decreases.

Sorption. In some cases, both absorption and adsorption occur together and are not distinguishable. In such cases, the substance gets uniformly distributed into the bulk of the solid but at the same time, its concentration is higher at the surface than in the bulk. Such a phenomenon is called **sorption**.

Illustration of adsorption, absorption and sorption



Positive and Negative Adsorption

Positive adsorption. *When the concentration of adsorbate is more on the surface of adsorbent relative to its concentration in the bulk,* it is called **positive adsorption**.

Negative adsorption. *When the concentration of the adsorbate is less on the surface relative to its concentration in the bulk,* it is called **negative adsorption**. For example, in case of some liquid solutions, it is observed that the concentration of the solute is less on the surface than in the bulk of the solution. This type of adsorption is called negative adsorption.

For example, when a concentrated solution of potassium chloride (KCl) is shaken with blood charcoal; it shows positive adsorption but with a dilute solution of KCl, it shows negative adsorption.

Mechanism of Adsorption

Adsorption is a surface phenomenon, it arises because of the unbalanced forces on the surface of solids and liquids. This is because of the fact that the surface particles of the adsorbent (solid or liquid) are not in the same environment as the particles inside the bulk. If we consider a solid, it is observed that a molecule present in the bulk of the solid is being uniformly attracted from all sides by the neighbouring molecules [Fig. 3 (*a*)]. As a result, there is no net pull on this molecule. However, a molecule which lies near the surface (known as a surface molecule) is being attracted only by molecules below it. This is because there are no molecules above it. Therefore, surface molecules experience a resultant downward attractive force within the solid. In other words, the surface is under strain or tension due to unbalanced forces. Similar inward forces of attraction exist on the surface of a liquid. As a result, the surface of the solid or liquid tends to satisfy their residual forces by attracting and retaining the molecules of other species (a gas or dissolved substance) when brought in contact with them [Fig. 3 (*b*)].

Thus, the unbalanced forces of the adsorbent are responsible for attracting the adsorbate particles on its surface resulting adsorption. The extent of adsorption increases with the increase of surface area per unit mass of the adsorbent at given temperature and pressure.

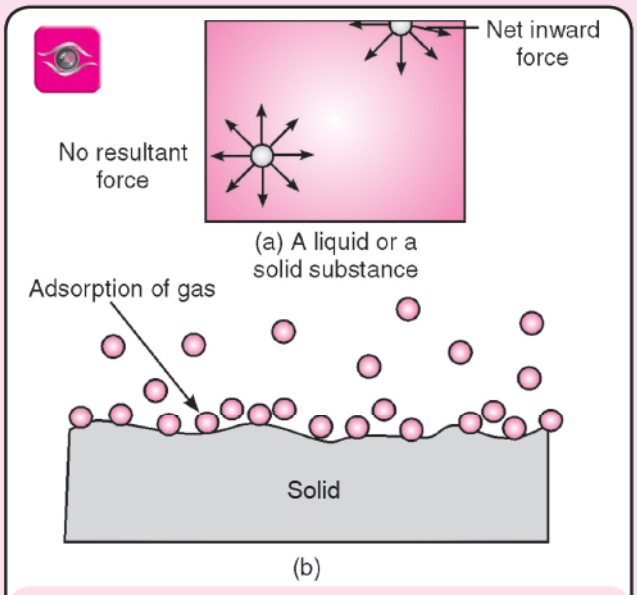


Fig. 3. (*a*) Inward forces at the surface of a solid or a liquid. (*b*) Adsorption of a gas at the solid surface.

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TYPES OF ADSORPTION

Depending upon the nature of forces which hold the molecules of the adsorbate on the surface of the adsorbent, the adsorption is classified into two types :

1. Physical adsorption and
2. Chemical adsorption.

1. Physical adsorption

When the particles of the adsorbate are held to the surface of the adsorbent by the physical forces such as van der Waals forces, the adsorption is called **physical adsorption or physisorption** (short name for physical adsorption). The attractive forces are weak and, therefore, these can be easily overcome either by increasing the temperature or by decreasing the pressure. In other words, physical adsorption can be easily **reversed** or decreased.

Characteristics of physical adsorption

(*i*) Low enthalpy of adsorption. The attractive forces between adsorbent and the adsorbate molecules are weak (van der Waals forces) and therefore, molar enthalpy of adsorption is low and is of the order of 20–40 kJ mol^{-1}.

(*ii*) Reversible nature. The physical adsorption process is generally reversible and therefore, equilibrium is reached rapidly. Thus,

$$\underset{\text{Adsorbent}}{\text{Solid}} + \underset{\text{Adsorbate}}{\text{Gas}} \rightleftharpoons \text{Gas/Solid} + \text{Heat}$$

Applying Le Chatelier's principle, when we increase the pressure (or decrease the volume), the equilibrium shifts in the forward direction *i.e.* adsorption increases. Therefore, more of gas is adsorbed when pressure is increased as the volume of the gas decreases. Alternatively, gas can be removed by decreasing the pressure.

(*iii*) Effect of temperature. Since adsorption process is exothermic, therefore, physical adsorption occurs readily at low temperature and decreases with increase in temperature according to Le-Chatelier's principle. If the temperature is increased, the kinetic energy of the gas molecules increases and they leave the surface of the adsorbent. Therefore, *rise in temperature decreases the extent of adsorption*.

(*iv*) Lack of specificity. It is not specific in nature and therefore, all gases are adsorbed on all solids to the same extent. This is because a given surface of an adsorbent does not show any preference for a particular gas as the van der Waals forces are universal.

(*v*) Nature of adsorbate. The extent of physical adsorption depends upon the ease of liquefaction of the gas. The gases which are easily liquefied (*i.e.*, having higher critical temperatures) are adsorbed readily because van der Waals forces are stronger near the critical temperatures. For example, 1g of activated charcoal adsorbs more SO_2 (critical temperature 630 K) than methane (critical temperature 190 K) which is still more than 4.5 mL of dihydrogen (critical temperature 33 K).

(*vi*) State of adsorbate. In physical adsorption, the state of adsorbate is same as in the bulk.

2. Chemical adsorption.

When the molecules of the adsorbate are held to the surface of the adsorbent by the chemical forces or chemical bonds, the adsorption is called **chemical adsorption** or **chemisorption** (short name for chemical adsorption).

In this case, a chemical reaction occurs between the adsorbed molecules and the adsorbent on the surface. This type of adsorption is irreversible. Like chemical reactions, there are activation energies for chemisorption.

Characteristics of chemical adsorption

(*i*) Enthalpy of adsorption. Attractive forces between adsorbent and adsorbate molecules are strong chemical bonds and therefore, molar heat of adsorption is high and is of the order of 80–240 kJ mol^{-1}.

(*ii*) Irreversible nature. Unlike physical adsorption, it is irreversible because chemisorption involves compound formation.

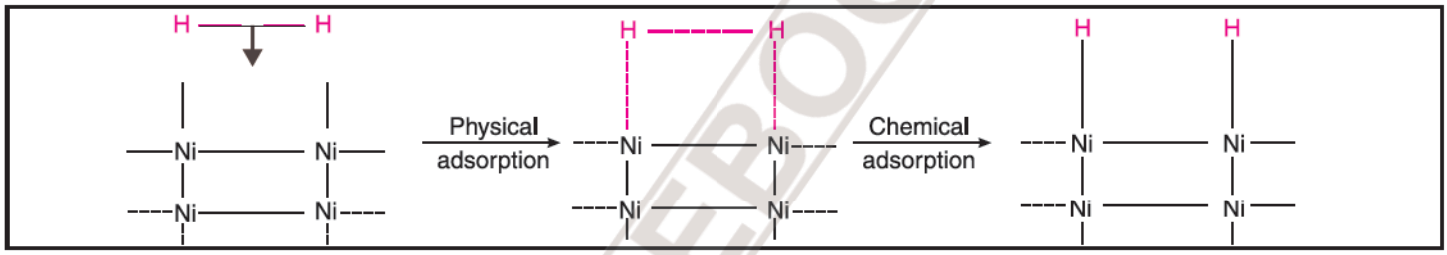
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(*iii*) **Effect of temperature.** Chemical adsorption first increases with, increase in temperature upto a certain extent and then decreases regularly. A gas adsorbed at low temperature by physical adsorption may change into chemisorption at a high temperature. For example, hydrogen is first adsorbed on nickel by van der Waals forces. Molecules of hydrogen then dissociate to form hydrogen atoms which are held on the surface by chemisorption. Usually high pressure is also favourable for chemisorption.

(*iv*) **High selectivity.** Unlike physical adsorption, chemical adsorption involves the formation of chemical bonds between the adsorbed molecules and the surface of adsorbent. Therefore, it is highly selective. In other words, chemical adsorption depends upon the nature of the chemical properties of the gas and the adsorbent. For example, oxygen is adsorbed on metals by virtue of oxide formation and hydrogen is adsorbed by transition metals due to hydride formation.

(*v*) **State of adsorbed species.** Since chemical reaction takes place in this type of adsorption, therefore, the state of adsorbed molecules may be different from that in the bulk. For example, oxygen exists as O_2 in the bulk but on the surface it may exist as O_2^-, O_2^{2-}, O, O^-, O^{2-}, etc.

Explanation of chemisorption. Let us consider the example of adsorption of H_2 gas on the surface of nickel or platinum. Due to unbalanced forces on the surface of the solid, the hydrogen molecules are attracted towards it by weak van der Waals force and hence get adsorbed on it. The adsorbed molecules then dissociate into atoms and are chemisorbed and hence are held strongly.



Since chemical adsorption needs some activation energy, the process is also called **activated adsorption**.

Enthalpy of adsorption

The amount of heat evolved when one mole of an adsorbate (gas or liquid) is adsorbed on the surface of an adsorbent is called ***enthalpy of adsorption.***

The enthalpy of adsorption for chemisorption is larger than that for physical adsorption. For example, the enthalpy of adsorption for chemisorption is almost of the same magnitude as of chemical reactions of the order of 80–240 kJ mol^{-1}. On the other hand, the enthalpy of adsorption for physical adsorption is of the order of heat of condensation of vapours into liquids *i.e.,* about 20–40 kJ mol^{-1}.

Gibbs energy change during adsorption

During adsorption, there is always decrease in residual forces of the surface *i.e.*, there is decrease in surface energy, which appears as heat. Therefore, adsorption is an exothermic process and therefore, ΔH is negative for adsorption and favours the process. On the other hand, the molecules of the adsorbate (gas) are held on the surface of the adsorbent and, therefore, they have lesser tendency to move about freely. In other words, entropy decreases *i.e.,* ΔS is negative and the entropy factor opposes the process. According to Gibbs Helmholtz equation,

$\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S$, or $\Delta G = (-) - T(-)$

Thus for the process of adsorption to occur, ΔG must be negative, which is possible only when $\Delta H > T\Delta S$ in magnitude. Thus, for adsorption to be spontaneous, ΔH should have sufficiently high negative value so that ΔG becomes negative. This is true in the beginning. However, as the adsorption continues, ΔH becomes less and less negative and $T\Delta S$ keeps on increasing and ultimately ΔH becomes equal to $T\Delta S$ so that ΔG becomes zero. This state is called **adsorption equilibrium**.

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- $\Delta H_{adsorption}$ is always –ve
- $\Delta S_{adsorption}$ is –ve
  For process of adsorption to occur *i.e.*, ΔG to be –ve, ΔH must be > $T\Delta S$.
- *i.e.,* ΔH should have sufficiently high value (>$T\Delta S$) so that ΔG becomes negative.

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It may be noted that in **exceptional cases, chemisorption may be endothermic** (*i.e.,* ΔH = +ve). For example, H_2 adsorbs on glass endothermally. In this case $H_2(g)$ splits into H atoms on glass as

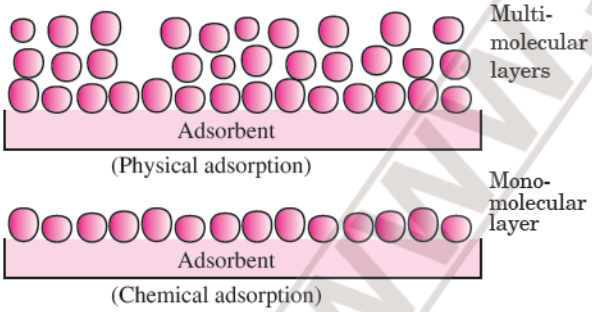
$$H_2(g) \longrightarrow 2H \text{ (glass)}$$

so that ΔS is sufficiently positive to overcome the small positive enthalpy change (*i.e.,* $T\Delta S > \Delta H$ so that ΔG = –ve). Similarly, highly hydrated solutes, when adsorbed on solids also have positive ΔH. But these are accompanied by large positive ΔS due to release of water molecules on adsorption. Therefore, ΔG is also negative in these cases.

Differences between physical adsorption and chemical adsorption

The main points of differences between physical adsorption and chemical adsorption are summed up below :

Physical adsorption	Chemical adsorption
1. The forces between the adsorbate molecules and the adsorbent are **weak van der Waals forces**.	The forces between the adsorbate molecules and the adsorbent are **strong chemical forces** similar to chemical bonds.
2. Low enthalpy of adsorption of the order of **20 to 40 kJ mol^{-1}**	High enthalpy of adsorption of the order of **80 to 240 kJ mol^{-1}.**
3. Usually occurs at low temperature and **decreases with increase of temperature**.	It occurs at high temperature and **increases with the increase of temperature**.
4. It is **reversible** in nature.	It is **irreversible**.
5. The extent of adsorption depends upon the ease of liquefication of the gas. More easily liquefiable gases are adsorbed readily.	There is no correlation between extent of adsorption and the ease of liquefication of gas. It also depends on the nature of gas. Gases which can react with the adsorbent show chemisorption.
6. It is **not specific** in nature *i.e.,* all gases are adsorbed on the surface of a solid to some extent.	It is **highly specific** in nature and occurs only when there is bond formation between adsorbent and adsorbate molecules.
7. **No apprecible activation energy** is needed.	**High activation energy** is sometimes needed.
8. The state of adsorbate is same as in the bulk.	State of adsorbate molecules may be different from that in the bulk.
9. It forms **multimolecular** layers.	It forms **mono-molecular layer**.
10. Rate of adsorption **increases with increase in pressure of adsorbate**.	Rate of adsorption usually **decreases as the pressure increases**.
11. It depends on the surface area. It increases with an increase of surface area.	It also depends on surface area and also increases with an increase of surface area.



Adsorption of N_2 on Iron

The behaviour of adsorption of N_2 on iron clearly distinguishes between physisorption and chemisorption. At 83 K, nitrogen is physisorbed on iron surface as N_2 molecules. The amount of N_2 adsorbed decreases rapidly as the temperature increases. At room temperature, practically, there is no adsorption of N_2 on iron. However at 773 K and above, nitrogen is chemisorbed on the iron surface as nitrogen atoms.

Types of Forces : As already discussed, the atoms or molecules of a solid surface have unbalanced or residual attractive forces. As a result, the surface of the solid has the tendency to attract the molecules of a gas or a liquid when they come in its contact. Since energy is released because of attraction, the solid gets a more stable state. The adsorbed atoms or molecules are held on the surface of a solid by physical van der Waals forces or chemical forces due to residual valence bonds.

The forces of attraction increase when a solid is broken into pieces or crushed to powder. This is because of formation of *more surfaces.* For example, when a solid substance is broken into two pieces, two new surfaces are formed

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and therefore, the number of unbalanced forces become more (Fig. 4). As a result, the tendency for adsorption becomes large.

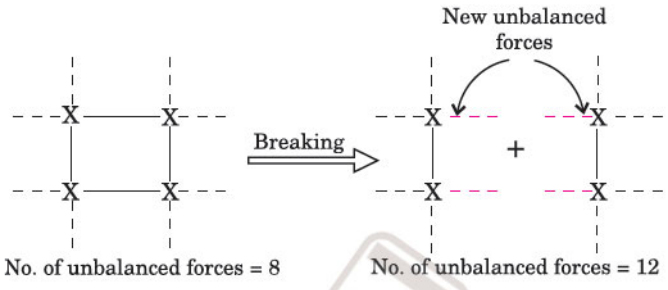


Fig. 4. Unbalanced forces on the metal surface increase on breaking into pieces.

ADSORPTION OF GASES ON SOLIDS

Almost all solids adsorb gases to some extent. The extent of adsorption of a gas on a solid surface is affected by the following factors :

1. *Nature of the gas*
2. *Nature of adsorbent*
3. *Specific area of the adsorbent*
4. *Effect of temperature*
5. *Effect of pressure*
6. *Activation of adsorbent.*

These factors are discussed below :

1. Nature of the gas (or adsorbate). The amount of gas adsorbed by a solid depends on the nature of the gas. In general, under given conditions of temperature and pressure, the easily liquifiable gases such as CO_2, HCl, NH_3, Cl_2, etc. are adsorbed more than the permanent gases such as H_2, N_2 and O_2.

The ease of liquefication of a gas depends upon its critical temperature (T_c). The critical temperature of a gas is the minimum temperature above which a gas cannot be liquefied, however high the pressure may be applied. ***The higher the critical temperature, the more easily a gas is liquefied and hence more readily it will be adsorbed*** because the van der Waals forces are stronger near the critical temperatures. For example, 1 g of activated charcoal can adsorb the following amounts of gases :

Gas	H_2	N_2	CO	CH_4	CO_2	NH_3	SO_2
Critical temp. (K)	33	126	134	190	304	406	430
Amt. adsorbed (in mL)	4.5	8.0	9.3	16.2	48	180	380

Critical temp. increases

Ease of liquefication increases

Adsorption increases

However, **the chemical adsorption is highly specific in nature and a gas gets adsorbed on the solid only if it forms chemical bonds.**

2. Nature of adsorbent. The extent of adsorption of a gas depends upon the nature of adsorbent. Activated charcoal can adsorb gases which are easily liquefied. Many poisonous gases are adsorbed by charcoal. Therefore, it is used in gas masks for adsorbing these poisonous gases. Gases such as H_2, N_2 and O_2 are generally adsorbed on finely divided transition metals *e.g.*, Ni and Co. Most common adsorbents used are activated charcoal, finely divided metals, metal oxides (silica gel, aluminium oxide, etc.), and clay. Each of these have their characteristic adsorption properties.

3. Surface area of the adsorbent. The extent of adsorption increases with the increase in the surface area of the adsorbent. The larger the surface area of the solid, the greater would be its adsorbing capacity. Therefore, the porous

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Higher the critical temperature of a gas, greater is the amount of that gas adsorbed.

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and finely divided forms of adsorbents adsorb large quantities of adsorbate. However, the pores of the adsorbent should be large enough to allow the gas molecules to enter them.

4. Effect of temperature. The process of adsorption is an **exothermic** process and is invariably accompanied by evolution of heat. Like any other equilibrium, adsorption is a process involving a true equilibrium. The two opposing processes involved are *condensation* (*i.e.,* adsorption) of the gas molecules on the surface of the adsorbent solid and *evaporation* (*i.e.*, desorption) of adsorbed gas molecules from the solid surface into gaseous phase. Since the process of condensation is exothermic, the reverse process of evaporation is endothermic. The equilibrium may be expressed as :

$$\text{Gas (adsorbate)} + \text{Solid (adsorbent)} \underset{\text{Evaporation}}{\overset{\text{Condensation}}{\rightleftharpoons}} \text{Gas adsorbed on solid} + \text{Heat}$$

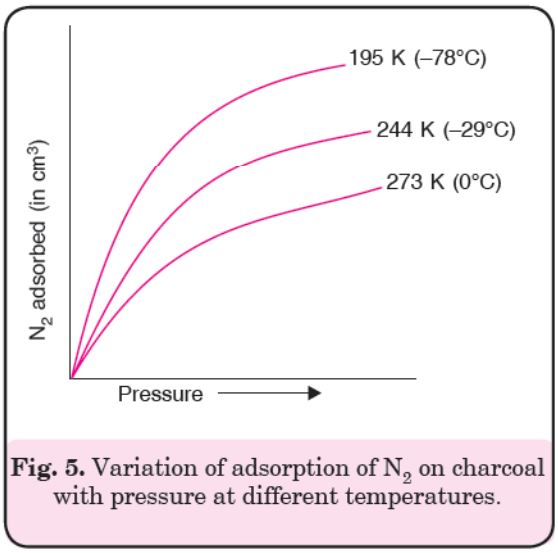


Fig. 5. Variation of adsorption of N_2 on charcoal with pressure at different temperatures.

According to Le-Chatelier's principle, the increase in temperature will favour the reverse process of desorption. Therefore, adsorption will decrease with increase in temperature and adsorption will be favoured by decrease in temperature. Thus, increase of temperature decreases adsorption and vice versa. For example, it has been observed that one gram of charcoal adsorbs about 10 cm^3 of N_2 at 273 K (0°C), but the same amount of charcoal adsorbs 20 cm^3 of N_2 at 244 K (–29°C) and about 45 cm^3 at 195 K (– 78°C). This is shown in Fig. 5.

This is clear from the above figure that at a particular pressure, adsorption increases with decrease in temperature.

5. Effect of pressure. At a constant temperature, the adsorption of a gas increases with increase in pressure. This can also be explained on the basis of Le-Chatelier's principle. Adsorption of a gas leads to decrease in pressure and therefore, according to Le-Chatelier's principle, the magnitude of adsorption increases with increase in pressure. The variation of adsorption with pressure at different constant temperatures is shown in Fig 5.

Thus, **decrease of temperature and increase of pressure both tend to increase the extent of adsorption of a gas on a solid.**

6. Activation of adsorbent. Activation of adsorbent means increasing of the adsorbing power of the adsorbent. It is very necessary to increase the rate of adsorption. This can be done by the following methods :

(*i*) Metallic adsorbents are activated by making the surface of the adsorbent rough. This is done by mechanical rubbing or by subjecting them to some chemical reactions or by depositing finely dispersed metals on the surface of adsorbent by electroplating.

(*ii*) To increase the adsorbing power of adsorbents, they are sub-divided into smaller pieces. As a result, the surface area increases and therefore, the adsorbing power increases.

(*iii*) Some adsorbents are activated by strong heating in contact with superheated steam or in vacuum at a temperature of 623–1273K so that gases already adsorbed are removed. For example, charcoal is activated by subjecting it to the action of superheated steam.

ADSORPTION ISOTHERMS

As already learnt, the adsorption on a given surface generally increases with increase in pressure (for gases) and concentration (for solutions) at a constant temperature.

The extent of adsorption of a gas per unit mass of adsorbent depends upon the pressure of the gas. ***The relation between the amount of substance adsorbed by the adsorbent and the equilibrium gas pressure (or concentration for solutions) at constant temperature*** is called an **adsorption isotherm**. This may be expressed in the form of an equation or graphical curve (or plot). The extent of adsorption is usually expressed as $\frac{x}{m}$ where x is the mass of adsorbate and m is the mass of the adsorbent. The simplest type of adsorption is shown in Fig. 6.

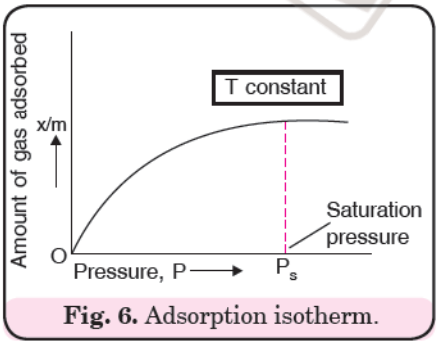


Fig. 6. Adsorption isotherm.

It is clear from the figure that extent of adsorption (x/m) increases with pressure and becomes maximum corresponding to pressure P_s, called equilibrium pressure. Since adsorption is a *reversible process,* the desorption also takes place simultaneously. At this pressure (P_s), the amount of gas adsorbed becomes equal to the amount of gas desorbed so that the extent of adsorption becomes constant even though the pressure is increased. This state is also called **saturation state** and P_s is called **saturation pressure**.

The scientists have tried to explain the adsorption in terms of some empirical mathematical relations called adsorption isotherms. The most common types are discussed below :

A. Freundlich Adsorption Isotherm

The variation of extent of adsorption (x/m) with pressure (P) at a particular temperature was given mathematically by Freundlich in 1909. From the adsorption isotherm (Fig. 6), the following observations can be easily made :

(*i*) At low pressure, the graph is almost straight line which indicates that x/m is directly proportional to pressure (Fig. 7). This may be expressed as :

$$\frac{x}{m} \propto P \text{ or } \frac{x}{m} = kP \qquad ...(i)$$

where k is a constant.

(*ii*) At high pressure, the graph becomes almost constant which means that x/m becomes independent of pressure (Fig. 7). This may be expressed as :

$$\frac{x}{m} = \text{constant} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{x}{m} \propto P^0 \quad (\because P^0 = 1)$$

or $$\frac{x}{m} = kP^0 \qquad ...(ii)$$

(*iii*) Thus, in the intermediate range of pressure, x/m will depend upon the power of pressure which lies between 0 to 1 *i.e.,* fractional power of pressure (probable range 0.1 to 0.5). This may be expressed as

$$\frac{x}{m} \propto P^{1/n}$$

or $$\boxed{\frac{x}{m} = k\ P^{1/n}} \qquad ...(iii)$$

where ***n* can take any whole number value** which depends upon the nature of adsorbate and adsorbent. The above relationship is also called **Freundlich's adsorption isotherm** and is shown in Fig. 7.

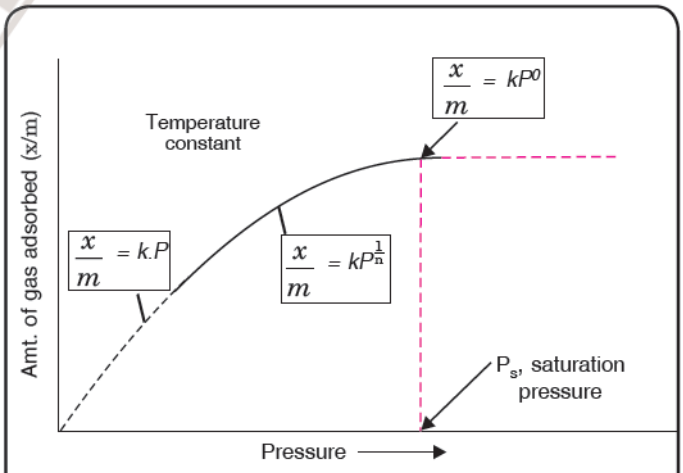


Fig. 7. Adsorption isotherm in term of Freundlich.

Calculation of k and n of adsorption isotherm

The constants k and n can be determined as explained below :

Taking logarithms on both sides of Eq. (*iii*), we get

$$\log \frac{x}{m} = \log k + \frac{1}{n} \log P$$

Thus, if we plot a graph between log (x/m) on y-axis (ordinate) and log P, on x-axis (abscissa), straight line will be obtained. This also shows the validity of Freundlich isotherm. The slope of the line (Fig. 8) is equal to $1/n$ and the intercept is equal to log k.

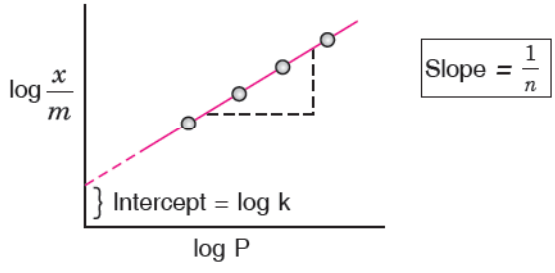


Fig. 8. Linear graph between log x/m and log P.

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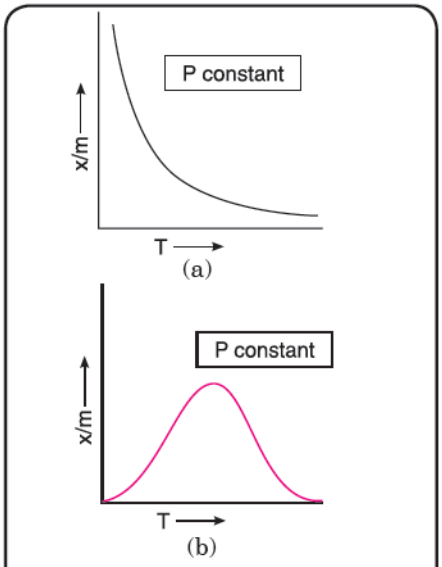


Fig. 9. Adsorption isobars for (*a*) physical adsorption and (*b*) chemical adsorption.

Limitations of Freundlich adsorption isotherm

Freundlich adsorption isotherm fails at high pressure of the gas. Therefore, this relation is considered as approximate and is applicable only at low pressures. Irving Langmuir in 1916 derived a simple adsorption isotherm on the theoretical considerations based on *kinetic theory of gases*. This is named as **Langmuir adsorption isotherm**.

ADSORPTION ISOBARS

As we have learnt, with the increase in temperature at constant pressure, the extent of adsorption (x/m) will decrease. ***The graph between extent of adsorption and temperature at constant pressure*** is called ***adsorption isobar***. However, this is true for physical adsorption as shown in Fig. 9 (*a*). In case of chemisorption, the adsorption initially increases with rise in temperature and then decreases as shown in Fig. 9 (*b*). This behaviour is expected because like all chemical reactions, some activation energy is required for chemisorption. At low temperature, x/m is small. As temperature is increased, the molecules of the adsorbate gain energy and become equal to activation energy so that proper bonds are formed with the adsorbent molecules. Therefore, initially amount of gas adsorbed increases with rise in temperature. Further increase of temperature will increase the energy of molecules which have already been adsorbed. This would increase the rate of desorption and, therefore, decrease the extent of adsorption.

The adsorption isobar graphs can be used to **distinguish** between physical and chemical adsorptions. In physical adsorption, there is a regular decrease as temperature increases. However, in chemisorption, there is initial increase and then it decreases [Fig. 9 (*b*)].

ADSORPTION FROM SOLUTIONS

The process of adsorption can take place from solutions also. For example, when solution of acetic acid in water is shaken with charcoal, a part of the acid is adsorbed by charcoal and therefore, the concentration of acetic acid decreases in the solution. Similarly, when magnesium is precipitated as magnesium hydroxide, in the presence of magneson reagent, it attains blue colour. The colour is due to adsorption of magneson. The litmus solution when shaken with charcoal becomes colourless because of adsorption from solution phase. It is also observed that solid adsorbents adsorb certain solutes from solution in preference to other solutes and solvents. For example, animal charcoal decolourises impure sugar solution by adsorbing colouring dye in preference to sugar molecules. The following observations are made in case of adsorption from solution phase :

(*i*) The extent of adsorption depends upon the concentration of the solute in the solution. It increases with increase in concentration of solute in the solution.

(*ii*) The extent of adsorption decreases with increase of temperature.

(*iii*) The extent of adsorption also depends upon the nature of adsorbent and adsorbate.

(*iv*) The extent of adsorption increases with an increase in the surface area of the adsorbent.

The Freundlich's adsorption isotherms obtained for the adsorption of gases on the surface of solid adsorbents have been found to be approximately applicable to the adsorption of solutes from the solutions. Here, the equilibrium pressure in the adsorption of gases is replaced by the equilibrium concentrations (C) of the adsorbates in solution. The adsorption isotherm may be represented as :

$$\frac{x}{m} = k\ C^{1/n} \qquad ...(i)$$

Taking logarithms, Eq. (*i*) becomes

$$\log \frac{x}{m} = \log k + \frac{1}{n} \log C$$

A graph between x/m and C has been found to be similar to one shown for x/m and P for gases on solid (Fig. 7). From the graph, the values of $1/n$ and $\log k$ can be calculated as slope and intercept respectively. The equation can be tested

NOTE

We have learnt that increase in temperature tends to lower the extent of adsorption. Therefore, in order to get the same amount of adsorption at a higher temperature, the pressure of the system has to be increased. Hence, a straight line relationship between temperature and pressure is generally observed. *The graph showing the variation of pressure with temperature for a given amount of adsorption is called* ***isostere.***

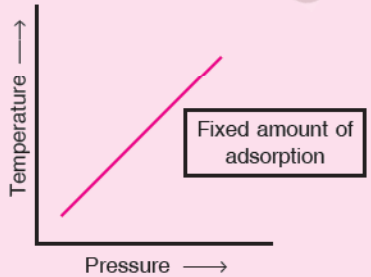


Fig. 10. Adsorption isostere.

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experimentally by taking solutions of different concentrations of acetic acid. Equal volumes of solutions are added to equal volumes of charcoal in different flasks. After adsorption for a fixed time, the final concentration is determined in each flask. The difference in the initial and final concentrations gives the value of x. Using the above equation, Freundlich adsorption isotherm can be verified.

SOLVED EXAMPLES

Example 1.

Three grams of oxygen are adsorbed on 1.2 g of charcoal powder at 300 K and 0.7 atm. Express the mass, number of moles and volume of oxygen at 300 K, 0.7 atm and at STP adsorbed per gram of the adsorbent.

Solution : Mass of adsorbate, x = 3 g

Mass of adsorbent, m = 1.2 g

Mass of adsorbate per gram of adsorbent

$$= \frac{x}{m} = \frac{3}{1.2} = 2.5 \text{ g}$$

No. of moles of adsorbate per gram of adsorbent

$$= \frac{2.5}{32} = 0.078$$

Volume of 2.5 g of O_2 at 300 K and 0.7 atm

$$= \frac{nRT}{P}$$

$$= \frac{0.078 \times 82.0 \times 300}{0.7}$$

($R = 82.0 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ atm K}^{-1}$)

$$= \mathbf{2741.1 \text{ cm}^3}$$

Volume of 2.5 g of O_2 at 273 K and 1 atm

$$= \frac{0.078 \times 82.0 \times 273}{1} = \mathbf{1746.1 \text{ cm}^3}$$

Example 2.

50 mL of 1 M oxalic acid (molar mass = 126) is shaken with 0.6 g of charcoal. The final concentration of the solution after adsorption has been found to be 0.4 M. Calculate the amount of oxalic acid adsorbed per gram of charcoal.

Solution: 1 M oxalic acid solution means 1 mole of oxalic acid or 126 g present in 1000 mL solution.

∴ 50 mL of 1M solution will contain oxalic acid

$$= \frac{126}{1000} \times 50 = 6.3 \text{ g}$$

Concentration of solution after adsorption = 0.4 M

1000 mL of solution contain oxalic acid = 0.4 × 126 = 50.4 g

50 mL of solution will contain oxalic acid

$$= \frac{50.4}{1000} \times 50 = 2.52 \text{ g}$$

Amount of oxalic acid adsorbed by 0.6 g of charcoal

$$= 6.3 - 2.52$$

$$= 3.78 \text{ g}$$

Amount of oxalic acid adsorbed per gram of charcoal

$$= \frac{3.78}{0.6} = \mathbf{6.30 \text{ g}}$$

Example 3.

1 g of charcoal adsorbs 100mL of 0.5 M CH_3COOH to form a monolayer and thereby molarity of acetic acid is reduced to 0.49 M. Calculate the surface area of the charcoal adsorbed by each molecule of acetic acid. Surface area of charcoal = $3.01 \times 10^2 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$ (I.I.T.2003)

Solution : No. of moles of acetic acid initially present

$$= \frac{0.5}{1000} \times 100 = 0.05 \text{ mol.}$$

No. of moles of acetic acid left after adsorption

$$= \frac{0.49}{1000} \times 100 = 0.049.$$

Moles of acetic acid adsorbed = 0.05 – 0.049 = 0.001 mol.

or $= 1 \times 10^{-3}$ mol.

No. of molecules of acetic acid adsorbed

$$= 1 \times 10^{-3} \times 6.022 \times 10^{23}$$

$$= 6.022 \times 10^{20} \text{ molecules}$$

Now, 1 g of charcoal has area $= 3.01 \times 10^2 \text{ m}^2$

∴ 6.022×10^{20} molecules of acetic acid gets adsorbed on surface area $= 3.01 \times 10^2 \text{ m}^2$

∴ 1 molecule of acetic acid gets adsorbed on surface area

$$= \frac{3.01 \times 10^2}{6.02 \times 10^{20}}$$

$$= \mathbf{5.0 \times 10^{-19} \text{ m}^2}$$

Example 4.

20% surface sites have adsorbed N_2. On heating N_2 gas is evolved from sites and were collected at 0.001 atm and 298 K in a container of volume 2.46 cm^3. Density of surface sites is $6.023 \times 10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ and surface area is 1000 cm^2. Calculate the number of surface sites occupied per molecule of N_2. (I.I.T 2005)

Solution : For adsorbed N_2 on surface sites, $p(N_2)$ = 0.001 atm, V = 2.46 cm^3, T = 298 K, R = 82.0 atm cm^3 K^{-1} mol^{-1}

$$n(N_2) = \frac{pV}{RT} = \frac{0.001 \times 2.46}{82.0 \times 298} = 1.006 \times 10^{-7}$$

Molecules of N_2 adsorbed $= 1.006 \times 10^{-7} \times 6.022 \times 10^{23}$

$$= 6.022 \times 10^{16}$$

Total surface sites available = No. of sites per cm^2 × Area

$$= 6.023 \times 10^{14} \times 1000$$

$$= 6.023 \times 10^{17}$$

Surface sites on which N_2 is adsorbed

$$= \frac{6.023 \times 10^{17} \times 20}{100}$$

$$= 12.046 \times 10^{16}$$

No. of sites adsorbed per molecule of N_2

$$= \frac{12.046 \times 10^{16}}{6.023 \times 10^{16}} = \mathbf{2}$$

Example 5.

The following data were obtained for the adsorption of carbon monoxide gas on 3.0 g of charcoal at 0°C and 1 atm pressure.

Pressure (mm Hg)	*200*	*400*
Volume of gas adsorbed, x (reduced to STP)	*18.6*	*31.4*

Calculate the values of the constants k and n using Freundlich adsorption equation.

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Solution : According to Freundlich adsorption isotherm,

$$\frac{x}{m} = kP^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

or $$\log\frac{x}{m} = \log k + \frac{1}{n}\log P$$

Substituting the values of the two given sets, we get

$$\log\frac{18.6}{3} = \log k + \frac{1}{n}\log 200 \quad \ldots (i)$$

$$\log\frac{31.4}{3} = \log k + \frac{1}{n}\log 400 \quad \ldots (ii)$$

Subtracting eqn. (i) from (ii) we get

$$\log\frac{31.4}{18.6} = \frac{1}{n}\log\frac{400}{200}$$

or $$\log 1.688 = \frac{1}{n}\log 2$$

or $$0.2274 = \frac{1}{n}\times 0.3010$$

$$\therefore \quad n = \frac{0.3010}{0.2274} = \mathbf{1.32}$$

Substituting the value of n in eqn. (i)

$$\log 6.2 = \log k + \frac{1}{1.32}\log 400$$

$$0.7924 = \log k + \frac{1}{1.32}\times 2.602$$

$$0.7924 = \log k + 1.9712$$

$$\log k = -1.1788 = \bar{2}.8212$$

$$k = \text{antilog}\,(\bar{2}.8212) = \mathbf{0.0662\ cm^3\ g^{-1}}$$

APPLICATIONS OF ADSORPTION

Some of the important applications of adsorption are given below :

1. In gas masks. Activated charcoal or a mixture of adsorbents is generally used in gas masks to adsorb poisonous and toxic gases from air. These masks are commonly used by the miners because there are poisonous gases like CO, CH_4, etc. in the atmosphere in the coal mines. Therefore, these masks help to purify the air for breathing.

2. In dyeing of cloth. Mordants such as alums are used in dyeing of cloth. They adsorb the dye particles which, otherwise, do not stick to the cloth.

3. In dehumidizers for control of humidity. Silica and aluminium gels are commonly used to adsorb humidity or moisture from air. This is necessary for storage of delicate instruments which might otherwise be damaged by moisture.

4. Removal of colouring matter from solutions. Many substances such as sugar, juice and vegetable oils are coloured due to the presence of impurities. They can be decolourised by placing in contact with adsorbents like *activated charcoal or fuller's earth*. This method is commonly used in the manufacture of cane sugar. The coloured sugar solution is treated with animal charcoal or activated charcoal.

5. Heterogeneous catalysis. The phenomenon of adsorption is useful in the heterogeneous catalysis. Adsorption of reactants on the solid surface of catalysts increases the rate of reaction. The metals such as Fe, Ni, Pt, Pd, etc. are used in the manufacturing process. Manufacture of ammonia using iron as catalyst **(Haber process)**, manufacture of sulphuric acid by **Contact process** and use of finely divided nickel in the hydrogenation of oils are excellent examples of heterogeneous catalysis. Its use is based upon the phenomenon of adsorption.

6. In ion-exchange resins. The organic polymers containing groups like $-COOH$, $-SO_3H$ and $-NH_2$, etc. possess the property of selective adsorption of ions from solutions. These are quite useful in the softening of water.

7. In adsorption indicators. Many adsorption indicators are being used in volumetric analysis e.g., dyes such as eosin and fluorescein are used as adsorption indicators. In these methods, the dyes are adsorbed on the surfaces of certain precipitates (such as silver halides) which give characteristic colour at the end point.

8. In qualitative analysis. Certain qualitative tests such as the *lake test* for the confirmation of Al^{3+} ions are based upon adsorption *i.e.,* $Al(OH)_3$ has the capacity to adsorb the colour of blue litmus from the solution.

9. Production of high vacuum. The adsorption of air in liquid air helps to create a high vacuum in a vessel. This process is used in high vacuum instruments

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as Dewar flask for storage of liquid air or liquid hydrogen. The remaining traces of air can be adsorbed by charcoal from the vessel evacuated by a vacuum pump to give a very high vacuum.

10. Separation of inert gases. Due to the difference in degree of adsorption of gases by charcoal, a mixture of noble gases can be separated by adsorption on coconut charcoal at different temperatures.

11. In froth floatation process. A low grade sulphide ore is concentrated by separating it from silica and other earthly matter by adsorption using pine oil and frothing agent. This has been discussed in Unit 6.

12. In curing diseases. A number of drugs are used to kill the germs by getting adsorbed on them.

13. Chromatographic analysis. The chromatographic technique for purification used in analytical and industrial fields is based on the phenomenon of adsorption.

CATALYSIS

There are many substances which increase the speed of reactions without being used up in the reaction. For example, you must have learnt that when potassium chlorate, ($KClO_3$) is heated strongly at 653–873 K, it decomposes very slowly as

$$\underset{\text{Potassium chlorate}}{2KClO_3} \longrightarrow 2KCl + 3O_2$$

However, when a little of manganese dioxide (MnO_2) is added, the decomposition occurs considerably at lower temperature range of 473–633 K and also at much faster rate. It is interesting to note that the added manganese dioxide remains unchanged with respect to its mass and composition. In a similar way, the rates of a number of chemical reactions can be increased by the presence of a foreign substance. Berzelius (in 1835) was the first scientist who made systematic study of the effect of various foreign substances on the rates of chemical reactions. He suggested the term **catalyst** for such substances. Thus,

> ***a substance which alters the rate of a chemical reaction without itself undergoing any change in mass and chemical composition at the end of the reaction*** is called ***a catalyst.***

The phenomenon of increasing the rate of reaction by the use of catalyst is called ***catalysis.*** The catalysts themselves remain chemically and quantitatively unchanged after the reaction. Since catalysts are not consumed in the reaction, very small non-stoichiometric quantities are generally required. The catalysts play very important role in a number of industrial processes. Catalysts are very essential for our existence. We cannot deny the fact that nature is the master designer and user of catalysts. Living cells contain thousands of different kinds of proteins called enzymes which act as catalysts. Every organism depends upon enzymes (catalysts) to sustain life.

POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE CATALYSIS

It may be noted that a catalyst may increase or decrease the speed of a reaction.

If a catalyst increases the rate of a chemical reaction, it is called a *positive catalyst* and the phenomenon is called ***positive catalysis***.

On the other hand, if a catalyst decreases (retards) the speed of a reaction, it is called a *negative catalyst* and the phenomenon is called ***negative catalysis***.

For example, oxidation of SO_2 to SO_3 in the presence of V_2O_5 (Contact process) is an example of positive catalysis. However, the decomposition of H_2O_2 in the presence of acetanilide or phosphoric acid gets retarded and is an example of negative catalysis. However, the term catalyst used as such implies positive catalyst.

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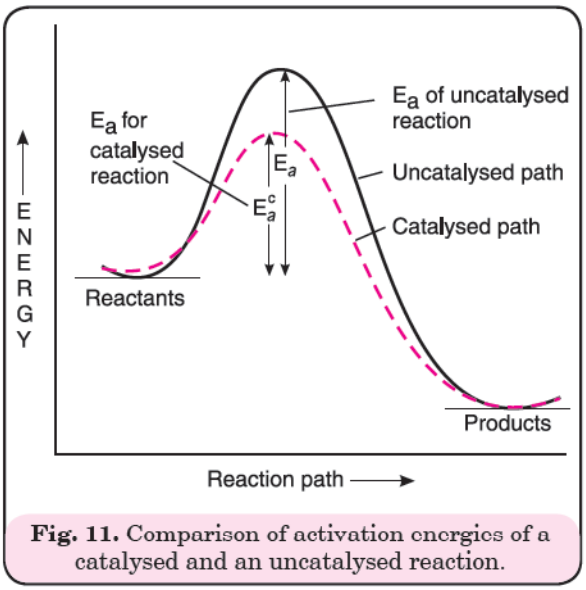


Fig. 11. Comparison of activation energies of a catalysed and an uncatalysed reaction.

REMEMBER

It may be noted that:
- **positive catalyst** lowers the activation energy of the reaction and
- **negative catalyst** raises the activation energy of the reaction.

Function of a Catalyst.

Although there is no universal principle behind the action of catalysts, but in general, a catalyst provides an entirely new path for the reaction in which the reactants are converted to the products quickly. We have learnt that a chemical reaction takes place by a reaction path, first converted to activated state and then finally to the products. It is believed that a catalyst forms a new activated complex of lower potential energy. This means that the catalyst provides a new pathway of lower activation energy. Consequently, the fraction of the total number of collisions possessing lower activation energy is increased and hence, the rate of reaction also increases. Fig. 11 gives an energy diagram which depicts the effect of a catalyst on the activation energy. The solid lines show the path for uncatalysed reaction and the dotted line shows the path adopted by catalysed reaction.

The following points should be kept in mind regarding the function of a catalyst :

(*i*) *A catalyst may undergo intermediate physical changes and it may even form temporary chemical bonds with the reactants but it is recovered unchanged in original form at the end of the reaction.*

(*ii*) *Although a catalyst speeds up the reaction, but it does not shift the position of equilibrium.* This is due to the fact that the presence of a catalyst reduces the height of barrier by providing an alternative path for the reaction and lowers the activation energy. However, the lowering in activation energy is to the same extent for the forward as well as for the backward reaction.

As a result, the increase in the rate of the forward and backward reactions is same and hence, the position of equilibrium remains unaltered. However, the equilibrium is attained earlier.

(*iii*) *Catalysts are highly specific in nature*. A catalyst which can catalyse one reaction may have no effect on another reaction even if that reaction is very similar.

(*iv*) *The catalyst does not change* ΔE *of the reaction*. This is clear that the addition of a catalyst does not change the energies of reactants (E_r) and products (E_p) so that ΔE ($E_p - E_r$) remains same.

(*v*) *The catalyst does not change thermodynamic parameters such as change in internal energy* (ΔU), *enthalpy* (ΔH), *entropy* (ΔS) *or Gibbs free energy* (ΔG) *for a reaction.*

Promoters and Poisons

Promoters are substances that enhance the activity of the catalyst. For example, in Haber's process for the manufacture of ammonia, molybdenum is used as promoter for iron, which acts as a catalyst.

$$N_2(g) + 3H_2(g) \underset{\text{Mo (promoter)}}{\overset{\text{Fe (catalyst)}}{\rightleftharpoons}} 2NH_3(g)$$

The substances which decrease the activity of the catalyst are called **catalytic poisons**. For example, certain substances like CO, arsenic, etc. if present act as poisons because they lower the activity of the catalyst.

Classification of Catalysts

The catalysts may be of two main types :

1. ***Homogeneous catalysts***
2. ***Heterogeneous catalysts***

1. Homogeneous catalysts

When the catalyst is present in the same phase as the reactants, it is called **homogeneous catalyst** *and the process is called* **homogeneous catalysis.** Such type of reactions are called **homogeneous catalytic reactions**.

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For example,

(*i*) In lead chamber process, SO_2 is oxidised to SO_3 in the presence of nitric oxide as catalyst :

$$2SO_2\,(g) + O_2\,(g) \xrightarrow{NO(g)} 2SO_3\,(g)$$

The reactants (sulphur dioxide and oxygen) and the catalyst (nitric oxide) all are in the same phase.

(*ii*) Catalytic decomposition of ozone in the presence of NO or Cl atoms as catalyst in the gas phase :

$$O_3(g) + O(g) \xrightarrow{Cl(g)/NO(g)} 2O_2\,(g)$$

(*iii*) Decomposition of hydrogen peroxide in the presence of iodide ion as catalyst :

$$\underset{\text{Hydrogen peroxide}}{2H_2O_2} \xrightarrow{I^-} 2H_2O + O_2$$

(*iv*) Carbon monoxide is oxidised by O_2 in the presence of nitric oxide (NO) as catalyst :

$$2CO\,(g) + O_2\,(g) \xrightarrow{NO\,(g)} 2CO_2\,(g)$$

(*v*) Hydrolysis of an ester is catalysed by the presence of an acid :

$$\underset{\text{Ester}}{R{-}\overset{\overset{O}{\|}}{C}{-}OR'\,(l)} + H_2O\,(l) \xrightarrow{H^+(aq)} \underset{\text{Carboxylic acid}}{R{-}\overset{\overset{O}{\|}}{C}{-}OH\,(l)} + \underset{\text{Alcohol}}{R'OH\,(l)}$$

where R and R' are alkyl groups.

$$e.g.,\ \underset{\text{Ethyl acetate}}{CH_3COOC_2H_5\,(l)} + H_2O\,(l) \xrightarrow{H^+(aq)} CH_3COOH\,(l) + C_2H_5OH\,(l)$$

(*vi*) Hydrolysis of sucrose is catalysed by the presence of dil. HCl or H_2SO_4.

$$\underset{\text{Sucrose}}{C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}\,(l)} + H_2O\,(l) \xrightarrow{H^+(aq)} \underset{\text{Glucose}}{C_6H_{12}O_6\,(aq)} + \underset{\text{Fructose}}{C_6H_{12}O_6\,(aq)}$$

(*vii*) Preparation of diethyl ether from ethyl alcohol using conc. H_2SO_4 at 413 K.

$$\underset{\text{Ethyl alcohol}}{2CH_3CH_2OH\,(l)} \xrightarrow[413\text{ K}]{\text{Conc. } H_2SO_4} \underset{\text{Diethyl ether}}{CH_3CH_2OCH_2CH_3\,(l)} + H_2O\,(l)$$

In all these reactions, the reactants and the catalysts are in the same phase.

Mechanism of homogeneous catalytic reactions

These reactions can be explained on the basis of intermediate compound formation. According to this theory, the catalyst combines with one of the reactants to form an *intermediate*. Intermediate compound being *unstable* either decomposes or combines with the other reactant to form the product and the catalyst is regenerated. For example, the combination of SO_2 and O_2 to form SO_3 is a slow process. However, in the presence of NO (catalyst) the reaction becomes fast.

$$2SO_2\,(g) + O_2\,(g) \xrightarrow{NO(g)} 2SO_3\,(g)$$

It is believed that in this reaction nitric oxide combines with one of the reactants to form intermediate compound (NO_2). This intermediate (NO_2) combines readily with SO_2 to form SO_3 and the catalyst NO is regenerated in the last step :

(*i*) $\underset{\text{Catalyst}}{2NO\,(g)} + O_2\,(g) \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Intermediate}}{2NO_2\,(g)}$ (fast)

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(*ii*) $NO_2(g) + SO_2(g) \longrightarrow SO_3(g) + \underset{\text{Regenerated catalyst}}{NO\ (g)}$ (fast)

and $2SO_2(g) + O_2(g) \xrightarrow{NO(g)} 2SO_3(g)$ (fast)

(*a*) Similarly, decomposition of ozone in the presence of NO takes place as :

$$NO(g) + O_3(g) \longrightarrow NO_2(g) + O_2(g)$$

$$NO_2(g) + O(g) \longrightarrow NO(g) + O_2(g)$$

(*b*) The decomposition of H_2O_2 takes place through the formation of intermediate IO^- (hypoiodite ion) as :

(*i*) $H_2O_2 + I^- \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Intermediate}}{H_2O + IO^-}$

(*ii*) $IO^- + H_2O_2 \longrightarrow H_2O + O_2 + I^-$

2. Heterogeneous catalysts

When the catalyst is in different phase than the reactants, it is called **heterogeneous catalyst** *and the process is called heterogeneous catalysis.* Such reactions are called **heterogeneous catalytic reactions**.

In heterogeneous catalysis, catalyst is generally a solid and the reactants are generally gases. Sometimes, liquid reactants are also used. This is also known as **surface catalysis** because the reaction starts at the surface of the solid catalyst. These catalysts have very large surface area of the order of 1 to 500 m^2 per gram for contact. It may be noted that many reactions which occur on a metal surface such as decomposition of HI on gold or the decomposition of N_2O on platinum are zero order reactions. This is because, the rate determining step occurs on the surface itself. Thus, despite an enormous surface area, once the reactant gas molecules cover the surface, the rate does not increase on increasing the reactant concentrations.

These are very important reactions in industries. Some other examples are:

(*i*) Manufacture of NH_3 from H_2 and N_2 by Haber's process using finely divided iron catalyst.

$$3H_2(g) + N_2(g) \xrightarrow{Fe(s)} 2NH_3(g)$$

Here reactants are in the gaseous state while the catalyst is in the solid state.

(*ii*) Methanol is prepared from CO and H_2 by using a mixture of copper, zinc oxide as catalyst and Cr_2O_3 as promoter :

$$CO(g) + 2H_2(g) \xrightarrow{Cu, ZnO/Cr_2O_3(s)} CH_3OH(l)$$

(*iii*) Manufacture of SO_3 from SO_2 in the Contact process using platinised asbestos or V_2O_5 as catalyst :

$$2SO_2(g) + O_2(g) \xrightarrow{Pt \text{ or } V_2O_5(s)} 2SO_3(g)$$

(*iv*) Dehydrogenation of ethanol by using nickel catalyst :

$$CH_3CH_2OH(l) \xrightarrow{Ni(s)} CH_3CHO(l) + H_2(g)$$

(*v*) Oxidation of ammonia into nitric oxide in the presence of platinum gauze in Ostwald's process :

$$4NH_3(g) + 5O_2(g) \xrightarrow{Pt(s)} 4NO(g) + 6H_2O(l)$$

(*vi*) Hydrogenation of vegetable oils in the presence of finely divided nickel as catalyst is also an example of heterogeneous catalytic reaction because one of the reactants is in liquid state and the other in gaseous state, while the catalyst is in the solid state.

$$\text{Vegetable oils}(l) + H_2(g) \xrightarrow{Ni(s)} \text{Vegetable ghee}(s)$$

REMEMBER

- **Homogeneous catalysis:** Reactants and catalyst are in the same phase.
- **Heterogeneous catalysis:** Reactants and catalyst are in different phases.

Learning Plus

- **Ziegler-Natta catalyst** [Ti-R_3 Al, where R = $-CH_3$ or C_2H_5] is a heterogeneous catalyst used in polymerisation of olefins.
- **Wilkinson's catalyst** [RhCl (PPh_3)] is a heterogeneous catalyst used in the hydrogenation of alkenes.
- **Lindlar's catalyst** (Pd-$BaSO_4$) is a heterogeneous catalyst. It is usually **poisoned by traces of quinoline.**

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Mechanism of heterogeneous catalytic reactions

Adsorption Theory

The mehanism of heterogeneous catalysis was explained on the basis of a theory known as **adsorption theory**. According to this theory, the surface of the catalyst unlike the inner part of the bulk has free valencies which provide sites for chemical forces of attraction. The reactants in the gaseous state or in solution are adsorbed on the surface of the solid catalyst. As the reactant molecules are adsorbed, its bonds are weakened and the reaction can proceed quickly because the bonds are more quickly broken. For example, the most important step in the Haber process for the synthesis of ammonia is the adsorption of N_2 molecules on iron and the weakening of the strong N≡N triple bond. Since the adsorption is an exothermic process, the heat of adsorption is utilised in weakening the bonds in the reactants and hence enhancing the rate of reaction. The increase in concentration of reactants on the surface increases the rate of reaction.

The catalytic action can also be explained in terms of intermediate compound formation, which has already been discussed.

Modern adsorption theory

The modern adsorption theory is a combination of old adsorption theory and intermediate compound formation. The heterogeneous catalysis is regarded as surface phenomenon in which the catalytic activity is localised on the surface of the catalyst. The heterogeneous catalysis is a surface phenomenon. It involves the following steps :

(*i*) Diffusion of the reactants to the surface of the catalyst.

(*ii*) Adsorption of the molecules of the reactant at the active sites.

(*iii*) Occurrence of the chemical reactions on the surface of the catalyst through the formation of an intermediate.

(*iv*) Desorption of product molecules from the surface and thereby making the surface available again for more reactions to occur.

(*v*) Diffusion of products away from the surface of the catalyst. This is shown below :

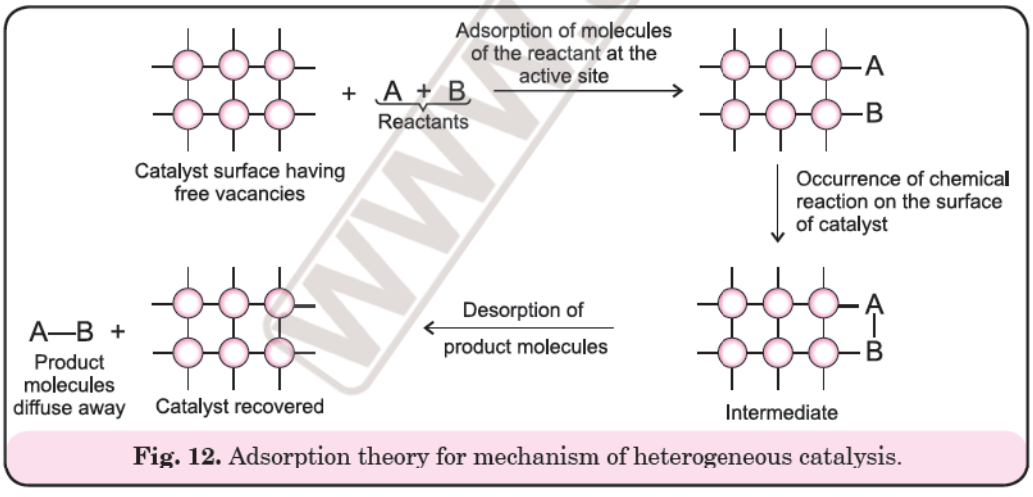


Fig. 12. Adsorption theory for mechanism of heterogeneous catalysis.

The role of heterogeneous catalysts can be explained in terms of **adsorption** of reactants on the surface of the catalyst. The adsorption helps the reaction in the following ways :

1. Adsorption increases the concentration of reactants on the surface of the catalyst. Due to increased concentration of the reactants, the reactions proceed rapidly.

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2. Adsorbed molecules get dissociated to form active species like free radicals which react faster than molecules.

3. The adsorbed molecules are not free to move about and, therefore, they collide with other molecules on the surface.

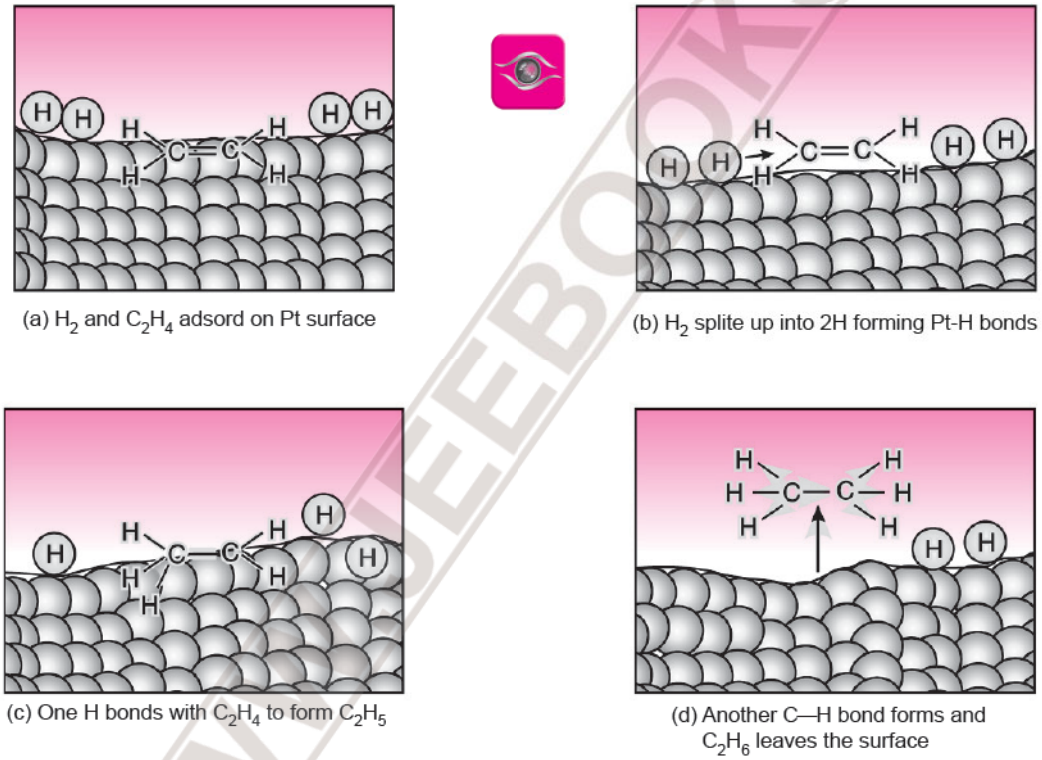
4. The heat of adsorption evolved acts as energy of activation for the reaction (chemisorption).

One of the most important examples of heterogeneous catalysis is the addition of H_2 to carbon-carbon double bonds (C = C) of organic compounds to form C—C bonds. This is known as **catalytic hydrogenation reaction** and is frequently used in petroleum, plastics and food industries. For example, conversion of vegetable oil into margarine.

The simplest hydrogenation reaction is conversion of ethylene into ethane as :

$$\underset{\text{Ethene}}{CH_2 = CH_2\,(g)} + H_2\,(g) \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Ethane}}{CH_3 - CH_3\,(g)}$$

In the absence of catalyst, the reaction occurs very slowly. However, at high pressure of hydrogen and in the presence of finely divided nickel, palladium or platinum (as catalyst), the reaction becomes rapid even at ordinary temperature. The catalysed reaction is believed to proceed through the following consecutive steps as shown in Fig. 13.



(a) H_2 and C_2H_4 adsord on Pt surface

(b) H_2 splite up into 2H forming Pt-H bonds

(c) One H bonds with C_2H_4 to form C_2H_5

(d) Another C—H bond forms and C_2H_6 leaves the surface

Fig. 13.

(*a*) H_2 and ethene molecules approach the metal surface and get adsorbed to the metal surface.

(*b*) H_2 molecules get split up into H atoms which get chemically bound to the platinum catalyst *i.e.*, metal atoms forming M—H bonds as :

$$H—H\,(g) + \underset{\text{Catalyst}}{2M\,(s)} \rightleftharpoons 2M—H$$

This step is the **rate determining** step in the overall process.

(*c*) The H atoms move over the surface of platinum metal and one of them combine with ethene molecule to form C_2H_5 which remain attached to the platinum surface.

(*d*) Finally another H atom moves over the surface and combines with C_2H_5 forming C_2H_6 molecule, which leaves the surface.

The reaction occurs as :

$$C_2H_4\,(g) + 2M—H \rightleftharpoons C_2H_6\,(g) + 2M\,(s)$$

The above theories explain why the catalysts remain unchanged in mass and chemical composition after the reaction and is effective even in small quantities. However, the theories donot explain the action of catalytic promoters and catalytic poisons.

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Important Features of solid catalysts

The solid catalysts may be metals, alloys, metal oxides or metal sulphides. The effectiveness of a catalyst depends upon the two important aspects — *activity* and *selectivity*.

(*i*) **Activity of a catalyst**

The ability of a catalyst to increase the rate of a chemical reaction is called **activity**. The activity of a catalyst depends upon the strength of chemisorption to a large extent. The reactant must adsorb reasonably strongly for the catalyst to be active but must not adsorb so strongly that they become immobilise and the other reactants do not get space on the catalyst surface for adsorption. It has been observed that for hydrogenation, the catalytic activity increases as we go from group 5 metals to group 11 metals with maximum activity shown by elements of group 7–9 the periodic table.

A catalyst may accelerate a reaction to as high as 10^{10} times. For example, the mixture of H_2 and O_2 can be stored for any period but in the presence of platinum, the reaction occurs with explosive violence.

$$2H_2(g) + O_2(g) \xrightarrow{Pt} 2H_2O(g)$$

(*ii*) **Selectivity of a catalyst**

The ability of the catalyst to direct a reaction to give a particular product is called **selectivity**. For example, different catalysts give different products for the reaction between CO and H_2 as shown below :

$$(i)\quad CO(g) + H_2(g) \xrightarrow{Ni} CH_4(g) + H_2O(g)$$

$$(ii)\quad CO(g) + 2H_2(g) \xrightarrow[Cr_2O_3]{Cu,\ ZnO,} CH_3OH(g)$$

$$(iii)\quad CO(g) + H_2(g) \xrightarrow{Cu} HCHO(g)$$

Similarly, *n*-heptane in the presence of Pt catalyst gives selectively toluene.

$$\underset{n\text{-Heptane}}{nC_7H_{16}} \xrightarrow{Pt} \underset{\text{Toluene}}{C_6H_5CH_3}$$

Propylene ($CH_3CH = CH_2$) reacts with O_2 in the presence of bismuth molybdate catalyst to selectively give acrolein ($CH_2 = CHCHO$).

Similarly, acetylene on reaction with H_2 in the presence of Pt catalyst gives ethane while in the presence of Lindlar's catalyst (palladium and $BaSO_4$ poisoned with quinoline or sulphur) gives ethylene.

$$\underset{\text{Acetylene}}{H-C\equiv C-H} + H_2 \xrightarrow[\text{catalyst}]{Pt} \underset{\text{Ethane}}{CH_3-CH_3}$$

$$\underset{\text{Acetylene}}{H-C\equiv C-H} + H_2 \xrightarrow[\text{catalyst}]{\text{Lindlar's}} \underset{\text{Ethylene}}{CH_2=CH_2}$$

Thus, the action of catalyst is highly selective. A given catalyst can act as catalyst only in a particular reaction and not in all reactions. In other words, a substance which acts as a catalyst in one reaction may fail to catalyse other reaction. Thus, *catalyst is highly selective in nature.*

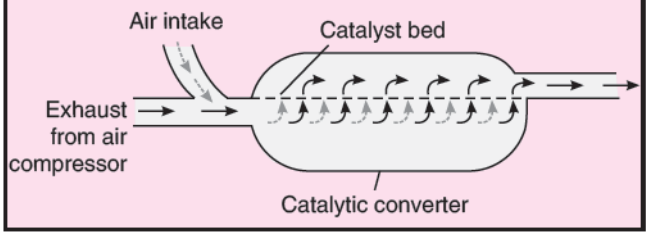
Catalytic converter for an Automobile

The catalytic converter in the exhaust systems of cars, which converts polluting exhaust gases into non-toxic gases contains a **heterogeneous catalyst.** Mixtures of transition metals and their oxides embedded in inert supports act as catalyst. When the gases are passed through the catalyst bed, carbon monoxide (CO) and unburnt petrol are oxidised to carbon dioxide and water while nitric oxide (NO) is reduced to N_2 as :

$$2CO + O_2 \xrightarrow{\text{Catalyst}} 2CO_2$$

$$\underset{\text{(Unburnt petrol)}}{\text{Hydrocarbons}} \xrightarrow[O_2]{\text{Catalyst}} CO_2 + H_2O$$

$$2NO \xrightarrow{\text{Catalyst}} N_2 + O_2$$



ENZYME CATALYSTS

Large number of organic reactions are taking place in the body of animals and plants to maintain the life processes. These reactions are generally very slow and are remarkably catalysed by complex nitrogenous organic compounds known as **enzymes**. These are also called ***biological catalysts*** or **biochemical catalysts** and are produced by the living cells in plants and animals.

Thus, ***enzymes are biological catalysts produced by living cells which catalyze the biochemical reactions in living organisms.***

Chemically all enzymes are proteins with molar mass ranging from 15,000 to 1,000,000 g/mol. Without enzymes, the living processes would be very slow

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to sustain life. For example, without the presence of enzymes in our digestive tract, it would take about 50 years to digest a single meal . About 3000 enzymes have been identified. The enzymes differ from other types of catalysts in being highly selective and specific.

Some common examples of enzyme catalysis reactions are :

(*i*) Normal conversion of glucose into ethanol by **zymase** (enzyme) present in yeast.

$$\underset{\text{Glucose}}{C_6H_{12}O_6}\,(aq) \xrightarrow{\text{Zymase}} \underset{\text{Ethanol}}{2C_2H_5OH}\,(aq) + 2CO_2$$

(*ii*) Hydrolysis of urea (NH_2CONH_2) by **urease** (enzyme) present in soyabean.

$$\underset{\text{Urea}}{H_2N{-}\overset{\overset{O}{\|}}{C}{-}NH_2} + H_2O \xrightarrow{\text{Urease}} 2NH_3 + CO_2$$

(*iii*) Hydrolysis of starch into maltose by **diastase** (enzyme) present in malt.

$$2\underset{\text{Starch}}{(C_6H_{10}O_5)_n} + nH_2O\,(l) \xrightarrow{\text{Diastase}} \underset{\text{Maltose}}{nC_{12}H_{22}O_{11}}$$

(*iv*) Conversion of maltose into glucose by **maltase** (enzyme) present in yeast.

$$\underset{\text{Maltose}}{C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}} + H_2O \xrightarrow{\text{Maltase}} \underset{\text{Glucose}}{2C_6H_{12}O_6}$$

(*v*) Hydrolysis of sugar into glucose and fructose by **invertase** (enzyme) present in yeast.

$$\underset{\substack{\text{Sucrose}\\(\text{sugar})}}{C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}} + H_2O \xrightarrow{\text{Invertase}} \underset{\text{Glucose}}{C_6H_{12}O_6} + \underset{\text{Fructose}}{C_6H_{12}O_6}$$

(*vi*) Oxidation of alcohol to acetic acid by **mycoderma aceti** present in old vinegar.

$$C_2H_5OH + O_2 \xrightarrow[\text{aceti}]{\text{Micoderma}} CH_3COOH + H_2O$$

(*vii*) Decomposition of urea into ammonia and carbon dioxide by **urease** enzyme.

$$NH_2CONH_2\,(l) + H_2O\,(l) \xrightarrow{\text{Urease}} 2NH_3\,(g) + CO_2\,(l)$$

(*viii*) In stomach, the **pepsin** enzyme converts proteins into peptides whereas in intestine, the **pancreatic trypsin** converts proteins into amino acids by hydrolysis.

(*ix*) Milk is converted into curd by the enzymatic reaction brought about by **lacto bacilli** enzyme present in curd. Some common examples of enzymes and enzymatic reactions are given in Table 1.

Table 1. Some common enzymatic reactions.

Enzyme	Source	Enzymatic reation		
Invertase	Yeast	Sucrose	⟶	Glucose + Fructose
Diastase	Malt	Starch	⟶	Maltose
Maltase	Yeast	Maltose	⟶	Glucose + Glucose
Zymase	Yeast	Glucose	⟶	Ethyl alcohol + CO_2
Urease	Soyabean	Urea	⟶	CO_2 + NH_3
Mycoderma aceti	Old vinegar	Ethyl alcohol	⟶	Acetic acid
Pepsin	Stomach	Proteins	⟶	Amino acid
Lactase	Dairy product	Lactose	⟶	Glucose + Galactose
Amylase	Starch	Starch	⟶	*n* Glucose
Lacto bacilli	Curd	Milk	⟶	Curd

Characteristics of Enzyme Catalysts

The important characteristics of enzyme catalysts are :

1. High efficiency. Enzyme catalysts increase the speed of reactions by 10^8 to 10^{20} times as compared to the uncatalysed reactions. The enzymes

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- **Food in our body is digested quickly.**
  The digestion of food in our body takes place through reactions catalysed by enzymes present in our body. These biochemical reactions are highly efficient and specific. These enzymes speed up the rate of reaction by factors as high as 10^{20}. Moreover, extremely small quantities of enzyme catalysts are required. Thus, digestion of food is very fast. Without the presence of enzyme in our digestive system, it would take about 50 years to digest a single meal.

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are highly efficient and one molecule of enzyme may transform one million molecules of the reactant per minute.

2. Extremely small quantities. Extremely small quantities of enzyme catalysts—as small as millionth of a mole—can increase the rate of reaction by factors of 10^3 to 10^6. For example, the enzyme **renin** which is used for coagulation of milk to make cheese coagulates over a million times its own weight of milk protein.

3. Specificity. The enzyme catalysts are highly specific in nature. Almost every biochemical reaction is controlled by its own specific enzymes. For example the enzyme, urease catalyses the hydrolysis of urea and none of the several thousand other enzymes present in the cell catalyse that reaction :

$$\underset{\text{Urea}}{NH_2CONH_2} + H_2O \xrightarrow{\text{Urease}} 2NH_3 + 2CO_2$$

On the other hand, the same enzyme urease does not catalyse the hydrolysis of N-methylurea, which is similar in constitution to urea.

$$\underset{\text{N-Methylurea}}{CH_3NHCONH_2} + H_2O \longrightarrow \text{No action}$$

The enzyme ***invertase*** hydrolyses sucrose to glucose and fructose but does not hydrolyse maltose to glucose though both are hydrolytic reactions. But ***maltase*** catalyses the hydrolysis of maltose. No other enzyme can catalyse its hydrolysis.

$$\underset{\text{Sucrose}}{C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}} + H_2O \xrightarrow{\text{Invertase}} \underset{\text{Glucose}}{C_6H_{12}O_6} + \underset{\text{Fructose}}{C_6H_{12}O_6}$$

$$\underset{\text{Maltose}}{C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}} + H_2O \xrightarrow{\text{Maltase}} 2\underset{\text{Glucose}}{C_6H_{12}O_6}$$

4. Optimum temperature. The rate of an enzyme reaction becomes maximum at a definite temperature known as the **optimum temperature**. On either side of this temperature, the enzyme activity decreases. For example, the enzyme catalysts are active at moderate temperature 298–310 K and the human body temperature (310 K) is suited for enzyme catalysed reactions.

5. Optimum pH. The rate of an enzyme catalysed reaction is maximum at a particular pH called optimum pH. This is between pH values of 5–7.

6. Control of activity of enzymes. The action of enzyme catalytic reactions are controlled by various mechanisms and are inhibited by various organic and inorganic molecules.

7. Regulated activity. The activity of most enzyme catalysts is closely regulated.

8. Increasing activity in the presence of activators or coenzymes. Catalytic activity of enzymes is greatly enhanced by the presence of **activators** or **coenzymes**. Activators are metal ions (Na^+, Mn^{2+}, Co^{2+}, Cu^{2+} etc.) which get weakly bonded to enzyme molecules and therefore, promote their catalytic action. In some cases, most active enzymes are associated with some non-protein components (vitamins) required for their activity. These are generally metal ions or small organic molecules and are collectively called **coenzymes**. The common metal ions are Zn, Mg, Mn, Fe, Cu, Co, Mo, K and Na.

9. Influence of inhibitors and poisons. Like ordinary catalysts, in some cases the enzyme activity can be reduced or inhibited by the presence of certain compounds known as **enzyme inhibitors** or **poisons**. These inhibitors or poisons interact with the active functional groups on the enzyme surface and often reduce or completely destroy the catalytic activity of the enzymes. The use of many drugs is related to their action as enzyme inhibitors in the body.

Mechanism of Enzyme Catalysed Reactions

Biochemists are trying to explain the exact molecular basis of enzyme catalysis. The various steps involved in the enzyme catalysed reaction are given below:

Step. 1. *Binding of the enzyme (E) to substrate (S) to form enzyme-substrate complex.*

$$E + S \rightleftharpoons ES \ (\textit{fast, reversible})$$

ES is called the enzyme-substrate complex.

Step. 2. *Dissociation of enzyme-substrate complex to form the products.*

$$\underset{\substack{\text{Enzyme-}\\\text{substrate}\\\text{complex}}}{ES} \longrightarrow \underset{\substack{\text{Enzyme-}\\\text{product}\\\text{association}}}{EP} \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Enzyme}}{E} + \underset{\substack{\text{Product}\\(\textit{slow and}\\\textit{rate determining})}}{P}$$

The second step is slow and rate determining. The rate of enzyme catalysed reaction depends upon the concentration of ES. It changes from first order to zero order as the concentration of substrate is increased. The catalytic property of enzymes is present at certain specific regions on their surfaces. These are called active sites or *catalytic sites*. The active sites have characteristic shape and possess active groups such as — NH_2, — COOH, — OH, — SH, etc. These molecules of the reactants (substrate) which have complementary shapes fit suitably into these active sites. Specific binding accounts for the high specificity of these enzyme reactions. The specificity of fitting together of the substrate structure and the enzyme structure is explained on the basis of two models :

1. *Lock-and-key model.*
2. *Induced fit model.*

According to lock and key model, the substrate, the molecule on which the enzyme acts, fits into the slot as key fits into a lock. The shape of the active site of any given enzyme is such that only a specific substrate can fit into it, in the same way as one key can open a particular lock.

This is shown in Fig. 14.

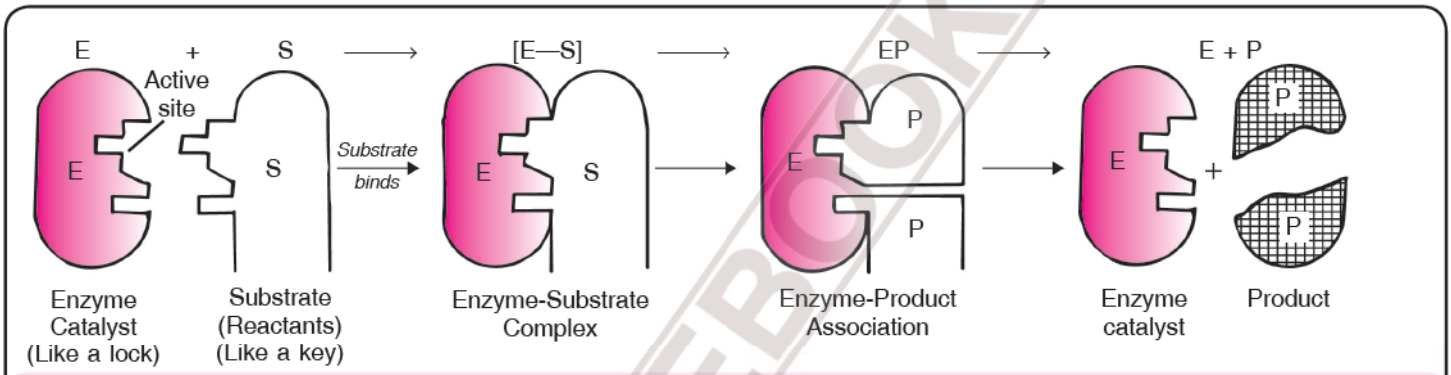


Fig. 14. Enzyme-substrate binding.

Modern X-ray crystallographic and spectroscopic methods have shown that in many cases unlike an ordinary lock, the protein molecule (enzyme) slightly changes the shape when the substrate lands at the active site. The ability of the enzyme to undergo the correct distortion also determines whether the 'key' will fit or not. This refinement of the original lock-and-key model is known as **induced fit model**. According to this model, the substrate induces the active site to adopt a perfect fit rather than a rigidly shaped lock and key. Therefore, we can picture this model as **hand in a glove**, in which the glove (active site) does not attain its functional shape until the hand (substrate) moves into place.

The binding site of the enzyme is such that it can bind only one substrate. The particular shape and the nature and location of the atoms at the binding site account for the **extraordinary specificity of the enzyme**.

Applications of Enzymes

1. Industrial applications. The enzymes are widely used in industrial processes. For example, enzymes are used

(*i*) in breweries for the manufacture of beer, wine, etc. by the fermentation of carbohydrates.

(*ii*) in *food processing industries* for preparing sweet syrup, etc.

(*iii*) in the production of cheese by coagulation of milk.

2. Enzyme deficiencies and prevention of diseases. The deficiencies of enzyme in living system cause many diseases. Some of these are given below :

(*i*) The deficiency of phenylalanine hydroxylase enzyme causes a congenital disease called **phenylketone urea**. This disease causes accumulation of compounds in the body which results into severe brain damage and retardation in children. This can be prevented by a diet with low phenylalanine content.

(*ii*) Deficiency of enzyme tyrosinase causes **albinism**.

These diseases can be prevented by the supply of enzymes through diet.

3. Curing diseases. Certain enzymes are also useful for treating heart diseases. An enzyme *streptokinase* is used to dissolve blood clot.

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SHAPE SELECTIVE CATALYSIS BY ZEOLITES

The catalytic reaction which depends upon the pore structure of the catalyst and the size of the reactant and product molecules is called **shape selective catalysis**. Zeolites are good shape selective catalysts because of their honey comb like structures.

In recent years, one of the main advances in industrial chemistry have been the development of catalysts based on zeolites. These are microporous aluminosilicates of the general formula $M_{x/n}$ $[(AlO_2)_x (SiO_2)y]m$ H_2O. These are three dimensional networks of silicates in which some silicon atoms are replaced by aluminium atoms. These are porous and have cavities of molecular dimensions. The internal structure of a zeolite is a network of tunnels and cavities. Therefore, zeolites have an enormous surface area which is largely on the inside of the solid. The zeolites can permit the entry and exit of molecules of a certain size into the active regions within the holes. These are used in petrochemical industries for cracking of hydrocarbons and isomerization. The reactions in zeolites depend upon the size of the cavities (cages) and pores (tunnels) present in them. The most remarkable feature of zeolite catalysis is the **shape selectivity**. Therefore, the selectivity of catalyst depends on the pores structure. It has been observed that the pore size in zeolites generally varies between 260 pm and 740 pm. Depending upon the size of the molecules of reactants and products and the sizes of the pores of zeolites, reactions proceed in specific manner.

For example, zeolite catalyst known as ZSM-5 converts alcohols to gasoline. The alcohol is dehydrated in the cavities and the hydrocarbons are formed. The shape-selectivity in the reactions can be judged from the conversion of methanol and 1-heptanol to hydrocarbon mixtures.

Product	Starting with CH_3OH (%)	Starting with n–$C_7H_{15}OH$(%)
Methane	1.0	0.0
Ethane	0.6	0.3
iso-butane	18.7	19.3
n-butane	5.6	11.0
iso-pentane	7.8	8.7
Benzene	1.7	3.4
Toluene	10.5	14.3
Xylene	17.2	11.6

The composition of the product mixture depends on the ability of the pores to accommodate linear and iso-alkanes as well as benzene derivatives.

Catalysts in industry

To increase the rates of reactions and to get maximum yields of products in minimum time, catalysts are used in the chemical industries. Some of the important technical catalytic processes are given below in Table 2.

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- **Catalytic poisons.** Certain substances like arsenic, CO, etc. if present lower the activity of the catalyst. These are called **catalytic poisons**.
- **Catalytic promoters.** Certain substances if present along with the catalyst increase the activity of the catalyst. These are called catalytic promoters. For example, molybdenum acts as a promoter for iron catalyst in the manufacture of ammonia by Haber's process.
- **Autocatalysis.** During a chemical reaction, if one of the products formed acts as a catalyst, the phenomenon is called autocatalysis. For example, during the titration of oxalic acid with $KMnO_4$ solution in the presence of dil. H_2SO_4, the colour of $KMnO_4$ solution in the presence of dil. H_2SO_4, the colour of $KMnO_4$ fades first slowly and then faster due to the formation of Mn^{2+} ions which act as auto catalyst.

$$2KMnO_4 + 3H_2SO_4 + 5\underset{\text{Oxalic acid}}{H_2C_2O_4} \longrightarrow K_2SO_4 + 2MnSO_4 + 8H_2O + 10CO_2$$

Table 2. Some important industrial catalytic processes.

	Process	Catalyst	Conditions	Reaction
1.	Haber's process for the manufacture of ammonia	Finely divided iron (catalyst), molybdenum as promoter	200 bar 723–773 K temperature	$N_2(g) + 3H_2(g) \xrightarrow[\text{Mo (promoter)}]{\text{Fe (catalyst)}} 2NH_3(g)$ (200 bar, 723–773 K)
2.	Ostwald's process for the manufacture of nitric acid	Platinised asbestos	573 K	$4NH_3(g) + 5O_2(g) \xrightarrow{\text{Pt asbestos}} 4NO(g) + 6H_2O(g)$ $2NO(g) + O_2(g) \xrightarrow{573\ K} 2NO_2(g)$ $4NO_2(g) + 2H_2O(l) + O_2(g) \longrightarrow 4HNO_3(aq)$
3.	Contact process for the manufacture of sulphuric acid	Platinised asbestos or vanadium pentoxide (V_2O_5)	673–723 K	$2SO_2(g) + O_2(g) \xrightarrow[V_2O_5]{\text{Pt asbestos}} 2SO_3(g)$ $SO_3(g) + H_2SO_4(l) \xrightarrow{573–723\ K} \underset{\text{Oleum}}{H_2S_2O_7(l)}$ $H_2S_2O_7(l) + H_2O(l) \longrightarrow 2H_2SO_4(aq)$

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Conceptual Questions 1

CONCEPTUAL QA

Q. 1. How is the adsorption of a gas related to its critical temperature ?

Ans. Higher is the critical temperature of a gas, greater is the ease of liquefaction of gas *i.e.*, larger are the van der Waals forces of attraction. Therefore, greater is the adsorption.

Q. 2. Compare the heat of adsorption for physical and chemical adsorption.

Ans. The heat of adsorption for chemical adsorption is high (of the order of 200–400 kJ/mol) while the heat of adsorption for physical adsorption is low (of the order of 20–40 kJ/mol).

Q. 3. In case of chemisorption, why adsorption first increases and then decreases with temperature?

Ans. Chemisorption involves activation energy. The initial increase in chemisorption is due to the fact the heat supplied acts as activation energy and more and more molecules of adsorbate gain energy and possess energy greater than activation energy. Therefore, adsorption increases with increase in temperature. Further increase will increase the energy of the molecules absorbed and will increase the rate of desorption. Therefore, extent of adsorption decreases.

Q. 4. Give reason why a finely divided substance is more effective as an adsorbent ?

Ans. This is because a finely divided substance has larger surface area and, hence, more adsorption occurs.

Q. 5. A small amount of silica gel and a small amount of anhydrous calcium chloride are placed separately in two corners of a vessel containing water vapour. What phenomena will occur ?

Ans. Adsorption of water will occur on silica gel and absorption of water will occur on calcium chloride.

Q. 6. Which will be adsorbed more readily on the surface of charcoal and why : NH_3 or CO_2 ? ***(A.I.S.B. 2004)***

Ans. NH_3 has higher critical temperature than CO_2 and therefore, it is more easily liquefiable. Hence, NH_3 has greater intermolecular forces of attraction and will be adsorbed more readily.

Q. 7. What form Freundlich adsorption isotherm equation take at high pressure ?

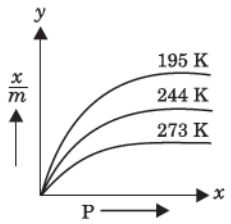
Ans. $\frac{x}{m} = K_a$ *i.e.,* it becomes independent of pressure at constant temperature.

Q. 8. How do the size of particles of adsorbent, pressure of gas and prevailing temperature influence the extent of adsorption ? ***(A.I.S.B. 2004)***

Ans. (*i*) Smaller the size of the particles of adsorbent, greater is the surface area and hence greater is the adsorption.
(*ii*) At constant temperature, adsorption first increases with increase of pressure and then attains equilibrium at high pressure and becomes constant.
(*iii*) In physical adsorption, it decreases with increase of temperature but in chemisorption, it first increases becomes maximum and then decreases.

Q. 9. Consider the adsorption isotherms and interpret the variation in the extent of adsorption (*x*/*m*) when
(*a*)(*i*) Temperature increases at constant pressure.
(*ii*) Pressure increases at constant temperature.
(*b*) Name the catalyst and the promoter used in Haber's process for manufacture of ammonia. ***(C.B.S.E. Sample Paper 2007)***

Ans. (*a*) (*i*) extent of adsorption (*x*/*m*) increases with decrease in temperature at constant pressure.
(*ii*) extent of adsorption (*x*/*m*) increases with increase in pressure at constant temperature.
(*b*) In Haber's process :
Catalyst : finely divided iron
Promoter : molybdenum



Q. 10. Heat of adsorption is greater for chemisorption than physisorption. Why ? ***(C.B.S.E. Sample Paper 2011)***

Ans. Chemisorption has larger heat of adsorption than physisorption because chemical bonds are formed between adsorbent and adsorbate.

Q. 11. Why is silica gel used as a dehumidizer ?

Ans. Silica gel has stronger adsorption tendency for humidity (moisture of the air). Hence, it is used as a dehumidizer.

Q.12. Name the enzyme which converts :
(*i*) Starch into maltose (*ii*)Glucose into alcohol (*iii*)Sucrose into glucose and fructose. ***(Pb. S.B. 2014)***

Ans. (*i*) *Diastase* (*ii*) *Zymase* (*iii*) *Invertase*.

Q.13. Write one similarity between physisorption and chemisorption. ***(D.S.B. 2017, A.I.S.B. 2017)***

Ans. Both are surface phenomena and increase with increase in surface area.

Q.14. Which enzyme is used to convert glucose into ethyl alcohol? ***(H.P.S.B. 2017)***

Ans. Zymase

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COLLOIDAL STATE

Thomas Graham in 1861 observed that certain solutes such as starch, glue, gelatin etc. could not pass through the parchment membrane while the ordinary solutes such as sodium chloride, urea, sugar etc. can easily do so. Graham called the former solutes as *colloids* (Greek, *kolla* meaning glue) while the latter were called *crystalloids*. However, the above classification of solutes into crystalloids and colloids proved unsatisfactory because a particular substance would be crystalloid in one solvent and a colloidal in the other. For example in aqueous solution, NaCl is a crystalloid, while in benzene, it behaves as colloid. Similarly, soap is a typical colloid in water but it acts as a crystalloid in alcohol. Further studies of the behaviour of these solutes have shown that the nature of the substance whether colloid or crystalloid depends upon the particle size. When the size of the particles is between 10^{-9} m (1 nm) to 10^{-6} m (1000 nm), it behaves like a colloid and in case, it is less than this range, it gives the characteristics of crystalloid. Thus, **colloid is not a substance but it is a state of a substance which depends upon the molecular size**.

Three Types of Solutions

On the basis of the particle size of the substance, solutions may be divided into three types. These are :

1. *True solutions*
2. *Suspensions*
3. *Colloidal solutions*.

1. True solution *is a homogeneous solution which contains small solute particles (molecules or ions) dispersed throughout a solvent.* For example, the solution of sodium chloride in water. The **particle size is less than 1 nm**. The particles of a solute in a true solution are invisible even under microscope and its particles can pass through ordinary filter paper as well as through animal membrane.

2. Suspension *is a heterogeneous mixture which contains small insoluble particles*. The **particle size is more that 1000 nm**. For example, dirt particles in water. The particles of a suspension may not be visible to the naked eye but are visible under a microscope. The particles of a suspension can neither pass through an ordinary filter paper nor through animal membrane.

3. Colloidal solution *is a heterogeneous solution which contains particles of intermediate size.* For example, milk. The particles of a colloidal solution have **diameters between 1 to 1000 nm**. Such particles cannot be normally seen with a naked eye. However, light reflected by them can be seen under an ultramicroscope. The particles of a colloidal solution can pass through ordinary filter paper but not through animal membrane. In a colloid, the dispersed phase may consist of particles of a single macro molecule (such as synthetic polymer or protein) or an aggregate of many atoms, molecules or ions.

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Colloidal state of matter is a state in which the size of particles is between 1 to 1000 nm and the particles can pass through filter paper but not through vegetable or animal membrane.

Colloidal particles have an enormous surface area per unit mass. For example, consider a cube having each side as 1 cm. It has total surface area of 6 cm^2 because it has six faces and each face has area of 1 cm^2. Now, if it were divided equally into 10^{12} cubes, the cubes would be the size of large colloidal particles and have a total surface area of 60,000 cm^2 or 6 m^2. This enormous area is responsible for some special properties of colloids which will be learnt in this unit.

Thus, **colloidal solutions are intermediate between true solutions and suspensions**. In other words, the size of dispersed particles in colloidal solutions is more than that of solute particles in a true solution and smaller than that of a suspension (Fig. 15).

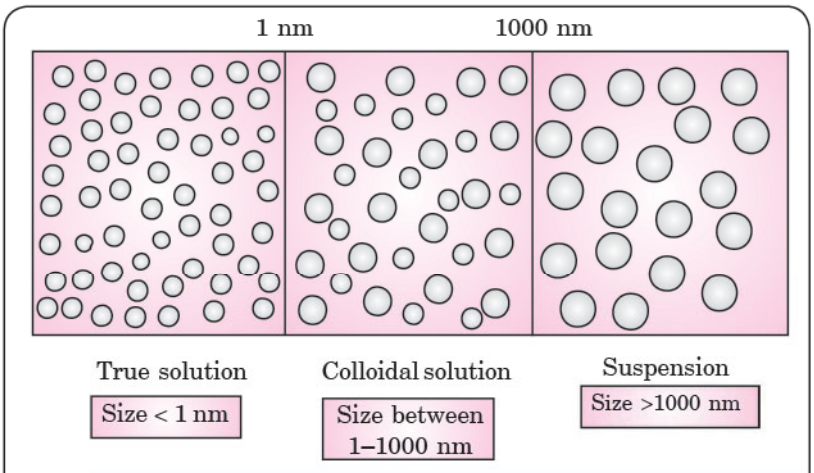


Fig. 15. Three types of solutions.

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The size of different solutions are sometimes expressed in other units also as given below :

Size (diameter) of particles in different units

True solutions	Colloids	Suspensions	Relation
$< 10^{-9}$ m	10^{-9} m to 10^{-6} m	$> 10^{-6}$ m	
< 1 nm	1 nm – 1000 nm	> 1000 nm	1 nm = 10^{-9} m
< 10 Å	10 Å – 10000 Å	> 10000 Å	1 Å = 10^{-10} m
< 1000 pm	1000 pm – 10^6 pm	> 10^6 pm	1 pm = 10^{-12} m

The important distinguishing features of the three types of solutions are as follows :

Property	Suspension	Colloid Solution	True Solution
1. **Nature**	Heterogeneous	Heterogeneous	Homogeneous
2. **Particle size**	> 1000 nm (or > 10^{-6} m)	1 nm –1000 nm (or 10^{-9} – 10^{-6} m)	< 1 nm (or < 10^{-9} m)
3. **Separation by**			
(*i*) *Ordinary filtration*	Possible	Not possible	Not possible
(*ii*) Ultra-filtration	Possible	Possible	Not possible
4. **Setting of particles**	Settle under gravity	Settle only on centrifugation	Do not settle
5. **Visibility**	Particles visible to naked eye or under a microscope.	Scattering of light by the particles is observed under ultra-microscope	Particles are invisible
6. **Appearance**	Opaque	Generally transparent	Transparent
7. **Tyndall effect**	Shows	Shows	Does not show
8. **Diffusion of particles**	Do not diffuse	Diffuses slowly	Diffuses rapidly
9. **Brownian movement**	May show	Shows	Negligible

Note : The terms Ultra-filtration, Tyndall effect and Brownian movement mentioned above will be discussed in the characteristics of colloids.

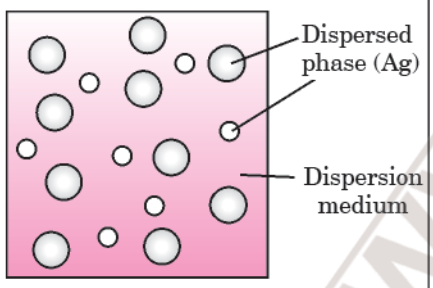


Fig. 16. A colloidal solution of silver in water.

PHASES OF COLLOIDS AND THEIR CLASSIFICATION

We have learnt that a colloidal solution is of *heterogeneous nature.* It consists of **two phases** *i.e.*, a dispersed phase and a dispersion medium.

(*i*) Dispersed phase. *It is the component present in small proportion and is just like a solute in a solution.* For example, in the colloidal solution of silver in water, the former acts as a dispersed phases (Fig. 16).

(*ii*) Dispersion medium. *It is generally component present in excess and is just like a solvent in a solution.* In the above example, water acts as a dispersion medium.

Thus, the particles of the dispersed phase are distributed in the dispersion medium. Out of solid, liquid and gas, each one can act as a dispersed phase and dispersion medium leading to eight types of colloidal systems (Table 3).

CLASSIFICATION OF COLLOIDS

The colloids are classified on the basis of the following criteria :

A. *Physical state of dispersed phase and dispersion medium.*

B. *Nature of interactions between dispersed phase and dispersion medium.*

C. *Type of particles of the dispersed phase.*

A. Classification based on the Physical state of the Dispersed phase and Dispersion medium

Depending upon the physical state of dispersed phase and dispersion medium whether these are solids, liquids or gases, eight types of colloidal systems are possible. The examples of the various types of colloids and their typical names are given in Table 3 ahead. It may be noted that a gas mixed with another gas forms a homogeneous mixture and therefore, it is not a colloidal system.

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Table 3. Types of colloidal systems.

Dispersion phase	Dispersion medium	Type of colloid	Example
1. Solid	Solid	Solid sol	Alloys, coloured glasses, gem stones, ruby glass
2. Solid	Liquid	Sol	Paints, cell fluids, starch dispersed in water, gold sol
3. Solid	Gas	Aerosol	Smoke, dust storm, haze
4. Liquid	Solid	Gel	Jelly, butter, cheese, boot polish, curd
5. Liquid	Liquid	Emulsion	Milk, hair cream, emulsified oils, medicines
6. Liquid	Gas	Aerosol	Mist, fog, cloud, insecticide spray
7. Gas	Solid	Solid sol	Pumice stone, foam rubber
8. Gas	Liquid	Foam	Soap leather, froth, whipped cream, soda water

It is clear from Table 3 that many common commercial products and natural objects are colloids. For example, whipped cream is a colloidal system (foam), a gas dispersed in a liquid. Out of the different types of colloids, the most common are **sols** (solids in liquids), **gels** (liquids in solids) and **emulsions** (liquids in liquids).

Depending upon the nature of the dispersion medium, colloidal solutions are sometimes given specific names. For example,

Dispersion medium	Name of colloidal solution
Water	Hydrosols or aquasol
Alcohol	Alcosols
Benzene	Benzosols
Air	Aerosols

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Nanomaterials are the materials having at least one dimension less than 100 *nm*. For detail, refer **Competition File,** (Page 65).

B. Classification based on Nature of Interaction between Dispersed Phase and Dispersion Medium

Depending upon the nature of interactions between dispersed phase and the dispersion medium, the colloidal solutions can be classified into two types as :

(*i*) lyophilic and

(*ii*) lyophobic sols.

(*i*) Lyophilic colloids

The word *'lyophilic'* means liquid loving.

The colloidal solutions in which the particles of the dispersed phase have a great affinity (or love) for the dispersion medium, are called **lyophilic colloids**. The word 'lyophilic' means liquid loving. These solutions are easily formed and the lyophilic colloids are **reversible in nature**. The reversible nature of the sols is an important characteristic of lyophilic sols. This means that if the dispersion medium is separated from the dispersed phase (say by evaporation), the sol can be again formed by simply remixing it with the dispersion medium. These sols are quite stable and cannot be easily coagulated. In case water acts as the dispersion medium, the lyophilic colloid.

The common examples of lyophilic colloids are *gum, gelatin, starch, proteins, rubber, etc.*

(*ii*) Lyophobic colloids

The word *'lyophobic'* means liquid hating.

The colloidal solutions in which there is no affinity (or love rather they have hatred) between particles of the dispersed phase and the dispersion medium are called **lyophobic colloids**. Such solutions are formed with difficulty. These sols are readily precipitated (or coagulated) on the addition of small amounts of electrolytes, by heating or by shaking. Therefore, these are not stable. Further, once precipitated, they do not form the colloidal sol by simple addition of dispersion medium. Hence, these are **irreversible in nature**.

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These sols need some stabilising agents for their preservation. In case, the dispersion medium is water, the lyophobic sol is called **hydrophobic colloid.** For example, the solutions of metals like Ag and Au, hydroxides like $Al(OH)_3$, $Fe(OH)_3$, metal sulphides like As_2S_3, etc.

Differences between Lyophilic and Lyophobic Colloids

The main differences between lyophilic and lyophobic colloids are summed below :

Table 4. Distinction between lyophilic and lyophobic colloids.

Property	Lyophilic colloids	Lyophobic colloids
1. Ease of preparation	These are easily formed by direct mixing.	These are formed only by special methods.
2. Particles nature	The particles of colloids are true molecules and are big size.	The particles are aggregates of many molecules.
3. Visibility	The particles are not easily visible even under ultramicroscope.	The particles are easily detected under ultramicroscope.
4. Stability	These are very stable.	These are unstable and require traces of stabilizers.
5. Action of electrolytes	They are not easily precipitated by small amount of electrolytes. Very large quantities of electrolytes are required to cause coagulation.	They are easily precipitated by the addition of small amount of suitable electrolytes.
6. Reversible or irreversible nature	These are reversible in nature *i.e.,* once precipitated can reform the colloidal sol by simply remixing with the dispersion medium.	These are irreversible in nature *i.e.,* once precipitated cannot form the colloidal sol by simple addition of the dispersion medium.
7. Charge on particles	The particles do not carry any charge. The particles may migrate in any direction or even not under the influence of an electric field.	The particles move in a specific direction i.e., either towards anode or cathode depending upon their charge.
8. Hydration	The particles of colloids are heavily hydrated due to the attraction for the solvent.	The particles of colloids are not appreciably hydrated due to the hatred for the solvent.
9. Viscosity	The viscosity of the sols is much higher than that of the dispersion medium.	The viscosity is nearly the same as that of the dispersion medium.
10. Surface tension	The surface tension is usually lower than that of the dispersion medium.	The surface tension is almost the same as that of the dispersion medium.
11. Tyndall effect	They do not show Tyndall effect.	They show Tyndall effect.

C. Classification Based on type of particles of dispersed phase

Depending upon the type of the particles of the dispersed phase, the colloids are classified as :

(i) Multimolecular colloids
(ii) Macromolecular colloids
(iii) Associated colloids.

(i) Multimolecular colloids

When on dissolution, atoms or smaller molecules of substances (having diameter less than 1 nm) aggregate together to form particles of colloidal dimensions, the particles thus formed are called ***multimolecular colloids.*** *Therefore, in these sols the dispersed phase consists of aggregates of atoms or molecules with molecular size less than 1 nm.* For example, sols of gold atoms and sulphur (S_8) molecules. In these colloids, the particles are held together by van der Waals forces.

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(*ii*) Macromolecular colloids

These are the substances having big size molecules (called macro molecules) which on dissolution form solution in which the dispersed phase particles have size in the colloidal range. Such substances are called **macromolecular colloids**. These macromolecules forming the dispersed phase are generally polymers having very high molecular masses. Naturally occurring macro-molecules are *starch, cellulose, proteins, enzymes, gelatin,* etc. Artificial macro-molecules are synthetic polymers such as *nylon, polythene, plastics, polystyrene,* etc. Since these macromolecules have large sizes comparable to those of colloidal particles, the solutions of such molecules are called **macromolecular colloidal solutions**. *Their solutions are quite stable and resemble true solution in many respects.* Thus, the common examples of macromolecular colloids are starch, cellulose, proteins, plastics, etc.

(*iii*) Associated colloids

These are the substances which when dissolved in a medium behave as normal electrolytes at low concentration but behave as colloidal particles at higher concentration due to the formation of aggregated particles. The aggregate particles thus formed are called **micelles**. For example, in aqueous solution, soap (sodium stearate) ionises as :

$$\underset{\text{Sod. stearate (soap)}}{C_{17}H_{35}COONa} \rightleftharpoons \underset{\text{Stearate ion}}{C_{17}H_{35}COO^-} + Na^+$$

In concentrated solution, these ions get associated to form an aggregate of colloidal size.

The colloidal behaviours of such substances is due to the formation of *aggregates* or *clusters* in solutions. Such aggregated particles are called micelles. Thus,

micelles are the cluster or aggregated particles formed by association of colloids in solution.

The common examples of micelles are soaps and detergents. The formation of micelles takes place above a particular temperature called **Kraft temperature (T_k)** and above a particular concentration called **critical micellization concentration (CMC)**. For example, CMC for soaps is about $10^{-4} - 10^{-3}$ mol L^{-1}. Different micelles have different values of CMC. On dilution, these colloids revert back to individual ions. These coloids have both lyophobic and lyophilic parts. The micelles may contain about 100 molecules or more.

Mechanism of Micelle Formation

Micelles are generally formed by the aggregation of several ions or molecules with lyophobic as well as lyophilic parts. For example, sodium stearate ($C_{17}H_{35}COONa$) is a typical example of such type of molecule. The micelle may contain as many as 100 molecules or more. When sodium stearate is dissolved in water, it gives Na^+ and $C_{17}H_{35}COO^-$ ions.

$$\underset{\text{Sod. Stearate}}{C_{17}H_{35}COONa} \rightleftharpoons \underset{\text{Stearate ion}}{C_{17}H_{35}COO^-} + Na^+$$

The stearate ions associate to form **ionic micelles** of colloidal size (Fig. 17). The stearate ion, $C_{17}H_{35}COO^-$ consists of two parts :

(*i*) a non-polar part which consists of long chain hydrocarbon part. It is called *non-polar 'tail'*. This part is insoluble in water but soluble in oil or grease. It is also called **water repelling** or **hydrophobic part**.

(*ii*) a polar group which consists of carboxylate ion, COO^-. It is called *polar-ionic head.* It is soluble in water and insoluble in oil or grease. It is **water attracting** or **hydrophilic part**.

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- **Multimolecular colloids** usually have **lyophobic character.**
- **Macromolecular colloids** usually have **lyophilic character.**

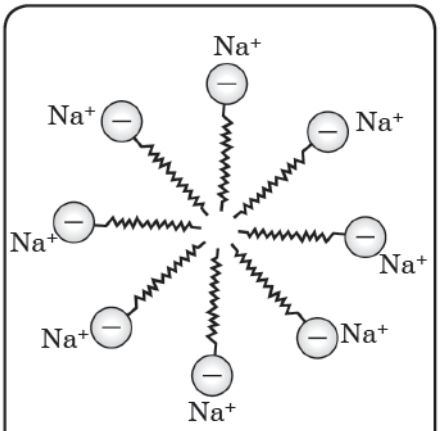
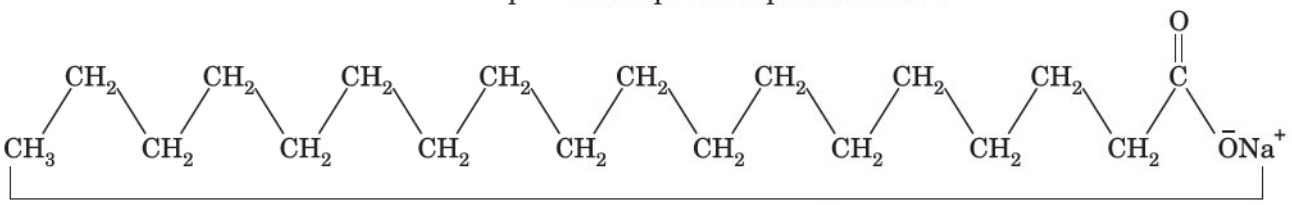


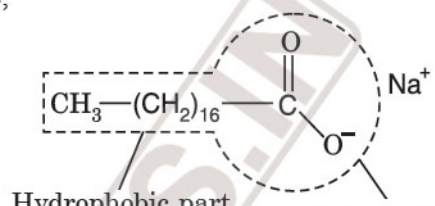
Fig. 17. Aggregation of several ions to form ionic micelle ⊖ represents —COO^- group.

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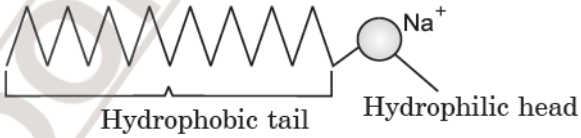
These two parts of soaps are represented as :



Sodium stearate ($C_{17}H_{35}COO^-Na^+$)
or simply as,



For simplicity, it may be represented as :



The stearate ions are therefore, present on the surface with their COO^- groups in water and the hydrocarbon tail staying away from it and remains at the surface. Inside water, these molecules have a unique orientation which keeps the hydrocarbon portion out of water. At critical micelle concentration, the anions are pulled into the bulk of the solution and form a cluster of molecules in which the hydrocarbon tails are in the interior of the cluster and ionic ends are at the surface of the cluster. This formation is called **micelle formation** and the aggregate thus formed is known as **ionic micelle** (as shown in Fig.17). These micelles may contain as many as upto 100 ions. When the concentration of the solution is below its CMC (10^{-3} mol L^{-1}), it behaves as normal electrolyte. But above this concentration, it is aggregated to behave as micelles.

Some other examples of micelles are :

(*i*) *Sodium palmitate* $(C_{15}H_{31}COONa)$

(*ii*) *Cetyl trimethyl ammonium bromide* $CH_3(CH_2)_{15}(CH_3)_3N^+Br^-$

(*iii*) *Sodium lauryl sulphate* $[CH_3(CH_2)_{11}SO_3O^-Na^+]$

Similarly in case of detergents, *e.g.*, sodium lauryl sulphate, $CH_3(CH_2)_{11}OSO_3^-Na^+$, the polar group is SO_4^{2-} along with the long hydrocarbon chain. Therefore, the mechanism of micelle formation is same as that of soaps.

Differences between multimolecular colloids, macromolecular colloids and associated colloids.

Multimolecular colloids	Macromolecular colloids	Associated colloids
1. They consist of aggregates of atoms or molecules which generally have diameter less than 1 nm. e.g., sols of gold, sulphur, etc.	They consist of large size molecules (generally polymers) like rubber, nylon, starch, proteins, etc.	They consist of aggregation of a large number of ions which behave as colloidal size particles at higher concentrations e.g., soap sols.
2. The atoms or molecules are held by weak van der Waals forces.	The molecules are flexible and can take any shape.	They behave as normal electrolytes at low concentrations and behave as colloidal only at high concentrations.
3. Their molecular masses are not very high.	They have high molecular masses.	Their molecular masses are generally high.
3. They usually have lyophobic character.	They usually have lyophilic character.	Their molecules contain both lyophilic and lyophobic groups.

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Cleansing action of soap

The cleansing action of soap is due to its tendency to act as micelle and form emulsions. A soap, for example, sodium stearate is composed of long chain of alkyl group called *tail* and a polar part of COO^- ion called *head.*

$$CH_3(CH_2)_{15}CH_2 - COO^- Na^+$$

Tail Head



This may be represented as the polar end which is water soluble and the non-polar end which is soluble in organic solvents and oil.

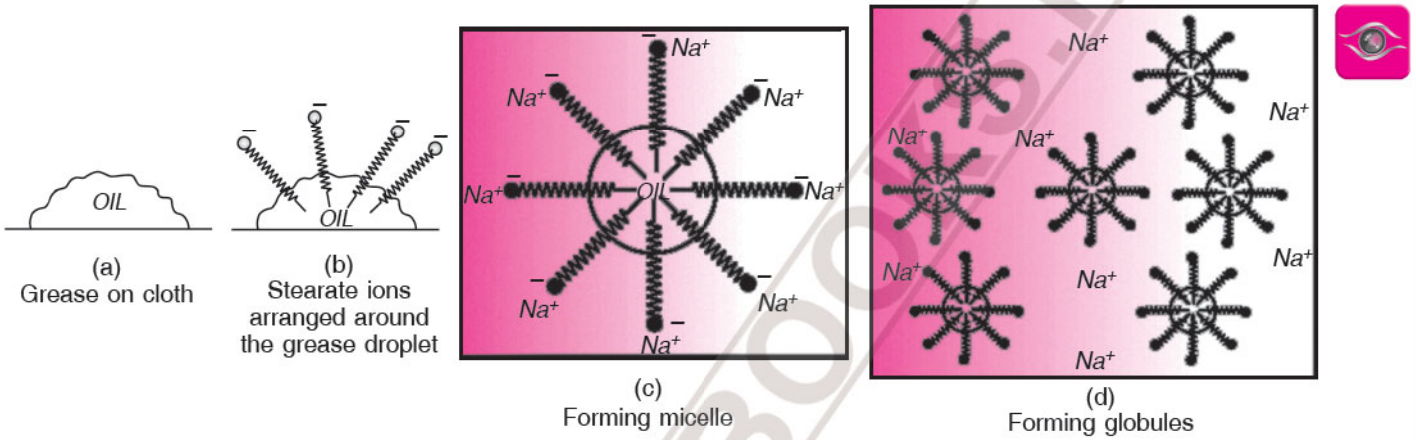


Fig. 18. Cleansing action of soap.

Ordinarily, the dirt in the cloth is due to the presence of dust particles in fat or grease which stick to the cloth. When the cloth is dipped in aqueous soap solution, the soap and the dirt come in contact with each other. The soap molecules form micelle around the oil droplet in such a way that the hydrophobic part of stearate ions is in the oil or grease droplet while the hydrophilic part projects out of the grease droplet like the bristles. In this manner, each oil droplet is surrounded by a number of negatively charged carboxylate ions (Fig. 18). Since similar charges repel each other, the oil droplets break up and form small droplets or globules. The negatively charged sheath around the globules prevents them from coming together and form aggregates. These small droplets get dispersed in water forming emulsion. The hand rubbing or the agitation due to the washing machine causes dispersion of the oil or grease throughout the soapy water. These are washed away with water alongwith dust particles.

GENERAL METHODS OF PREPARATION OF SOLS

Lyophilic and lyophobic colloidal solutions (or sols) are generally prepared by different types of methods. Some of the common methods are :

Preparation of Lyophilic Colloids

The lyophilic colloids have strong affinity between particles of dispersed phase and dispersion medium. Therefore, these colloidal solutions are readily formed by *simply mixing the dispersed phase and dispersion medium under ordinary conditions*. For example, the substances like gelatin, gum, starch, egg albumin etc. pass readily into water to give coloidal solution. They are reversible in nature because these can be precipitated and directly converted into colloidal state.

Preparation of Lyophobic Colloids

Lyophobic sols can be prepared by mainly two types of methods :

1. *Condensation methods*
2. *Dispersion methods.*

1. Condensation Methods

In these methods, smaller particles of dispersed phase are condensed suitably to be of colloidal size. This is done by the following methods :

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(*a*) By chemical reactions.

(*i*) Oxidation. A colloidal sol of sulphur is obtained by bubbling H_2S gas through the solution of bromine water, sulphur dioxide, nitric acid, etc.

$$H_2S + Br_2 \longrightarrow 2HBr + \underset{(sol)}{S}$$

$$2H_2S + SO_2 \longrightarrow 2H_2O + \underset{(sol)}{3S}$$

$$H_2S + 2HNO_3 \longrightarrow 2H_2O + 2NO_2 + \underset{(sol)}{S}$$

(*ii*) Reduction. The colloidal solutions of metals are obtained by reduction of their compounds. For example, a solution of $AuCl_3$ is reduced with $SnCl_2$.

$$2AuCl_3 + 3SnCl_2 \longrightarrow 3SnCl_4 + \underset{\text{Gold sol}}{2Au}$$

The reaction can also be carried out with formaldehyde, tannic acid or hydrazine.

$$2AuCl_3 + 3HCHO + 3H_2O \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Gold sol}}{2Au} + 3HCOOH + 6HCl$$

or $$4AuCl_3 + \underset{\text{Hydrazine}}{3NH_2NH_2} \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Gold sol}}{4Au} + 3N_2 + 12HCl$$

The gold sol, thus prepared, has a purple colour and is called *purple of cassius.*

Colloidal sols of platinum, silver, etc. can also be prepared in a similar manner.

$$2PtCl_4 + 4SnCl_2 \longrightarrow 4SnCl_4 + \underset{\text{Sol}}{2Pt}$$

(*iii*) Hydrolysis. A colloidal solution of ferric hydroxide is prepared when a concentrated solution of ferric chloride is added drop wise to hot water.

$$FeCl_3 + 3H_2O \longrightarrow Fe(OH)_3 + 3HCl$$

(*iv*) Double decomposition. As_2S_3 sol is obtained by passing H_2S through dilute solution of arsenious oxide in water.

$$As_2O_3 + 3H_2S \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Colloidal sol}}{As_2S_3} + 3H_2O$$

(*b*) By excessive cooling. A colloidal solution of ice in an organic solvent like ether or chloroform can be prepared by freezing a solution of water in the solvent. The molecules of water which can no longer be held in solution, separately combine to form particles of colloidal size.

(*c*) By exchange of solvent. Colloidal solution of certain substances such as sulphur, phosphorus which are soluble in alcohol but insoluble in water can be prepared by pouring their alcoholic solution in excess of water. For example, alcoholic solution of sulphur on pouring into water gives milky colloidal solution of sulphur.

(*d*) By change of physical state. Sols of substances like mercury and sulphur are prepared by passing their vapours through a cold water containing a suitable stabilizer such as ammonium salt or citrate.

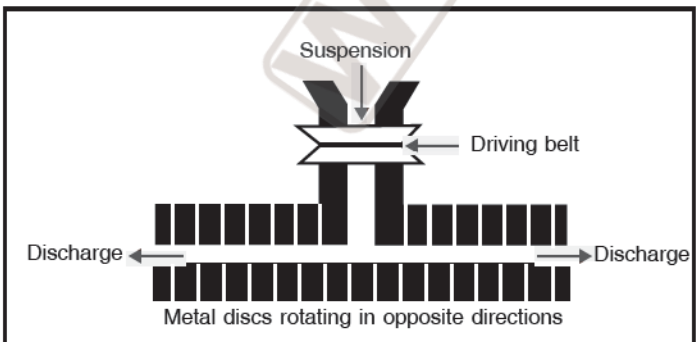


Fig. 19. Colloidal mill.

2. Dispersion Methods

In these methods, larger particles of a substance (suspension) are broken into smaller particles. The following methods are employed:

(*a*) Mechanical dispersion. In this method, the substance is first ground to coarse particles. It is then mixed with the dispersion medium to get a suspension. The suspension is then grinded in a *colloidal mill* (Fig. 19). It consists of two metallic discs nearly touching each other and rotating in opposite directions at a very high speed (about 7000 revolutions per minute).

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The space between the discs of the mill is so adjusted that coarse suspension is subjected to great shearing force giving rise to particles of colloidal size. Colloidal solutions of black ink, paints, varnishes, dyes, etc. are obtained by this method.

(*b*) By electrical dispersion or Bredig's arc method. This method is used to prepare *sols of metals such as platinum, silver, copper or gold*.

The metal whose sol is to be prepared is made as two electrodes immersed in dispersion medium such as water (Fig. 20). The dispersion medium is kept cooled by surrounding it with a freezing mixture. An electric arc is struck between the electrodes. The tremendous heat generated by the arc vapourises the metals which are condensed immediately in the liquid to give colloidal solution. *The colloidal solution prepared is stabilised by adding a small amount of KOH to it.*

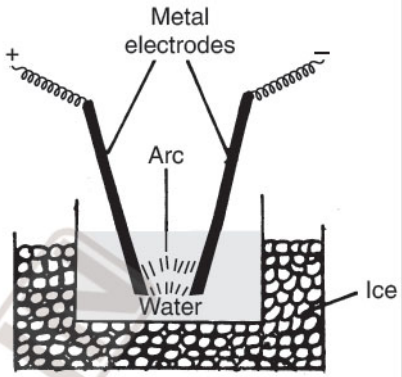


Fig. 20. Bredig's arc method.

(*c*) By peptization. *The process of converting a freshly prepared precipitate into colloidal form by the addition of a suitable electrolyte* is called **peptization**.

The electrolytes used for the purpose are called *peptising agents*.

Cause of peptization. When an electrolyte is added to a freshly prepared precipitate, the suitable ions from the added electrolyte are adsorbed by the particles of the precipitate. The charged particles repel one another and form colloidal solution. For example, treating a precipitate of iron (III) oxide with a small amount of $FeCl_3$ solution, gives a reddish brown coloured colloidal solution. In this case, Fe^{3+} ions from ferric chloride are adsorbed by $Fe(OH)_3$ precipitate :

$$\underset{\text{Precipitate}}{Fe(OH)_3} + \underset{\text{Electrolyte}}{Fe^{3+}} \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Colloidal sol}}{Fe(OH)_3 \,.\, Fe^{3+}}$$

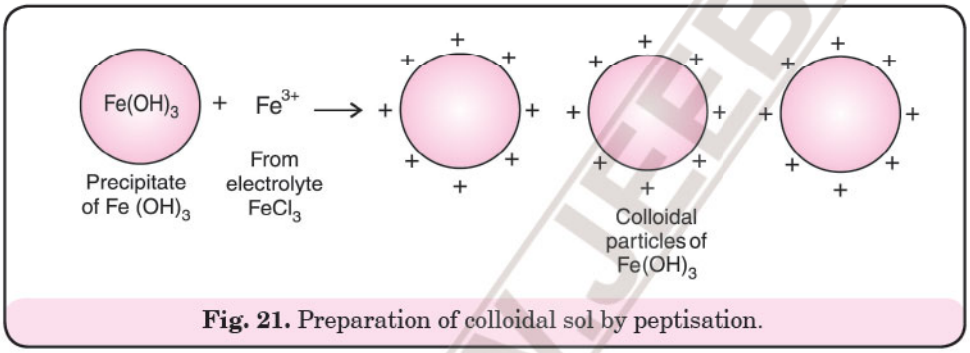


Fig. 21. Preparation of colloidal sol by peptisation.

Similarly, a precipitate of silver chloride can be peptised by shaking with a dilute solution of silver nitrate to give a colloidal solution of silver chloride.

$$\underset{\text{Precipitate}}{AgCl} + \underset{\substack{\text{From}\\ \text{electrolyte}}}{Ag^+} \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Colloidal sol}}{AgCl \,.\, Ag^+}$$

PURIFICATION OF COLLOIDAL SOLUTIONS

The colloidal solutions prepared by the above methods usually contain impurities especially electrolytes which can destabilize the sols. These impurities must be eliminated to make the colloidal solutions stable. The following methods are commonly used for the purification of colloidal solutions.

1. Dialysis

The process of separating the particles of colloids from those of crystalloids by means of diffusion through a suitable membrane *is called* ***dialysis.***

Its **principle** is based upon the fact that *colloidal particles cannot pass through a parchment or cellophane membrane while the ions of the electrolyte can pass through it.* The colloidal solution is taken in a bag made of cellophane or parchment. The bag is suspended in fresh water. The impurities slowly

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diffuse out of the bag leaving behind pure colloidal solution Fig. 22. The distilled water is changed frequently to avoid accumulation of the crystalloids otherwise they may start diffusing back into the bag. Dialysis can be used for removing HCl from the ferric hydroxide sol.

Electrodialysis. The ordinary process of dialysis is slow. To increase the process of purification, the dialysis is carried out by applying electric field. This process is called *electrodialysis* and is shown in Fig. 23.

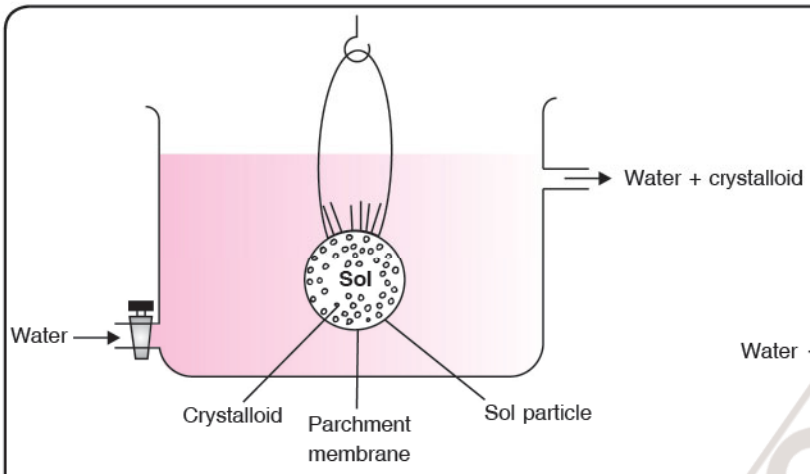


Fig. 22. Dialysis.

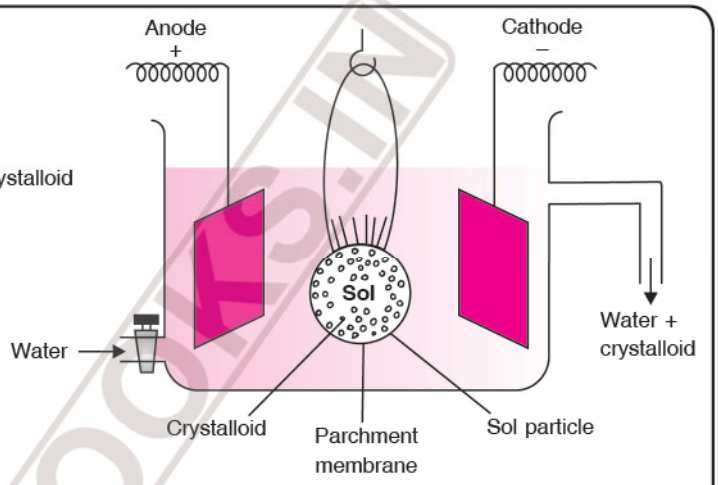


Fig. 23. Electrodialysis.

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❑ **Some patients have to undergo dialysis. How does it help ?**

▸ Kidneys in the human body act as dialysers to purify blood which is of colloidal nature. The most important application of dialysis process is the *artificial kidney machine* used for the purification of blood of the patients whose kidneys have failed to work. The artificial kidney machine (called **dialyser**) work on the principle of dialysis. It takes blood from the artery and the dialysis membrane in the machine allows small particles of excess ions and waste products to pass through while it does not allow the colloidal size particles such as haemoglobin to pass through. Therefore, blood of the patient is purified and after purification it is sent back to veins.

2. Ultra-filtration

It is the process of removing the impurities from the colloidal solution by passing it through graded filter papers *called* **ultra-filter papers**.

These filter papers are permeable to all substances except colloidal particles. Colloidal particles can pass through ordinary filter paper because the size of the pores is too large. However, the size of the pores of filter paper can be reduced by impregnating them with **colloidion** or **gelatin** solution to stop the flow of colloidal particles. The colloidion solution generally used is 4% solution of nitrocellulose in a mixture of alcohol and ether. An ultra-filter paper may be prepared by soaking the filter paper in a colloidion solution, hardening by dipping in formaldehyde solution and then finally drying it. A series of graded ultra-filter papers may be obtained by using the impregnating solutions of different concentrations. With these ultra-filter papers impurities of different sizes can be effectively removed. In this method, sol is poured over the ultrafilters which allow solution of impurities to pass through but retain the colloidal particles. The colloidal particles left on the ultra-filter paper are then stirred with fresh dispersion medium (solvent) to get a pure colloidal solution. This is a slow process and to speed up the process, pressure or suction is applied.

3. Ultra-centrifugation

In this method, the colloidal sol is taken in a tube which is placed in an ultra centrifuge. On rotation of the tube at high speeds, the colloidal particles settle down at the bottom of the tube and the impurities remain down in the solution called **centrifugate**.

The settled colloidal particles are mixed with an appropriate dispersion medium to regenerate the sol.

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PROPERTIES OF COLLOIDAL SOLUTIONS

The main characteristic properties of colloidal solutions are discussed below :

1. Physical Properties

(*a*) Heterogeneous character. The colloidal solutions are heterogeneous in nature consisting of two phases : (*i*) *dispersed phase* and (*ii*) *dispersion medium*. Because of the small particle size, the colloidal solutions generally appear to be homogeneous to the naked eye but their heterogeneity can be confirmed by seeing under electron microscope.

(*b*) Stable nature. The colloidal solutions are quite stable. Their particles are in a state of motion and do not settle down at the bottom of the container. However, particles of certain colloidal sols, which have comparatively large size may settle down but very slowly.

(*c*) Filtrability. The colloidal particles can pass through ordinary filter papers because the size of the colloidal particles is lesser than the size of the pores of filter paper. However, they cannot pass through animal and vegetable membranes and ultrafilter papers. This forms the basis of separation of colloidal particles from those of crystalloids.

2. Colligative Properties

The colloidal particles being bigger aggregates have very high molecular masses so that the number of particles per litre of the sol is relatively very small than in a true solution. Therefore, they have very low colligative properties. As a result, the sols boil and freeze at almost the same temperature as the pure dispersion medium and lowering in vapour pressure is also negligible. However, ***the osmotic pressure of colloidal solutions, though smaller than true solutions is the only colligative property which has been determined with a reasonable degree of accuracy***. It gives information regarding the number of particles present per kilogram of the dispersion medium and this can be used to determine the average molecular masses of colloidal particles.

3. Mechanical Properties

(*a*) Brownian movement. When colloidal solutions are viewed through a powerful ultramicroscope, the colloidal particles are seen to be in a state of continuous zig-zag motion. This motion was first observed by the British botanist, Robert Brown in 1827. He discovered that the pollengrains suspended in water do not remain at rest but move about continuously and randomly in all directions. Later on, it was observed that the colloidal particles also are moving at random in a zig-zag motion as shown in Fig. 24. This type of motion is called **Brownian movement** after the name of its discoverer, Robert Brown. The Brownian motion is independent of the nature of the colloid but depends on the size of the particles and viscosity of solution. Smaller the size and lesser the viscosity, faster is the motion.

Cause of Brownian movement. The Brownian movement has been explained to be due to the unbalanced bombardment of the particles by the molecules of the dispersion medium. The molecules of the dispersion medium are constantly colliding with the particles of the dispersed phase. It was stated by Wiener in 1863 that the impacts of the dispersion medium particles are unequal, thus, causing a zig-zag motion of the dispersed phase particles. When a molecule of dispersion medium collides with a colloidal particle, it is then displaced in one direction. Then another molecule strikes it, displacing it to another direction and so on. This process gives rise to a zig-zag motion. Thus, Brownian movement has a stirring effect which does not allow the particles to settle down and hence is responsible for the stability of the sols. However, if the size of the dispersed phase particles increases, then the chances of unequal bombardment decrease. *This can be confirmed by the fact that the suspensions do not show any such movement due to large molecular size.*

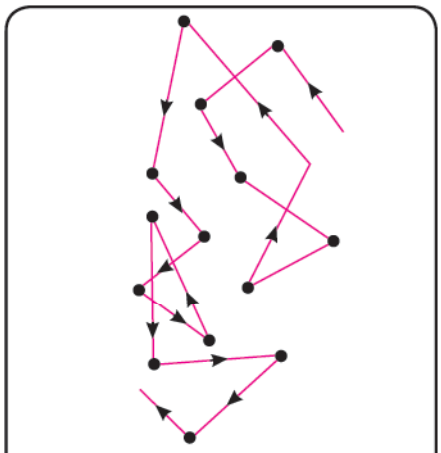


Fig. 24. Brownian movement of colloidal particles.

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Thus, it may be noted that

(*i*) Brownian movement provides a direct demonstration of the ceaseless motion of molecules as postulated by kinetic theory.

(*ii*) The Brownian movement explains the force of gravity acting on colloidal particles. This helps in providing stability to colloidal sols by not allowing them to settle down.

(*iii*) It has also helped in the determination of Avogadro's number.

(*b*) Diffusion. The sol particles diffuse from higher concentration to lower concentration region. However, due to bigger size, they diffuse at a lesser speed.

(*c*) Sedimentation. The colloidal particles settle down under the influence of gravity at a very slow rate. This phenomenon is called sedimentation and is used to determine the molecular mass of macromolecules.

4. Optical Properties

(*a*) Tyndall effect

When a strong beam of light is passed through a true solution placed in a beaker, in a dark room, the path of the light does not become visible. However, if the light is passed through a sol, placed in the same room, the path of the light becomes visible when viewed from a direction at right angle to that of the incident beam. The colloidal solutions appear reasonably clear or translucent by the transmitted light but they show a mild to strong opalescence when viewed at right angles to the passage of light *i.e.*, the path of beam gets illuminated by a bluish light.

This phenomenon was first observed by Faraday and later studied in detail by Tyndall and therefore, it is called **Tyndall effect**. *The cause of Tyndall effect is the scattering of light by the colloidal particles i.e.,* these particles scatter light in all directions in space. The scattering of light illuminates the path of beam in the colloidal dispersion. The particles in true solution are too small in size to cause any scattering *i.e.*, the Tyndall effect is not observed in true solutions. Thus,

the phenomenon of scattering of light by colloidal particles as a result of which the path of the beam becomes visible *is called* ***Tyndall effect.***

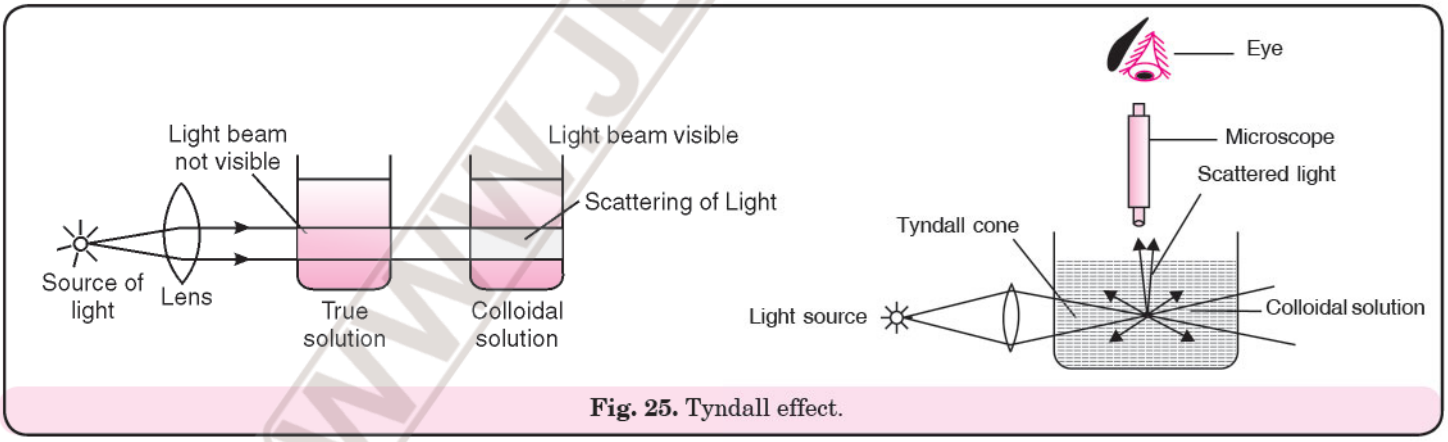


Fig. 25. Tyndall effect.

The illuminated path of the beam is called **Tyndall cone**.

The Tyndall effect confirms the *heterogeneous nature of the colloidal solutions.*

The Tyndall effect can be observed due to scattering of dust particles, when a beam of sunlight enters a dark room through a slit. You must have noticed during the projection of picture in the cinema hall due to scattering of light by dust and smoke particles present there.

Tyndall effect is observed only when the following two conditions are satisfied :

(*i*) The diameter of the dispersed phase particles is not much smaller than the wavelength of light used.

(*ii*) The refractive indices of the dispersed phase and the dispersion medium differ largely in magnitude.

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Importance of Tyndall effect

The Tyndall effect has been used to devise an instrument called *ultramicroscope* which was designed by Zsigmondy in 1913. In this instrument, an intense beam of light is focussed on the colloidal solution contained in a glass vessel. The focus of light is then viewed with a microscope at right angles to the beam. It is observed that individual colloidal particles appear as spots of bright light against a dark background. It may be noted that ultra microscope does not make the actual colloidal particles visible but only the light scattered by the colloidal particles can be seen through a microscope. Thus, ultramicroscope does not provide any information about the size and shape of colloidal particles.

(*b*) Colour

The colour of colloidal solutions depends on the wavelength of the light scattered by the dispersed particles. The wavelength further depends on the size and nature of the particles. It has been observed that the colour of colloidal solutions also changes with the manner in which the observer receives the light. For example, a mixture of milk and water appears blue when viewed by the reflected light but if transmitted light is viewed it is red. Similarly, gold sol is red in colour when the particles are fine but as the size of the particles increases, its colour changes to purple, then blue and finally golden.

5. Electrical properties

The particles of the colloidal solutions possess electrical charge, positive or negative. The presence of charge is responsible for the stability of these solutions. It may be noted that only the sol particles carry some charge while the dispersion medium has no charge. For example, the colloidal solutions of gold, arsenious sulphide (As_2S_3) are negatively charged while those of $Fe(OH)_3$ and $Al(OH)_3$ have positive charge. In the case of silver chloride sol, the particles may either be positively or negatively charged.

Origin of charge

Various views have been put forward regarding the origin of charge on the colloidal particles.

(*i*) **Due to frictional electrification.** It is believed that the frictional electrification due to the rubbing of the dispersed phase particles with that of dispersion medium results in some charge on the colloidal particles. But the dispersion medium must also get some charge because of the friction. Since it does not carry any charge, the theory does not seem to be correct.

(*ii*) **Due to dissociation of the surface molecules.** Consider, for example, an aqueous solution of soap (sod. palmitate) which dissociates into ions as :

$$\underset{\text{Sod. palmitate}}{C_{15}H_{31}COONa} \rightleftharpoons C_{15}H_{31}COO^- + Na^+$$

The cations (Na^+) pass into the solution while the anions ($C_{15}H_{31}COO^-$) have a tendency to form aggregates due to weak attractive forces present in the hydrocarbon chains.

(*iii*) **Due to selective adsorption of ions.** The particles constituting the dispersed phase *adsorb only those ions preferentially which are common with their own lattice ions.* For example, if a dilute solution of silver nitrate is added to an aqueous solution of potassium iodide, the precipitated silver iodide will adsorb negative I^-ions (common ions) from the dispersion medium to form a **negatively charged sol**. This is shown in Fig. 26 (*a*).

$$\underset{\text{Dispersion medium (from KI)}}{AgI + I^-} \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Negative sol.}}{AgI : I^-}$$

In this case, the left out ions (K^+) will remain in the dispersion medium thereby giving equal and opposite charge (positive) to the dispersion medium.

However, if silver iodide is formed by adding a dilute solution of potassium iodide to silver nitrate solution, the sol will be **positively charged** due to the adsorption of Ag^+ ions (common ions) present in the dispersion medium.

NOTE

Tyndall effect can be used to distinguish between a true solution and a colloidal solution. A strong beam of light is passed through the given solution. If the path of the light gets illuminated, the solution is a colloidal solution. On the other hand, if the path of the light does not get illuminated, it is a true solution.

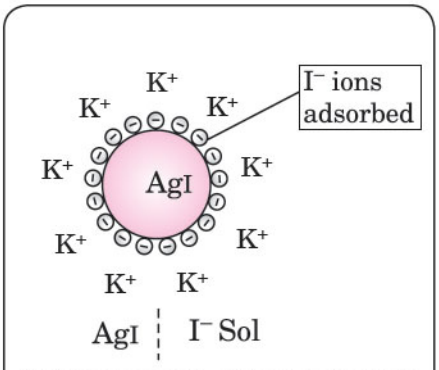
Thus,

Colloidal solutions ⇒ show Tyndall effect

True solutions ⇒ do not show Tyndall effect.

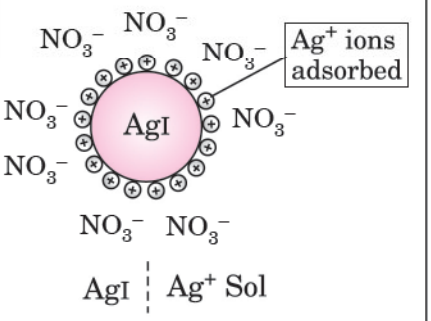
It may be noted that among colloids, lyophilic colloids do not show Tyndall effect but lyophobic colloids show Tyndall effect.

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K^+ ions remain in dispersion medium

(a)



NO_3^- ions remain in dispersion medium

(b)

Fig. 26. Selective adsorption of ions on AgI.

$$AgI + Ag^+ \longrightarrow AgI\,|\,Ag^+$$

Dispersion medium (from $AgNO_3$) — Positive sol.

The left out ions (NO_3^-) will remain in the dispersion medium thereby giving equal and opposite charge (negative) to the dispersion medium [Fig. 26 (*b*)].

Thus,

the ion which is common with their own lattice ions is preferentially adsorbed.

Similarly, if ferric chloride is added to excess of hot water, a positively charged sol of hydrated ferric hydroxide is formed. This is because of adsorption of Fe^{3+} ions. However, when ferric chloride is added to sodium hydroxide (NaOH) solution, a negatively charged sol is obtained due to the adsorption of OH^- ions.

$$FeCl_3 + H_2O \text{ (excess)} \longrightarrow Fe_2O_3.xH_2O\,|\,Fe^{3+}$$

Positively charged sol

$$FeCl_3 + NaOH\ (aq) \longrightarrow Fe_2O_3.xH_2O\,|\,OH^-$$

Negatively charged sol

Based on the nature of the charge, the colloidal solutions have been classified into positively charged and negatively charged colloids. Some common examples are listed in Table 5.

Table 5. Some common positively and negatively charged colloidal solutions.

Positively charged sols	Negatively charged sols
Hydrated metallic oxides *e.g.*, $Al_2O_3.xH_2O$, $Cr_2O_3.xH_2O$, $Fe_2O_3.xH_2O$, etc.	Metallic particles *e.g.*, Cu, Ag, Au, Pt, sols
Metal hydroxides *e.g.*, $Fe(OH)_3$, $Al(OH_3)$, $Cr(OH)_3$, $Ca(OH)_2$.	Metal sulphides *e.g.*, As_2S_3, CdS, Sb_2S_3, etc.
Basic dye stuffs like methylene blue, prussian blue	Acidic dyes like eosin, congo red, etc.
Haemoglobin (blood) Oxides *e.g.*, TiO_2 sol.	Sols of starch, gum, gelatin, clay, charcoal, etc.

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THEORY OF ELECTRICAL DOUBLE LAYER

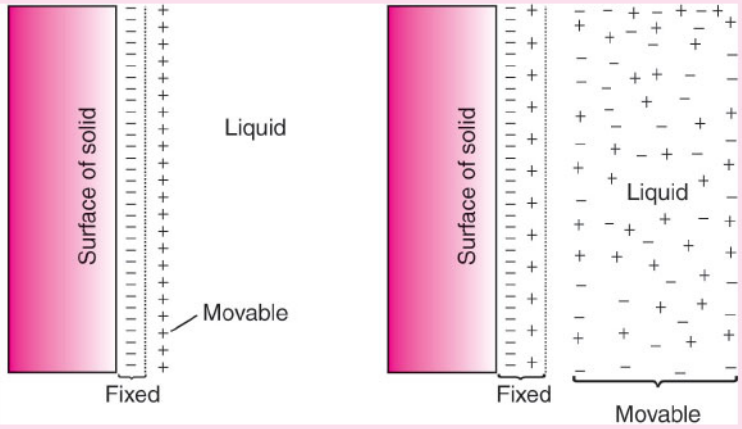
Colloidal dispersions possess electrical properties which are due to their ability to adsorb from solution ions, molecules of medium or both. The adsorbed phase controls the stability of the sol and its behaviour in electric field. To explain this, a theory of electrical double layer was first proposed by Helmholtz in 1879. According to this theory, when a solid comes in contact with a liquid (*e.g.,* a solution of an electrolyte) it preferentially adsorbs one type of ions on its surface. This forms a fixed layer. To counter balance this charge, oppositely charged ions are attracted to the surface to form a double layer of charges. For example, as explained above, AgI sol becomes positively charged or negatively charged by selective adsorption on the surface of the colloidal particles. This layer attracts the counter ions from the medium forming a second layer as shown below :

$$AgI\,|\,I^-\ \ K^+ \quad \text{or} \quad AgI\,|\,Ag^+\ \ NO_3^-$$

Fixed layer Mobile layer — Fixed layer Mobile layer

Such an arrangement of charges is called **Helmholtz double layer** Fig. 27 (*a*) and leads to a difference of electric potential between the solid and the liquid. In this theory, the charges next to the surface were considered to be

fixed while the compensating charges in the liquid were thought to be **mobile**.



(*a*) Helmholtz double layer (*b*) Diffuse double layer

Fig . 27

However, according to modern views, some of the compensating charges are held in the stationary liquid layer adhering to the surface. The remaining charges are distributed next to this layer 'in the form of a diffuse or mobile layer as shown in Fig. 27. (*b*). This mobile layer along with the fixed layer (containing charges fixed on the surface as well as some compensating charges) constitute **diffuse electrical double layer.** The potential difference that exists between the stationary layer of compensating charges and the diffuse layer (present in the body of the solution) is called **electrokinetic** or **zeta potential.** This is involved in various nonstatic electrical properties of solid-liquid interfaces and is also responsible for the electrical effects observed in colloids.

The electrical properties of colloidal solutions are related with two phenomena:

(*i*) Electrophoresis

(*ii*) Electroosmosis

(*i*) **Electrophoresis :** The presence of the charge on the sol particles and its nature whether positive or negative can be determined with the help of a phenomenon known as **electrophoresis.** In this experiment, the colloidal particles move towards positive or negative electrodes depending upon their charge under the influence of electrical field.

***The phenomenon of movement of colloidal particles under an applied electric field is called* electrophoresis.**

If the particles accumulate near the negative electrode, the charge on the particles is **positive.** *On the other hand, if the sol particles accumulate near the positive electrode, the charge on the particles is* **negative.**

The apparatus consists of U-tube with two platinum electrodes in each limb (Fig. 28). Take a sol of As_2S_3 in the U-tube. The intensity of the colour of the sol in both the arms is same. Now pass the current through the sol. After some time, it is observed that the colour of the sol near the positive electrode became intense than the initial colour. This indicates that the As_2S_3 particles have accumulated near the positive electrode. In other words, the particles of As_2S_3 are negatively charged and they move towards oppositely charged (positive) electrode and accumulate there.

Similarly, when an electric current is passed through positively charged $Fe(OH)_3$ sol, it is observed that they move towards negatively charged electrode and get accumulated there.

Thus, by observing the direction of movement of the colloidal particles, the sign of the charge carried by the particles can be determined.

(*ii*) **Electro-osmosis :** When the movement of the colloidal particles is prevented by some suitable means and the molecules of the dispersion medium are allowed to move under the influence of applied potential, the phenomenon is called electro-osmosis.

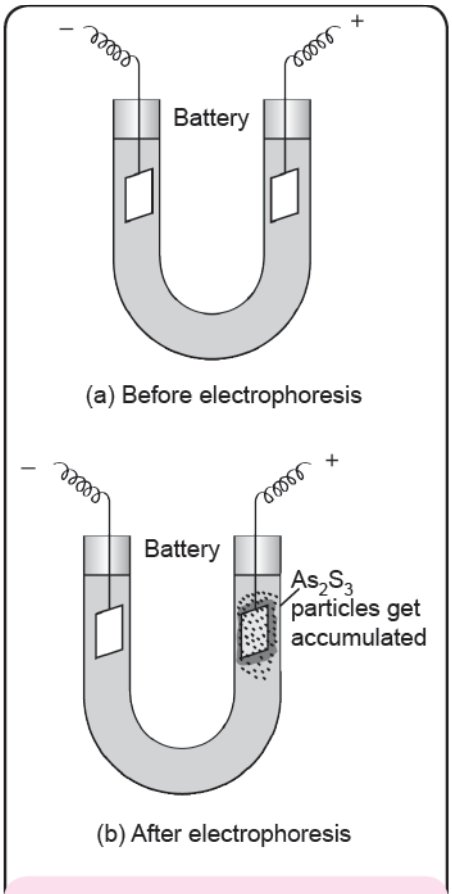


Fig. 28. Process of electrophoresis.

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Thus, ***electro-osmosis*** is ***the phenomenon of the movement of the molecules of the dispersion medium under the influence of electric field whereas colloidal particles are not allowed to move.***

The electroosmosis can be observed by a simple apparatus as shown in Fig. 29. The colloidal solution is placed in a compartment A separated from compartments B and C by semipermeable membranes D and D'. The compartments B and C are filled with water up to the marks indicated by the side arms. When a potential is applied across the two electrodes placed near the membranes in B and C, the liquid level is observed to fall on one side and rise on the other side due to the passage of water through membrane D and D'. The direction of the flow of water depends on the charge of the colloid. For positively charged sols the medium is negatively charged, and hence the flow will take place from C to B. On the other hand, for negatively charged sols, the reverse will occur and the level on the C side will rise.

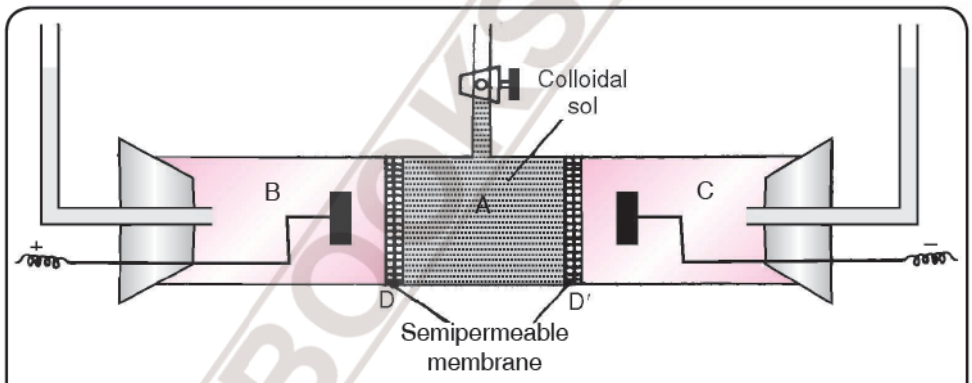


Fig. 29. Process of electro-osmosis.

COAGULATION OF COLLOIDAL SOLUTIONS

We know that a small amount of an electrolyte is necessary for the stability of the colloidal sol. The ions of the electrolytes are adsorbed on the sol particles and impart them some charge; positive or negative. The charged colloidal particles repel one another and are prevented from coming close together to unite into bigger particles (Fig. 30). If, somehow, the charge is removed, the particles will come nearer to each other to form aggregate (or coagulate) and settle down under the force of gravity. For example, in the presence of a large excess of the electrolyte, the charge on the particles of the dispersed phase is neutralised and as a result, they come closer, grow in size and ultimately form precipitates. This is called precipitation or coagulation. Thus,

the phenomenon of precipitation of a colloidal solution by the addition of excess of an electrolyte is called ***coagulation*** or ***flocculation***.

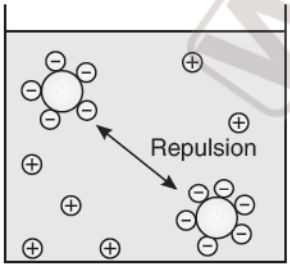


Fig. 30. Repulsion between colloidal particles gives stability.

Mechanism of coagulation. The particles of the dispersed phase *i.e.,* colloids bear some charge. When an electrolyte is added to the sol, the colloidal particles take up ions carrying opposite charge from the electrolyte. As a result, their charge gets neutralised and this causes the uncharged particles to come closer and to get coagulated or precipitated. For example, if $BaCl_2$ solution is added to As_2S_3 sol, the Ba^{2+} ions are attracted by the negatively charged sol particles and their charge gets neutralised. This leads to coagulation.

Hardy Schulze rule.

The coagulation tendency of different electrolytes is different. It depends upon the valency of the *active ion* called *flocculating ion.,* which is the ion carrying charge opposite to the charge on the colloidal particles. According to **Hardy Schulze rule**, *greater the valency of the the active ion or flocculating ion, greater will be its coagulating power.*

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Thus, according to Hardy Schulze rule :

(*i*) *The ions carrying the charge opposite to that of sol particles are effective in causing coagulation of the sol.*

(*ii*) *Coagulating power of an electrolyte is directly proportional to the fourth power of the valency of the active ions (ions causing coagulation). Greater is the valency of the oppositely charged ion of the electrolyte being added, the faster is the coagulation.*

For example, to coagulate **negative sol of As_2S_3**, the coagulating power of different cations has been found to **decrease** in the order as :

$$Al^{3+} > Mg^{2+} > Na^+$$

Similarly, to coagulate a **positive sol.** such as $Fe(OH)_3$, the coagulating power of different anions has been found to **decrease in the order** :

$$[Fe(CN)_6]^{4-} > PO_4^{3-} > SO_4^{2-} > Cl^-$$

The *minimum concentration of an electrolyte in millimoles which is required to cause the coagulation or flocculation of one litre of a sol* is known as **coagulation value or flocculation value.**

It is usually expressed as millimoles per litre. Thus, **smaller is the coagulation value of an electrolyte, greater is its coagulation or flocculation power**. For example, the coagulation values (in millimoles/litre) for the coagulation of positively charged $Fe(OH)_3$ sol and negatively charged As_2S_3 sol are given in Table 6.

Table 6. Coagulation values (in millimoles/litre) of common electrolytes.

Ferric hydroxide (+) sol			Arsenic sulphide (–) sol		
Electrolyte	**Active ion (anion)**	**Coagulation value (millimoles/litre)**	**Electrolyte**	**Active ion (cation)**	**Coagulation value (millimoles/litre)**
KBr	Br^-	138	NaCl	Na^+	51
KCl	Cl^-	103	KCl	K^+	50
KNO_3	NO_3^-	131	$MgSO_4$	Mg^{2+}	0.72
K_2SO_4	SO_4^{2-}	0.210	$BaCl_2$	Ba^{2+}	0.69
$Na_2C_2O_4$	$C_2O_4^{2-}$	0.238	$ZnCl_2$	Zn^{2+}	0.68
$K_3[Fe(CN)_6]$	$[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$	0.096	$AlCl_3$	Al^{3+}	0.093

The above table shows that the coagulating power is inversely proportional to coagulation value or flocculation value. The relative coagulating powers may be compared as :

$$\frac{\text{Coagulating power of electrolyte 1}}{\text{Coagulating power of electrolyte 2}} = \frac{\text{Coagulating value of electrolyte 2}}{\text{Coagulating value of electrolyte 1}}$$

For example, for coagulation of negatively charged As_2S_3 sol.

$$\frac{\text{Coagulating power of } AlCl_3}{\text{Coagulating power of NaCl}} = \frac{\text{Coagulating value of NaCl}}{\text{Coagulating value of } AlCl_3}$$

$$= \frac{51}{0.093} = 548$$

Thus, $AlCl_3$ has 548 times more coagulating power than NaCl.

REMEMBER

Smaller is the coagulation or flocculation value of an electrolyte, greater is its **coagulation** or **flocculation power**.

A few other methods for coagulation

Apart from the addition of the electrolyte, the coagulation of a colloidal sol can be affected by the following methods :

(*i*) **By mutual precipitation.** When two oppositely charged sols are mixed in equimolar proportions, they mutually neutralise their charge and both get coagulated. For example, if positively charged $Fe(OH)_3$ sol and negatively charged As_2S_3 sol are mixed, both the sols get coagulated.

(*ii*) **By electrophoresis.** We have seen in the electrophoresis that the particles of the dispersed phase move towards the oppositely charged electrodes. If the process is carried for a long time the particles will touch the electrode, lose their charge and get coagulated.

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(*iii*) **By persistent dialysis.** The stability of colloidal sols is due to the presence of a small amount of electrolyte. If the electrolyte is completely removed by repeated dialysis, the particles left will get coagulated.

(*iv*) **By heating or cooling.** In certain cases, the sols get coagulated on heating. For example, coagulation of butter. Similarly, in some cases cooling the sol also results into its coagulation. For example, coagulation of milk *i.e.*, on cooling milk fats start floating on the surface.

Coagulation of Lyophilic sols.

Lyophilic sols are more stable than lyophobic sols. The stability of lyophilic sols is due to two factors :

(*i*) Charged and

(*ii*) Solvation of the colloidal particles.

When these two factors are removed, a lyophilic sol can be coagulated. This can be done (*i*) by adding electrolyte and (*ii*) by adding suitable solvent. For example, when solvents such as alcohol or acetone are added to hydrophilic sols, it results into dehydration of dispersed phase. Under this condition, a small quantity of electrolyte can cause coagulation.

SOLVED EXAMPLES

❑ **Example 6.**

In a coagulation experiment, 5 mL of As_2S_3 is mixed with distilled water and 0.1 M solution of an electrolyte AB so that total volume is 10 mL. It was found that all solutions containing more than 4.6 mL of AB coagulate within 5 minutes. What is the flocculation value of AB for As_2S_3 sol. ?

Solution : A minimum of 4.6 mL of AB is required to coagulate the sol. The moles of AB in the sol is

$$= \frac{4.6 \times 0.1}{10} = 0.046 \text{ moles}$$

This means that a minimum of 0.046 moles or 0.046 × 1000 = 46 millimoles are required for coagulating 1 litre of sol.

∴ Flocculation value of AB for As_2S_3 sol. = **46**

Competition Plus

At **isoelectric point of colloids**, the lyophilic colloids, are expected to have minimum mobility. For detail, refer **Competition File**, (Page 65).

PROTECTION OF COLLOIDS

Lyophobic sols such as those of metals like gold, silver etc. can be easily precipitated by the addition of a small amount of electrolytes. They can be prevented from coagulation by the previous addition of some stable lyophilic colloids like gelatin, albumin, etc. This is because when a lyophilic sol is added to the lyophobic sol, the lyophilic particles form a layer around the lyophobic particles and this protects them from electrolytes as shown in Fig. 31. For example, if a small amount of gelatin is added to gold sol, it is not readily precipitated by the addition of sodium chloride. *This process of protecting the lyophobic colloidal solutions from precipitation by the electrolytes due to the previous addition of some lyophilic colloid is called* **protection**. The colloid which is added to prevent coagulation of the colloidal sol is called **protecting colloid**.

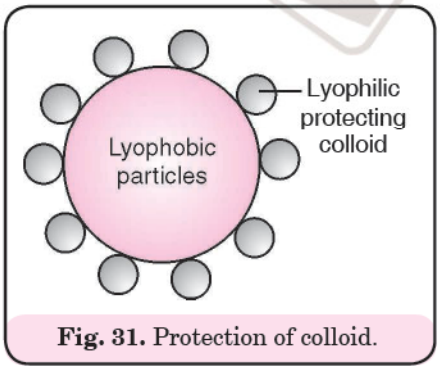


Fig. 31. Protection of colloid.

The protecting power of different protective (lyophilic) colloids is expressed in terms of gold number.

Gold number. The different protecting colloids differ in their protecting powers. Zsigmondy introduced a term called **gold number** to describe the protective power of different colloids. This is defined as

the minimum amount of the protective colloid in milligrams required to just prevent the coagulation of a 10 mL of a given gold sol when 1 mL of a 10% solution of sodium chloride is added to it.

The coagulation of gold sol is indicated by change in colour from **red to blue**. The gold numbers of a few protective colloids are as given in Table 7.

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Table 7. Gold numbers of some protective colloids.

Sol	Gold number
Gelatin	0.005 – 0.01
Casein	0.01 – 0.02
Haemoglobin	0.03 – 0.07
Egg albumin	0.1 – 0.2
Gum arabic	0.15 – 0.25
Starch	20 – 25
Dextrin	6 – 20

REMEMBER

- The smaller the value of gold number, greater will be the protecting power of the protective colloid *i.e.*,
- Protective power of a colloid is reciprocal of the gold number.

It may be noted that smaller the value of the gold number, greater will be protecting power of the protective colloid. Therefore, ***reciprocal of gold number is a measure of the protective power of a colloid.*** Thus, out of the list given above, gelatin is the best protective colloid.

SOLVED EXAMPLES

❑ **Example 7.**

The coagulation of 100 mL of a colloidal solution of gold is completely prevented by the addition of 0.25 g of starch to it before adding 1 mL of 10% NaCl solution. Calculate the gold number of starch. (*Hr. S.B. 2004*)

Solution : Amount of starch added to 100 mL of gold sol required to prevent coagulation of 1 mL of 10% NaCl solution

$= 0.25$ g

or $= 250$ mg

Starch required to be added to 10 mL of gold sol. to completely prevent coagulation by 1 mL of 10% NaCl solution

$$= \frac{25}{100} \times 10 = 25 \text{ mg}$$

$\therefore$ Gold number of starch $=$ **25**

Congo Rubin Number

It may be noted that sometimes the protective action of a lyophilic colloid is expressed as **Congo Rubin Number** instead of gold number. It was suggested by Ostwald and is expressed as the minimum amount of the protective colloid in milligrams that prevents the colour change of 100 mL of 0.01% congo rubin dye to which 0.16 gram equivalent of KCl is added.

EMULSIONS

Emulsions ***are the colloidal solutions in which both the dispersed phase and the dispersion medium are liquids.***

In other words, emulsions are liquid-liquid colloidal systems *i.e.,* the dispersion of finely divided droplets in another liquid. Any two immiscible liquids form an emulsion. For example, milk is a naturally occurring emulsion in which the particles (or globules) of liquid fats are dispersed in water.

Emulsions are generally prepared by vigorously shaking two liquids or by passing the mixture through a colloid mill, called the homogenizer. Since the two do not mix well, the emulsion is generally unstable and the two liquids may separate out on standing for some time. Therefore, to form stable emulsions, small quantities of certain other substances are added during their preparation. *The substances which are added to stabilize the emulsions* are called **emulsifier** or **emulsifying agent**. The substances that are commonly used as emulsifying agents are gum, soap of different forms, gelatin, albumin, etc.

Role of emulsifier. The stabilisation of an emulsion by means of emulsifier is called **emulsification**.

The main function of the emulsifier is to reduce the interfacial tension between the two liquids forming the emulsion. Emulsifiers are generally long chain molecules having polar groups.

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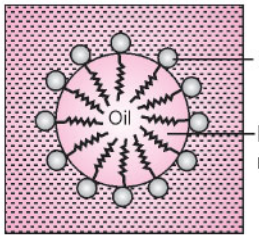


Fig. 32. Role of soap as an emulsifier.

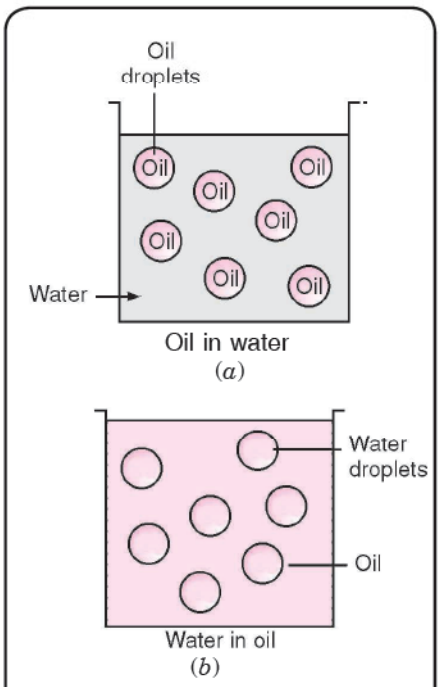


Fig. 33. Types of emulsions.

R U Curious...

- Both vanishing cream and cold cream are emulsions. Are these different or same ?

❑ Vanishing cream is an emulsion of oil-in-water whereas cold cream is an emulsion of water-in-oil. Cold cream is used for dry skin as the base (dispersion medium) in this is oil.

The role of emulsifier can be explained by taking the example of soap as an emulsifier. As already studied, the soaps are sodium or potassium salts of higher fatty acids such as sodium palmitate ($C_{15}H_{31}COONa$), sodium stearate ($C_{17}H_{35}COONa$), etc. A molecule of soap consists of two parts : hydrocarbon non-polar part (*e.g.*, $C_{15}H_{35}$, $C_{17}H_{35}$, etc.) which is soluble in oil and the polar group ($-COO^-Na^+$) which is soluble in water.

$$R - COO^-Na^+$$

When a drop of oil is surrounded by soap solution, R-part of the soap remains in oil and the COO^-Na^+ part remains in water as shown in Fig. 32. As a result, soap molecules get concentrated over the surface of the drop of oil and therefore form protective film around each oil drop. As a result, the interfacial tension between oil and water decreases and therefore they are intermixed to form the emulsion.

Casein (a protein), a lyophobic colloid present in milk acts as an emulsifying agent as it forms a protective layer around fat molecules dispersed in water. Therefore, milk is a fairly stable emulsion.

Types of Emulsions. These are of two types :

(*i*) Oil-in-water (o/w type) emulsions. In this case, *oil acts as the dispersed phase (small amount) and water as the dispersion medium (excess)* [Fig. 33 (*a*)]. For example, milk is an emulsion of soluble fats in water and here casein acts as an emulsifier. Vanishing cream is another example of this class. Such emulsions are called **aqueous emulsions**.

(*ii*) Water-in-oil (w/o type) emulsions. In this case, water acts as the dispersed phase while the oil behaves as the dispersion medium [Fig. 33 (*b*)]. For example, butter, cod liver oil, cold cream, etc. Such types of emulsions are called **oily emulsions**.

It may be noted that the two types of emulsions can be interconverted by simply changing the ratio of the dispersed phase and dispersion medium. For example, an oil-in-water emulsion can be converted to water-in-oil emulsion by simply adding excess of oil in the first case.

Identification of emulsions

The oil in water or water in oil type emulsions can be identified by the following tests :

(*i*) Dilution test. Add water to the emulsion. If the emulsion can be diluted with water, this means that water acts as the dispersion medium and it is an example of oil-in-water emulsion. In case, it is not diluted, then oil acts as dispersion medium and it is an example of water-in-oil emulsion.

(*ii*) Dye test. An oil soluble suitable dye is shaken with the emulsion. If colour is noticed on looking at a drop of the emulsion, it is oil-in-water type emulsion. In case the entire background is coloured, it is an example of water in-oil type.

Applications of emulsions

(*i*) Concentration of ores in metallurgy. The concentration of the sulphide ore of a metal by froth floatation process involves the use of some oil such as pine oil. The oil forms emulsion with ore particles. When air is bubble through the emulsion, it rises to the surface as foam and is skimmed off.

(*ii*) In medicine. The various pharmaceuticals and cosmetics available in liquid form such as cod-liver oil, B-complex, ointments etc. are emulsions of water-in-oil type. These are readily adsorbed in the intestines.

(*iii*) Cleansing action of soaps. The cleansing action of soap is based upon the formation of oil-in-water type emulsion.

(*iv*) Milk. Milk which is an important constituent of our diet is an emulsion of fat in water.

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Demulsification. It is the process of decomposing an emulsion back into its constituent liquids. The demulsification can be done by centrifugation, filtration, boiling, freezing and some chemical methods. For example :

(*i*) Cream from milk is separated by centrifugation.

(*ii*) Fat can be removed from milk by cooling it in a refrigerator.

Properties of emulsions

(*i*) Emulsions show all the characteristic properties of colloidal solution such as Brownian movement, Tyndall effect, electrophoresis, etc.

(*ii*) These are coagulated by the addition of electrolytes containing polyvalent metal ions indicating the negative charge on the globules.

(*iii*) The size of the dispersed particles in emulsions is larger than those in the sols. It ranges from 1000 Å to 10,000 Å. However, the size is smaller than the particles in suspensions.

(*iv*) Emulsions can be broken (or converted) into two separate liquids by heating, centrifuging, freezing, etc. This process is also known as demulsification.

GELS

A **gel** *is a colloidal system in which a liquid is dispersed in a solid.* Under certain conditions, the lyophilic sols may be coagulated to give a semi solid jelly like mass which encloses all the liquid present in the sol. *The process of gel formation is* called **gelation** *and the colloidal system formed is* called **gel**. The common examples of gel are : *gum arabic, gelatin, processed cheese, silicic acid, ferric hydroxide, etc.*

Gels may be classified into two types :

(*i*) *Elastic gels* (*ii*) *Non-elastic gels.*

(*i*) Elastic gels. *These are the gels which possess the property of elasticity.* They readily change their shape on applying force and return to original shape when the applied force is removed. They change to solid mass on dehydration which can again be converted into gel by addition of water followed by heating and cooling. When these gels are placed in contact with water, they absorb water and swell. This property is called **imbibition**. Common examples are gelatin, agar, starch etc.

(*ii*) Non-elastic gels. *These are the gels which are rigid and do not have the property of elasticity.* They change into solid mass on dehydration which becomes rigid and cannot be converted into original form by heating with water. Unlike elastic gels they do not show the phenomenon of imbibition. For example, silica gel.

COLLOIDS AROUND US

We come across many phenomena of colloids in our day to day life. Some of these are:

1 Blue colour of the sky and sea. Blue colour of the sky is due to the scattering of light by colloidal dust particles present in the air (Tyndall effect). These dust particles alongwith water suspended in air scatter blue light which reaches our eyes and therefore, sky looks blue to us. This is because blue colour of white sunlight has minimum wavelength and hence shows more intense scattering. Similarly, sea water looks green due to scattering of light by the colloidal impurities present in sea water.

2. Fog, mist and rain. When a large mass of air containing dust particles is cooled below its dew point, the moisture present in the air condenses on the surface of these particles and form fine droplets. These droplets are colloidal in nature and continue to float in the air in the form of mist or fog.

Clouds are aerosols having small droplets of water being suspended in air. Because of condensation in the upper atmosphere, the colloidal droplets of water become bigger and bigger in size till they fall down in the form of rain. Sometimes, the rainfall occurs when two oppositely charged clouds collide.

Learning Plus

- Colloidal sol of gold in water is called **purple of cassius.**
- Colloidal sol of silver is called **argyrol** and is used as eye lotion.
- Colloidal antimony is used for curing **kalazar**.
- Colloidal $Fe(OH)_3$ is given to a person having poisoning due to arsenic because it absorbs arsenic and then can be vomited out.
- Colloidal solution of graphite in water is called **aqua dag** and that in oil is called **oil dag**.
- **Collodion** is a 4% solution of cellulose nitrate in a mixture of ethyl alcohol and ether.
- Substances such as soaps which possess surface activity i.e., exhibit the property to lower the surface tension of the liquid and therefore, increase its surface are called **surfactants**.

R U Curious...

❑ **Sky looks blue!**

Sky looks blue due to scattering of light by colloidal dust particles. Since blue colour of sunlight has minimum wavelength, it shows more intense scattering. The scattered blue light reaches our eyes and, therefore, sky looks blue to us.

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3. Food articles. Many food articles such as milk. butter, ice-creams fruit juices, fruit jellies, whipped cream, etc. are colloidal in nature.

4. Soils. Fertile soils are also colloidal in nature. In the soil, the humus acts as a protective colloid. Because of colloidal nature soils adsorb moisture and other nourishing substances.

5. Dyeing. In the dyeing of fabrics, the fabric is first treated with a colloidal suspension of a substance called **mordant** (*e.g.,* aluminium hydroxide). The mordant should be such that it gets strongly adsorbed on the fabric and then the dye gets strongly adsorbed on it. As a result, the dye sticks fast to the fabric.

6. Varnishes, paints, enamels, resins, cellulose gums, glues, soaps, detergents, etc. are all colloidal in nature.

7. Asphalt emulsified on water is used for building roads without the necessity of melting the asphalt is colloid.

8. Formation of delta. River water is muddy and contains charged colloidal particles of clay, sand and many other materials. Sea water contains in it a number of dissolved electrolytes. When the river water comes in contact with the sea water, the electrolytes present in sea water coagulate the suspended colloidal particles which ultimately settle down at the point of contact. As a result, the level of the river bed rises. As a result, water adopts a different course and delta is formed in due course of time at the point where the river enters the sea.

9. Tail of comets. Tail behind a comet is seen as Tyndall cone due to scattering of light by the tiny solid particles of colloidal range left by the comet in its path.

10. Blood. It is a colloidal solution of an albuminoid substance. Bleeding stops when alum and ferric chloride solution is applied to a bleeding part. The styptic action of alum or ferric chloride is due to coagulation of blood by an electrolyte forming a blood clot which stops further bleeding.

APPLICATIONS OF COLLOIDS

Colloids play a vital role in our daily life. The applications, in general, are based upon the presence of the charge on the colloidal particles.

1. Electrical precipitation of smoke. In big cities, the factories work round the clock and the smoke coming out of the chimneys contain a lot of unburnt carbon particles. Smoke is a colloidal solution of solid particles such as carbon, arsenic compounds, dust, etc. in air. These are quite injurious to health and have to be precipitated from the smoke. In fact, smoke is a colloidal system in which the carbon particles are suspended in air. The carbon particles are charged in nature and they do not get coagulated or precipitated.

The charge on the carbon particles is neutralised by bringing them in contact with the oppositely charged metal plate. They thus, get precipitated and the smoke coming out of the chimney is free from dust. This precipitation of smoke particles is carried out by **Cottrell smoke precipitator** shown in Fig. 34. In this method, the smoke is allowed to pass through a chamber having a series of plates charged to very high potential (20,000 to 70,000 V). Charged particles of smoke get attracted by charged plates, get precipitated and the gases coming out of chimney become free of charged particles.

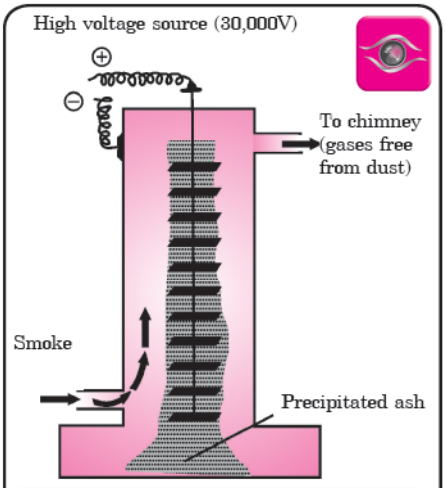


Fig. 34. Cottrell smoke precipitator.

2. Sewage disposal. The sewage disposal contains particles of dirt, rubbish, etc. suspended in water. They are, therefore, colloidal in nature and are also charged. These particles do not settle down easily. The particles can be removed by discharging them at electrodes. The dirty water is either placed in big tanks or passed through a tunnel fitted with metallic electrodes which are maintained at high potential difference. The colloidal particles migrate towards the oppositely charged electrodes where their charge is neutralised and they get coagulated. The coagulated mass can be used as a manure and the water left behind is used for irrigation.

3. Purification of drinking water. The water coming from natural sources often contains suspended impurities. The drinking water can be purified by precipitation of suspended colloidal particles . For this purpose, a small amount of alum [$K_2SO_4\ Al_2\ (SO_4)_3.\ 24H_2O$] is added. The Al^{3+} ions neutralise the charge on the particles and they get coagulated.

STEM AND TECHNOLOGY

Colloidal particles in a sol are very small and most of them are not visible through an ultramicroscope or light microscope. Recently, new techniques have been developed to determine the size and shape of the colloidal particles. These are :

(*i*) *Scanning Electron Microscope* (SEM)

(*ii*) *Transmission Electron Microscope* (TEM)

A modified form of the above methods has also been developed. It is called *Scanning Transmission Electron Microscope* (STEM). All these techniques are superior to the light microscope because they have greater resolving power.

4. Colloidal medicines. A wide variety of medicinal and pharmaceutical preparations are emulsions. The colloidal medicines are quite effective on account of their easy assimilation and adsorption. A few important medicines are colloidal gold, manganese, sulphur, antimony, etc. For example,

(*i*) Argyrol is a silver sol used as an eye lotion.

(*ii*) Colloidal antimony is used for curing disease kala azar.

(*iii*) Milk of magnesia, an emulsion is used for stomach disorders.

(*iv*) Colloidal gold is used for intramuscular injection. Colloidal medicines are more effective because these have large surface area and therefore, are easily assimilated with blood, which is colloidal.

(*v*) Ferric chloride is quite effective to stop bleeding from a minor cut. It coagulates the blood due to its charged nature.

5. Tanning. Animal hides are colloidal in nature and have positively charged particles. Tannin, which is obtained from plants contains negatively charged colloidal particles. When animal hides are soaked in tannin, their mutual coagulation takes place. This results in hardening of leather. This process of hardening of leather is called **tanning**. Chromium salts are also used in place of tannin.

6. In disinfectants. The disinfectants such as dettol and lysol give emulsions of the oil-in-water when mixed with water.

7. Photographic plates and films. These are thin glass plates or celluloid films coated with gelatin containing a fine suspension of silver bromide. The particles of silver bromide are colloidal in nature.

8. Chemical warfare. Smoke or mist screens are formed by the dispersion of harmful substances by explosion of bombs, etc. They are very injurious to health. Gas masks are essential to filter out the toxic smokes. These masks contain in them colloidal animal charcoal to adsorb the poisonous gases.

9. Artificial rain. Artificial rain can be caused by spraying oppositely charged colloidal dust or sand particles over a cloud from an aeroplane. The colloidal water particles present in the cloud will get neutralised and will coagulate to form bigger water drops causing artificial rain.

10. Rubber industry. Latex is a colloidal solution of negatively charged colloidal rubber particles. Rubber can be obtained from latex by coagulation. These rubber particles can be deposited over articles (wares or handles of different tools) to be rubber plated by electrophoresis. The article to be rubber plated is made the anode in the rubber plating bath. Rubber gloves are formed by rubber plating on suitable templates.

11. In metallurgical operations. Emulsions play an important role in industry. The metal ores are concentrated by froth-floatation process which involves the treatment of the pulverised ore in emulsion of pine oil.

add on Conceptual Questions 2

CONCEPTUAL QA

Q. 1. Why are lyophilic colloidal sols more stable than lyophobic colloidal sols ? ***(D.S.B. 2015)***

Ans. The lyophilic colloidal sols. are more stable because they are highly hydrated in solution.

Q. 2. Give one test to distinguish whether the given emulsion is oil in water type or water in oil type emulsion.

Ans. It can be identified by dilution test. In this method, the emulsion is diluted with water. If the emulsion gets diluted with water, this means that water acts as the dispersion medium and it is an example of oil in water emulsion. If, it is not diluted than oil acts as dispersion medium and it is an example of water in oil emulsion.

Q. 3. What is observed when sodium chloride is added to a colloidal solution of ferric hydroxide ?

Ans. When sodium chloride is added to ferric hydroxide sol., the sol. gets coagulated. This is because the Cl^- ions from NaCl neutralie the +ve charge on $Fe(OH)_3$ sol.

Q. 4. Give an example of (*i*) micelles system (*ii*) macromolecular colloid.

Ans. (*i*) Sodium stearate ($C_{17}H_{35}COO^-Na^+$). (*ii*) Proteins.

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Q. 5. What is the difference between a sol and a gel ? *(D.S.B. 2017)*

Ans. In a sol, dispersion medium is liquid and dispersed phase is solid. On the other hand, in a gel, dispersion medium is solid and dispersed phase is liquid.

Q. 6. What is the difference in the nature of a dilute soap solution and a concentrated soap solution ?

Ans. Dilute soap solution behaves like a true solution whereas concentrated soap solution behaves like a colloidal solution.

Q. 7. What happens when a colloidal sol of $Fe(OH)_3$ and As_2O_3 are mixed ?

Ans. Their mutual precipitation takes place.

Q. 8. The conductance of an emulsion increases on adding common salt. What type of emulsion is this ?

Ans. Oil in water type emulsion.

Q. 9. What happens when a freshly precipitated $Fe(OH)_3$ is shaken with little amount of dilute solution of $FeCl_3$? *(Hr. S.B. 2004)*

Ans. A reddish brown colloidal solution of $Fe(OH)_3$ is obtained. This process is called **peptization**.

The Fe^{3+} ions from $FeCl_3$ are adsorbed on the surface of the precipitate and form positively charged colloidal solution.

$$FeCl_3 \longrightarrow Fe^{3+} + 3\ Cl^-$$

$$Fe(OH)_3 + Fe^{3+} \longrightarrow [Fe(OH)_3]\ Fe^{3+}$$

Colloidal solution

CONCEPTUAL QA

Q. 10. What type of colloid is formed when a liquid is dispersed in a solid? Give an example. *(A.I.S.B. 2017)*

Ans. Gel

For example: Cheese

Q. 11. What does reciprocal of gold number indicate ?

Ans. Reciprocal of gold number is a measure of protective power of a colloid. Smaller the value of gold number, greater will be its protecting power.

Q. 12. 50 mL of standard gold sol. needs 0.05 mg of gelatin for its protection from coagulation. Calculate gold number of gelatin.

Ans. 50 mL of gold sol. require gelatin for protection from coagulation = 0.05 mg

10 mL of gold sol. will require gelatin for protection from coagulation = 0.005 mg

$\therefore$ Gold number of gelatin = 0.005.

Q. 13. 100 mL of a colloidal solution is completely precipitated by addition of 5 mL of 1 M NaCl solution. Calculate the coagulation value of NaCl. *(Hr. S.B. 2004)*

Ans. Coagulation value is the millimoles of an electrolyte that must be added to 1 L of a colloidal solution for complete coagulation.

$\therefore$ 5 mL of 1 M NaCl = $\frac{1}{1000} \times 5 = 0.005$ or 5 m moles.

100 mL of a colloidal solution require NaCl for complete coagulation = 5 m moles

$\therefore$ 1 L of colloidal solution require NaCl for complete coagulation = 50 m moles

$\therefore$ Coagulation value of NaCl = 50.

Q. 14. What is the charge on the colloidal particles in the following :
(*i*) $Fe(OH)_3$ sol (*ii*) As_2S_3 sol (*iii*) Colloidal sol of silver ?

Ans. (*i*) $Fe(OH)_3$ sol : +ve

(*ii*) As_2S_3 sol : –ve

(*iii*) Colloidal sol of silver : –ve.

Q. 15. Which of the following is most effective electrolyte in the coagulation of $Fe_2O_3.H_2O/Fe^{3+}$ sol ?
KCl, $AlCl_3$, $MgCl_2$, $K_4[Fe\ CN)_6]$ *(CBSE Sample Paper 2011)*

Ans. Since $Fe(OH)_3$ sol is positively charged, the anion having highest charge will be most effective *i.e.*, $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$.

Q. 16. Peptizing agent is added to convert precipitate into colloidal solution. Explain. *(CBSE Sample Paper 2011)*

Ans. Peptisation is a process of converting a freshly prepared precipitate into colloidal form by the addition of an electrolyte called peptising agent. The suitable ions from the peptising agent (electrolyte) are adsorbed by the particles of the precipitate giving it positive or negative charge. The charged particles repel one another and break up the precipitate into smaller particles of the size of the colloid. Therefore, it results into the formation of colloid. For example, on treating a precipitate of iron (III) oxide with a small amount of $FeCl_3$ solution gives a reddish brown coloured colloidal solution.

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$$\underset{\text{Precipitate}}{Fe(OH)_3} + \underset{\text{Electrolyte}}{Fe^{3+}} \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Colloidal solution}}{Fe(OH)_3\,Fe^{3+}}$$

Q. 17. Cottrell's smoke precipitator is fitted at the mouth of chimney used in factories. Give reasons. ***(CBSE Sample Paper 2011)***

Ans. Smoke coming out of chimney of a factory is a colloidal solution of soild carbon particles which are charged in nature. The mouth of the chimneys used in factories is fitted with Cottrell smoke precipitator. In this method, the smoke is allowed to pass through a chamber having a series of plates charged to very high potential (20,000 to 70,000 V). Charged particles of smoke get attracted by charged plates, get precipitated and the gases coming out of chimney become free of charged carbon and dust particles.

Q. 18. Why is colloidal gold used for intramuscular injection ? ***(CBSE Sample Paper 2011)***

Ans. Colloidal gold is more effective because of larger surface area and therefore, is easily assimilated with blood which is colloidal.

Q. 19. What is colloidion ? ***(CBSE Sample Paper 2011)***

Ans. 4% solution of nitrocellulose in a mixture of alcohol and ether.

Q. 20. Differentiate between peptization and coagulation. ***(CBSE Sample Paper 2011, A.I.S.B.2017)***

Ans. Peptization is the process of converting a freshly prepared precipitate into collodial form by the the addition of a suitable electrolyte. The electrolytes used for the purpose are called peptizing agents. On the other hand, coagulation is the phenomenon of precipitation of a collodial solution by the addition of excess of an electrolyte.

Q. 21. Why is ferric chloride preferred over potassium chloride in case of a cut leading to bleeding ?

Ans. Fe^{3+} is a better coagulating ion than K^+ due to larger positive charge on it.

Q. 22. Explain :

(*i*) Sky appears blue in colour.

(*ii*) A freshly formed precipitate of ferric hydroxide can be converted to a colloidal sol by shaking it with a small quantity of ferric chloride. ***(CBSE Sample Paper 2011)***

Ans. (*i*) Dust particles alongwith water suspended in air scatter blue light which reaches our eyes and therefore, sky looks blue to us.

(*ii*) When we add $FeCl_3$ to a freshly formed precipitate of $Fe(OH)_3$, peptisation occurs. The Fe^{3+} ions are adsorbed on the surface of the precipitate which ultimately breaks down into smaller particles of colloidal size.

Q. 23. Leather gets hardened after tanning. Why? ***(D.S.B. 2015)***

Ans. Animal hide is colloidal in nature and has positively charged particles. When it is soaked in tanin which has negatively charged colloidal particles, it results in mutual coagulation. This results in the hardening of leather.

Q. 24. It is necessary to remove CO when ammonia is prepared by Haber's process. Explain. ***(D.S.B. 2015)***

Ans. Carbon monoxide acts as a poison for the catalyst in Haber's process and therefore, it will lower the activity of the catalyst. Thus, CO must be removed when ammonia is obtained by Haber's process.

Q. 25. Addition of alum purifies water. Why? ***(A.I.S.B. 2015)***

Ans. Alum coagulates the impurities present in water by neutralising the charge.

Q. 26. Out of $MgCl_2$ and $AlCl_3$ which one is more effective in causing coagulation of negatively charged sol and why? ***(D.S.B. 2016)***

Ans. According to Hardy Schulze rule, for negatively charged sol, greater the valency of the positive ion of the electrolyte added, greater is its coagulating power. Thus, $AlCl_3$ (Al^{3+} ion) is more effective in causing coagulation of negatively charged sol than $MgCl_2$ (Mg^{2+} ions).

Q. 27. Out of sulphur sol and proteins, which one forms multimolecular colloids? ***(D.S.B. 2016)***

Ans. Proteins are macromolecules which cannot form multimolecular colloids while sulphur sol has smaller S_8 molecules which can coagulate to form multimolecular colloids.

Q. 28. Write the dispersed phase and dispersion medium of milk. ***(A.I.S.B. 2017)***

Ans. Dispersed phase: Liquid
Dispersion medium: Liquid

Q. 29. Write the chemical method by which $Fe(OH)_3$ sol is prepared from $FeCl_3$. ***(A.I.S.B. 2017)***

Ans. $FeCl_3(s) + 3H_2O \xrightarrow{\text{Hydrolysis}} Fe(OH)_3\,(sol) + 3HCl$

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Chapter Summary

Key Terms & Laws

- **Adsorption.** The phenomenon of higher concentration of molecular species (gases or liquids) on the surface of a solid than in the bulk.
- **Occlusion.** The adsorption of a gas on the surface of a metal.
- **Adsorbent.** The substance on which adsorption takes place.
- **Adsorbate.** The substance adsorbed.
- **Colloidal solution.** A heterogeneous solution which contains particles having diameters between 1 to 1000 nm. These are intermediate between true solutions and suspensions.
- **Lyophilic colloids.** The colloidal solutions in which the particles of the dispersed phase have a great affinity for the dispersion medium.
- **Lyophobic colloids.** The colloidal solutions in which the particles of the dispersed phase have no affinity for the dispersion medium.
- **Micelles.** These are the cluster or aggregated particles formed by association of colloids in solution.
- **Dialysis.** It is the process of separating particles of colloids from those of crystalloids by means of diffusion through a membrane.
- **Brownian movement.** The random zig zag motion of colloidal particles.
- **Electrophoresis.** The phenomenon of movement of colloidal particles under an applied electric field.
- **Coagulation.** The process of changing the colloidal particles in a sol. into the insoluble precipitate by the addition of some suitable electrolytes is known as **coagulation**.
- **Peptisation.** Conversion of a freshly precipitated substance into colloidal sol. by shaking with a suitable electrolyte is called **peptisation**.
- **Gold number.** The minimum number of milligrams of a lyophilic sol. needed to protect 10 mL of gold sol. by the addition of 1 mL of 10% NaCl is called **gold number.** Protective power is the reciprocal of gold number.
- **Emulsions** are colloidal systems in which both dispersed phase and dispersion medium are liquids.
- **Emulsification.** The process of making emulsion is called **emulsification**.
- **Gel.** A colloidal system in which a liquid is dispersed in a solid.

QUICK CHAPTER ROUND UP

ADSORPTION
higher conc. of any species at the surface than in the bulk

Physical adsorption
- weak van der Waals forces
- low enthalpy of adsorption
- reversible
- related to ease of liquefication of gas
- not very specific
- forms multimolecular layers

Chemical adsorption
- strong chemical forces
- high enthalpy of adsorption
- irreversible
- not related to ease of liquefication of gas
- highly specific
- forms mono-molecular layer

▸ **For adsorption,**
ΔH = –ve, ΔS = –ve
ΔG = $\Delta H - T\Delta S$
= –ve – T(–ve)
For ΔG to be **–ve** (spontaneous) $\Delta H > T\Delta S$

▸ Water vapours are **adsorbed** on silica but **absorbed** on $CaCl_2$.

▸ Higher the critical temperature of a gas greater is its adsorption.
e.g., $NH_3 > CO_2 > CH_4 > CO > N_2 > H_2$

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Freundlich adsorption isotherm

At low pressure $\frac{x}{m} \propto P$ or $\frac{x}{m} = kP$

$\Leftarrow \boxed{\frac{x}{m} = kP^{1/n}} \Rightarrow$

At high pressure $\frac{x}{m}$ = constant or $\frac{x}{m} = kP^0$

▸ Plot of $\log \frac{x}{m}$ vs $\log P$ gives slope = $\frac{1}{n}$ and intercept = $\log k$

CATALYSIS

- A catalyst provides a new pathway of lower activation energy.
- Catalysts are highly specific.
- Catalysts do not change ΔH or ΔG.

▸**Promoters:** The substances which increase the activity of a catalyst.
▸**Catalytic poisons:** The substances which decrease the activity of a catalyst.

Homogeneous

- Catalyst in the same phase as reactants

Heterogeneous

- Catalyst in different phase than the reactants

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ENZYME CATALYSIS

- ▸ high efficiency
- ▸ needed in extremely small quantities
- ▸ highly specific

Biological catalysts produced by living cells.

- $\underset{\text{Glucose}}{C_6H_{12}O_6} \xrightarrow{\text{Zymase}} 2C_2H_5OH\,(aq) + 2CO_2$
- $\underset{\text{Sucrose}}{C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}(aq)} + H_2O \xrightarrow{\text{Invertase}} \underset{\text{Glucose}}{C_6H_{12}O_6} + \underset{\text{Fructose}}{C_6H_{12}O_6}$

- ▸ optimum temperature (310 K)
- ▸ optimum pH (5–7)
- ▸ regulated activity

SIZES OF PARTICLES OF SOLUTIONS

True solutions	Colloids	Suspensions
$< 10^{-9}$ m < 1 nm	10^{-9} m to 10^{-6} m 1 nm – 1000 nm	$> 10^{-6}$ m > 1000 nm

COLLOIDS

Based on Nature of Interactions between Dispersed Phase and Dispersion Medium

Lyophilic Colloids
- particles of dispersed phase have great affinity for dispersion medium
- not easily visible even under ultramicroscope
- reversible in nature
- very stable

- Component present in small proportion ⇒**Dispersed phase**
- Component present in large proportion ⇒**Dispersion medium**

Lyophobic Colloids
- particles of dispersed phase have no affinity for the dispersion medium
- easily detected under ultramicroscope
- irreversible in nature
- unstable

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Based on Type of Particles of Dispersed Phase

Multimolecular
- consist of aggregates of atoms or molecules (have diameter less than 1 nm)
- ▸ Sols of gold, sulphur

Macromolecular
- consist of large molecules generally polymers
- ▸ rubber, nylon, starch

Associated
- consist of aggregation of a larger number of ions which behave as colloidal size particles at higher concentrations
- ▸ soap sols

Aggregated ion particles formed by association of colloids in solution are called **ionic micelles.** The conc. above which these are formed is called **critical micellisation concentration** (CMC). The temp. above which these are formed is called **Kraft temp.** (T_k)

Colloidal solutions are heterogeneous consisting of two phases

Colloidal solutions show:

▸ Brownian movement ▸ Tyndall effect ▸ Electrical properties ▸ Have charge

+ vely charged Sols
- metallic hydroxides; $Fe(OH)_3$, $Al(OH)_3$, $Cr(OH)_3$
- metallic oxides; $Al_2O_3.xH_2O$

– vely charged Sols
- metallic particles Cu, Ag, Au, Pt
- sulphides As_2S_3, Sb_2S_3

Electrophoresis helps to study the charge carried by the particles.

HARDY SCHULZE RULE

- ion carrying charge opposite to sol particles coagulate the sol

The minimum number of millimoles of the electrolyte required for coagulation of 1L of colloidal sol is called **coagulation value** or **flocculation value.**

For negative sol like As_2S_3
$Al^{3+} > Mg^{2+} > Na^+$

For positive sol like $Fe(OH)_3$
$[Fe(CN)_6]^{4-} > PO_4^{3-} > SO_4^{2-} > Cl^-$

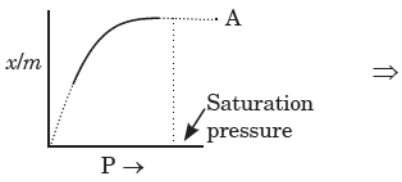
The smaller is the coagulation value of an electrolyte, greater is its coagulation power.

GOLD NUMBER
- minimum amount of protective colloid required to prevent coagulation
- smaller the value of gold number, greater is the protective power of protective colloid.
- Protective power of a colloid is reciprocal of gold number

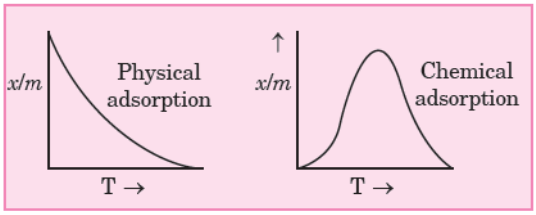
EMULSIONS
- Colloidal solution in which dispersed phase and dispersion medium are liquids
- ▸ **Oil in water type** e.g., milk, vanishing cream
- ▸ **Water in oil type** e.g. butter, cold cream

GEL
- colloidal system in which a liquid is dispersed in a solid. e.g., gelatin, processed cheese, gum arabic

Important Graphs



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NCERT In-text Questions

Q.1. Why are substances like platinum and palladium often used for carrying out electrolysis of aqueous solutions ?

Ans. Platinum and palladium are often used for carrying out electrolysis because these are inert in nature and the products of electrolysis easily get adsorbed or deposited over these metals. Therefore, products can be easily collected.

Q.2. Why does physisorption decrease with the increase of temperature ?

Ans. In physisorption, the attractive forces between adsorbent and adsorbate molecules are weak van der Waals forces. When temperature is increased, the kinetic energy of the molecules of the gas increases and they can easily leave the surface of adsorbent because of weak forces of attraction.

Q.3. Why are powdered substances more effective adsorbent than their crystalline forms ?

Ans. This is because powdered substances have more surface area as compared to their crystalline forms. Greater the surface area, greater is the adsorption.

Q.4. Why is it necessary to remove CO when ammonia is obtained by Haber's process ?

Ans. Carbon monoxide acts as a poison for the catalyst in Haber process and therefore, it will lower the activity of the catalyst. Thus, CO must be removed when ammonia is obtained by Haber's process.

Q.5. Why is the ester hydrolysis slow in the beginning and becomes faster after sometime ?

Ans. This is because of the process of autocatalysis. Ester on hydrolysis gives an acid which starts acting as a catalyst after sometime and therefore, the reaction becomes fast.

Q.6. What is the role of desorption in the process of catalysis ?

Ans. In the process of catalysis, when desorption occurs from the surface of the catalyst, the surface becomes ready to adsorb fresh reactants and act as a catalyst.

Q.7. What modification can you suggest in Hardy Schulze law ?

Ans. The Hardy Schulze law considers the coagulation of sols because of neutralization of their charges. Since coagulation can also occur by mixing two oppositely charged sols, it should also include
"when oppositely charged sols are mixed in proper proportions to neutralize the charges of each other, the coagulation of both the sols occurs".

Q.8. Why is it essential to wash the precipitate with water before estimating it quantitatively ?

Ans. The precipitates may be contaminated with the adsorbed particles of some other substances (impurities) which might have been used or formed during precipitation. Therefore, it is essential to wash the precipitate to remove these adsorbed particles.

NCERT Textbook Exercises

Q.1. Distinguish between the meaning of the terms adsorption and absorption. Give one example of each.

Ans. Adsorption is a phenomenon in which there is higher concentration of another substance on the surface than in the bulk. Absorption is a phenomenon in which the molecules of a substance are uniformly distributed throughout the body of the other substance.
For example, silica gel adsorbs water vapour while anhydrous calcium chloride absorbs water.

Q.2. What is the difference between physisorption and chemisorption ?

Ans. *Refer Text Page 6.*

Q.3. Give reason why a finely divided substance is more effective as an adsorbent.

Ans. Finely divided substance has larger surface area and hence greater adsorption.

Q.4. What are the factors which influence the adsorption of a gas on a solid ?

Ans. *Refer Text Page 7.*

Q.5. What is an adsorption isotherm ? Describe Freundlich adsorption isotherm.

Ans. Adsorption isotherm represents the variation of the mass of the gas adsorbed per gram of the adsorbent with pressure at constant temperature.
For Freundlich adsorption isotherm, refer Text Page 9.

Q.6. What do you understand by activation of adsorbent? How is it achieved ?

Ans. Activation of adsorbent means the increasing of the adsorbing power of the adsorbent. *For detail see Text Page 8.*

Q.7. What role does adsorption play in hetero-geneous catalysis?

Ans. In heterogeneous catalysis, the reactants are generally gases while catalysts are solids. The reactant molecules are adsorbed on the surface of the solid catalyst by physical adsorption or chemical adsorption. As a result, the concentration of the reactant molecules on the surface of the catalyst increases and hence the rate of reaction also increases.

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Alternatively, one of the reactant molecules undergo fragmentation on the surface of the catalyst producing active sites which make the reaction fast. The product molecules, on the other hand, have no affinity for the solid catalyst and therefore, undergo desorption leaving the surface free for further fresh adsorption. This theory is called adsorption theory.

Q.8. Why is adsorption always exothermic ?

Ans. Adsorption occurs because of attraction between adsorbate and adsorbent molecules and therefore, energy is always released during adsorption. Hence adsorption is an exothermic process.

Q.9. How are the colloidal solutions classified on the basis of physical states of the dispersed phase and dispersion medium ?

Ans. *Refer Text Page 26.*

Q.10. Discuss the effect of pressure and temperature on the adsorption of gases on solids.

Ans. *Refer Text Page 8.*

Q.11. What are lyophilic and lyophobic sols ? Give one example of each type. Why is lyophobic sols easily coagulated ?

Ans. The lyophobic sols are less stable because their stability is due to charge only. If the charge is removed, the particles will come nearer to each other to form aggregates *i.e.*, they will coagulate and settle down. On the other hand, the stability of lyophilic sols is due to charge as well as solvation of colloidal particles. Therefore, these are not easily coagulated.

Q.12. What is the difference between multimolecular and macromolecular colloids ?
Give one example of each. How are associated colloids different from these two types of colloids ?

Ans. The important differences between multimolecular and macromolecular colloids are :

Multimolecular	Macromolecular
1. The colloidal particles consist of aggregates of a large number of atoms or molecules having diameter less than 1nm.	The colloidal particles are macromolecules having very large molecular mass.
2. Particles are held by weak van der Waals forces.	They consist of macromolecular particles held by chemical bonds.

The common example of multimolecular colloid is sulphur sol, which consists of particles of S_8 molecules. The common example of macromolecule is starch.

The associated colloids are substances which behave as normal electrolytes at low concentrations but behave as colloidal particles at higher concentration. For example, soap and detergents.

They differ from multimolecular and macromolecular colloids in the sense that they behave as normal electrolytes at low concentrations but exhibit colloidal state properties at higher concentrations due to the formation of aggregated particles called micelles.

Q.13. What are enzymes ? Write in brief the mechanism of enzyme catalysis.

Ans. Enzymes are complex nitrogeneous organic compounds produced by living cells which catalyze the biochemical reactions occurring in living organisms. These are also called biological catalysts or bio-chemical catalysts.

For detail Refer Text Pages 19–22.

Q.14. How are colloids classified on the basis of (*a*) physical states of components, (*b*) nature of dispersion medium, and (*c*) interaction between dispersed phase and dispersion medium ?

Ans. (*a*) **Classification of colloids on the basis of physical states of components.** The colloids can be classified on the basis of physical state of dispersion medium and dispersed phase. *For detail, refer Text Section Page 26.*

(*b*) **Classification on the basis of nature of dispersion medium.** Depending upon the nature of the dispersion medium, the colloidal solutions are classified as :

(*i*) **Aquasol or hydrosol :** when dispersion medium is water.

(*ii*) **Alcosol :** when dispersion medium is alcohol.

(*iii*) **Benzosol :** when dispersion medium is benzene.

(*iv*) **Aerosol :** when dispersion medium is air.

(*c*) **Classification on the basis of nature of interactions between dispersed phase and dispersion medium.** These may be classified as

(*i*) Lyophilic sols and (*ii*) lyophobic sols.

For detail refer Page 27 type B.

Q.15. Explain what is observed
(*i*) when a beam of light is passed through a colloidal sol., (*ii*) an electrolyte, NaCl is added to hydrated ferric oxide sol. (*iii*) electric current is passed through a colloidal sol. ?

Ans. (*i*) Scattering of light by colloidal particles takes place and path of light becomes visible (Tyndall effect).

(*ii*) The positively charged colloidal particles of $Fe(OH)_3$ get coagulated by the oppositely charged Cl^- ions provided by NaCl.

(*iii*) On passing electric current, the colloidal particles move towards the oppositely charged electrode where they lose their charge and get coagulated. This is electrophoresis process.

For details of these, refer Text Page 39–40.

Q.16. What are emulsions? What are their different types ? Give one example of each type.

Ans. *Refer Text Page 43–44.*

Q.17. What is demulsification ? Name two demulsifiers.

Ans. The process of separation of constituent liquids of an emulsion is called de-emulsification.

De-emulsification can be done by (*i*) boiling or (*ii*) centrifugation.

Q.18. Action of soap is due to emulsification and micelle formation. Comment.

Ans. *Refer Text Page 31.*

Q.19. Give four examples of heterogeneous catalysis.

Ans. *Refer Text Page 16.*

Q.20. What do you mean by activity and selectivity of catalysts ?

Ans. Activity means the ability of catalysts to increase the chemical reaction. A common example of activity is the reaction H_2 and O_2 to form water in the presence of platinum. Without the presence of the catalyst, the mixture of H_2 and O_2 can be safely stored. But in the presence of catalyst, the reaction occurs with explosive voilence. In some cases the catalyst can accelerate the reaction to as high as 10^8 times.

The selectivity means the ability of the catalyst to direct reaction to give particular products. For example, *n*-heptane in the presence of platinum catalyst gives toluene.

$$n\ C_7H_{16} \xrightarrow{Pt} C_6H_5CH_3$$

Similarly, propylene ($CH_3CH=CH_2$) reacts with O_2 in the presence of bismuth molybdate catalyst to selectively give acrolein ($CH_2=CHCHO$).

Q.21. Describe some features of catalysis by zeolites.

Ans. Zeolites are microporous aluminosilicates of the general formula $M_{x/n}\ [(AlO_2)_x\ (SiO_2)_y]mH_2O$. These are most important oxide catalysts. These are used in petrochemical industries for cracking of hydrocarbons and isomerization. The reactions in zeolites depend upon the size of the cavities (cages) or pores (apertures) present in them. The most remarkable feature of zeolite catalysis is the shape selectivity. Therefore, the selectivity of catalyst depends on the pores structure. It has been observed that the pore size in zeolites generally varies between 260 pm to 740 pm. Depending upon the size of the reactants and products compared to the size of the cages or pores of zeolite, reactions proceed in specific manner.

A zeolite catalyst called ZSM-5 converts alcohols to gasoline, by first dehydrating the alcohol by loss of water.

Q.22. What is shape selective catalysis ?

Ans. The catalysis by zeolites is called shape selective catalysis. *For details refer Text Page 23.*

Q.23. Explain the following terms : (*i*) Electrophoresis (*ii*) Coagulation (*iii*) Dialysis (*iv*) Tyndall effect.

Ans. *Refer Text.*

Q.24. Give four uses of emulsions.

Ans. *Refer Text Page 44.*

Q.25. What are micelles ? Give an example of a miceller system.

Ans. *Refer Page 29.*

Q.26. Explain the terms with suitable examples : (*i*) Alcosol (*ii*) Aerosol and (*iii*) Hydrosol.

Ans. (*i*) **Alcosol.** It is a collodial sol of a solid in alcohol as dispersion medium.

(*ii*) **Aerosol.** It is a collodial dispersion of a liquid in a gas *e.g.,* fog.

(*iii*) **Hydrosol.** It is a colloidal sol of a solid in water as dispersion medium.

Q.27. Comment on the statement that "colloid is not a substance but a state of substance".

Ans. Colloid is not a substance but it is a state of substance. This statement means a particular substance may exist as a colloid under certain conditions and as a crystalloid under other conditions. For example, sodium chloride in water behaves as a crystalloid while in benzene, it behaves as a colloid. Similarly, dilute soap solution behaves like a crystalloid while the concentrated solution behaves as a colloid (called associated colloid). It is the size of the particle that decides the state in which the substance exists. If the size of the particles lies in the range of 10 nm to 100 nm, it is in the colloidal state.



NCERT Exemplar Problems

Subjective Questions

Note: *Objective Questions from Exemplar Problems are given in Competition File, page 74.*

Short Answer Type Questions

1. Why is it important to have clean surface in surface studies ?

Ans. Clean surface facilitates the adsorption of desired species and help in surface studies.

2. Why is chemisorption referred to as activated adsorption ?

Ans. Chemisorption involves formation of bond between gaseous atoms or molecules and the solid surface. This requires high activation energy. Thus, it is referred to as activated adsorption.

3. What type of solutions are formed on dissolving different concentrations of soap in water ?

Ans. At lower concentration soap forms a normal electrolytic solution with water. After a certain concentration called critical micelle concentration, colloidal solution is formed.

4. What happens when gelatin is mixed with gold sol ?

Ans. Gold sol is a lyophobic sol. Addition of gelatin stabilises the sol.

5. How does it become possible to cause artificial rain by spraying silver iodide on the clouds ?

Ans. Clouds are colloidal in nature and carry charge. Spray of silver iodide, (an electrolyte) on the clouds results in coagulation leading to artificial rain.

6. Gelatin which is a peptide is added in ice creams. What can be its role ?

Ans. Ice creams are emulsions which get stabilised by emulsifying agents such as gelatin.

7. What is collodion ?

Ans. It is a 4% solution of nitrocellulose in a mixture of alcohol and ether.

8. Why do we add alum to purify water ?

Ans. The colloidal impurities present in water get coagulated by added alum. This makes water potable.

9. What happens when electric field is applied to colloidal solution ?

Ans. The charged colloidal particles start moving towards oppositely charged electrodes.

10. What causes brownian motion in colloidal dispersion ?

Ans. Unbalanced bombardment of the particles of dispersed phase by molecules of dispersion medium causes Brownian motion. This stabilises the sol.

11. A colloid is formed by adding $FeCl_3$ in excess of hot water. What will happen if excess sodium chloride is added to this colloid?

Ans. Positively charged sol of hydrated ferric oxide is formed and on adding excess of NaCl, negatively charged chloride ions coagulate the positively charged sol of hydrated ferric oxide.

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12. How do emulsifying agents stabilise the emulsion ?

Ans. The emulsifying agent forms an interfacial layer between suspended particles and the dispersion medium thereby stabilising the emulsion.

13. Why are some medicines more effective in the colloidal form ?

Ans. Medicines are more effective in the colloidal form because of large surface area and are easily assimilated in this form.

14. Why does leather get hardened after tanning ?

Ans. Animal hide is colloidal in nature and has positively charged particles. When it is soaked in tanin which has negatively charged colloidal particles, it results in mutual coagulation.

15. How does the precipitation of colloidal smoke take place in Cottrell precipitator ?

Ans. In Cottrell precipitator, charged smoke particles are allowed to pass through a chamber having a series of plates charged to very high potential (20,000 to 70,000 V) opposite to the smoke particles. Smoke particles lose their charge on the plates and get precipitated. Therefore, the gases coming out of the chimney become free of charged particles.

16. How will you distinguish between dispersed phase and dispersion medium in an emulsion ?

Ans. On adding dispersion medium, emulsions can be diluted to any extent. The dispersed phase forms a separate layer if added in excess.

17. On the basis of Hardy-Schulze rule explain why the coagulating power of phosphate is higher than chloride.

Ans. The minimum quantity of an electrolyte required to cause coagulation of a sol is called its coagulating value. According to Hardy-Schulze rule, greater the charge on flocculating ion and smaller is the amount of electrolyte required for precipitation, higher is the coagulating power of coagulating ion.

18. Why does bleeding stop by rubbing moist alum ?

Ans. Moist alum coagulates the blood and forms blood clot. This stops bleeding.

19. Why is $Fe(OH)_3$ colloid positively charged, when prepared by adding $FeCl_3$ to hot water ?

Ans. The adsorption of positively charged Fe^{3+} ions by the sol of hydrated ferric oxide results in positively charged colloid.

20. Why do physisorption and chemisorption behave differently with rise in temperature ?

Ans. Physisorption involves weak van der Waals forces which decrease with rise in temperature. The chemisorption involves formation of chemical bond involving activation energy and is favoured by rise in temperature like any other chemical reaction.

21. What happens when dialysis is prolonged ?

Ans. When dialysis is prolonged, the traces of electrolyte which stabilises the colloids are removed completely. This makes the colloid unstable and therefore coagulation takes place.

22. Why does the white precipitate of silver halide become coloured in the presence of dye eosin?

Ans. The dye eosin is adsorbed on the surface of silver halide precipitate. Therefore, the precipitate is coloured.

23. What is the role of activated charcoal in gas mask used in coal mines ?

Ans. Activated charcoal acts as an adsorbent for various poisonous gases present in the coal mines.

24. How does a delta form at the meeting place of sea and river water ?

Ans. River water is muddy and contains charged particles of clay, sand and other materials. When the river water comes in contact with sea water, the electrolytes present in sea water coagulate the suspended colloidal particles which ultimately settle down at the point of contact. The point at which river and sea meet is the site for coagulation. The deposition of coagulated clay results in delta formation.

25. Give an example where physisorption changes to chemisorption with rise in temperature. Explain the reason for change.

Ans. The process of physisorption for example that of H_2 on finely divided nickel, involves weak van der Waals' forces. With increase in temperature, hydrogen molecules dissociate into hydrogen atoms which are held on the surface by chemisorption.

26. Why is desorption important for a substance to act as good catalyst ?

Ans. After the reaction is complete between adsorbed reactants, the process of desorption is important to remove products and further create space for the other reactant molecules to approach the surface and react.

27. What is the role of diffusion in heterogenous catalysis ?

Ans. The gaseous molecules diffuse on to the surface of the solid catalyst and get adsorbed. After the required chemical changes the products diffuse away from the surface of the catalyst leaving the surface free for more reactant molecules to get adsorbed and undergo reaction.

28. How does a solid catalyst enhance the rate of combination of gaseous molecules ?

Ans. When gaseous molecules come in contact with the surface of a solid catalyst, the gaseous molecules are held with the surface of the catalyst by weak forces on the surface. This increases the concentration of reactants on the surface. Different molecules adsorbed side by side have better chance to react and form new molecules. This increases the rate of reaction. Moreover, adsorption is an exothermic process. The heat released in the process of adsorption is utilised in increasing the reaction rate.

29. Do the vital functions of the body such as digestion get affected during fever ? Explain your answer.

Ans. The optimum temperature range for enzymatic activity is 298-310 K. When the temperature is below or above this temperature range, enzymatic activity gets affected. Thus, during fever, when temperature rises above 310 K, the activity of enzymes may be affected.

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QUICK MEMORY TEST

A. Say True or False

1. Physical adsorption increases with rise in temperature whereas chemical adsorption decreases with rise in temperature.
2. Chemisorption is irreversible while physisorption is reversible.
3. Selectivity is the ability of a catalyst to direct the reaction to give a particular product.
4. At low pressure, the extent of adsorption is directly proportional to pressure at constant temperature.
5. $Al(NO_3)_3$ has higher coagulating power than $MgSO_4$ for $Fe(OH)_3$ sol.
6. Gel is a system in which liquid is the dispersed phase and solid is the dispersion medium.
7. Greater the gold number of a protective colloid, greater is its protecting power.
8. Greater the flocculation value of an electrolyte, greater is its coagulating power.
9. Adsorption is always multimolecular.
10. Colloidal sols are always heterogeneous.

B. Complete the missing links

1. Milk is an example of ..... in ..... emulsion.
2. The process in which adsorption and absorption take place simultaneously is called ..... .
3. The nature of forces involved in physical adsorption are ..... .
4. The formation of micelles takes place above a particular temperature called ..... .
5. The movement of colloidal particles under the influence of an electric field is called ..... .
6. The scattering of light by colloidal particles is called ..... .
7. The swelling of gel in water is called ..... .
8. ..... is the process of separating the crystalloids from colloids using an animal membrane.
9. Colloidal solution of gold in water is called ..... .
10. In whipped cream, the dispersion medium is ..... and dispersed phase is ..... .
11. In benzosol, the dispersion medium is ..... .
12. The size of particles of colloidal solution is in the range of ..... nm to ..... .
13. A graph between the amount of gas adsorbed per gram of the absorbent and equilibrium pressure of the adsorbate at constant temperature is called ..... .
14. The rate of adsorption in general is ..... in the beginning and then ..... till equilibrium is attained.
15. The formation of micelles takes place above a particular concentration called ..... .

C. Choose the correct alternative

1. Adsorption is exothermic/endothermic process.
2. Chemisorption always form unimolecular/multimolecular layer.
3. According to Freundlich adsorption isotherm, x/m becomes independent of pressure at low/high pressure.
4. The size of colloidal particles is less/more than that of true solution particles.
5. Substances like gum, starch form lyophilic/lyophobic sols.
6. The formation of micelles occurs only above/below Kraft temperature.
7. Multimolecular colloids have lyophilic/lyophobic character.
8. Colloidal solutions form homogeneous/heterogeneous mixtures.
9. When ferric chloride is added to sodium hydroxide solution, negative/positive sol is formed.
10. Gelatin (gold number 0.005–0.01) has more/less protecting power than albumin (gold number 0.1–0.2).

Answers QUICK MEMORY TEST

A. Say True or False

1. False **2.** True **3.** True **4.** True
5. **False.** $Fe(OH)_3$ is a positive sol. and therefore, SO_4^{2-} ion ($MgSO_4$) has higher coagulation power than NO_3^- ion [$Al(NO_3)_3$].
6. True.
7. **False.** Protecting power varies inversibly as gold number.
8. **False.** Greater the flocculation value of an electrolyte, lesser is its coagulating power.
9. **False.** Physisorption is multimolecular but chemisorption is unimolecular.
10. True.

B. Complete the missing links

1. liquid, liquid
2. sorption
3. van der Waals forces
4. Kraft temperature
5. electrophoresis
6. Tyndall effect
7. imbibition

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8. dialysis
9. purple of cassius
10. liquid, gas
11. benzene
12. 1,1000
13. adsorption isotherm
14. high, decreases
15. critical micelle concentration

C. Choose the correct alternative

1. exothermic
2. unimolecular
3. high
4. more
5. lyophilic
6. above
7. lyophobic
8. heterogeneous
9. negative
10. more.

HOTS Higher Order Thinking Skills & Advanced Level

QUESTIONS WITH ANSWERS

Q.1. SnO_2 forms a positively charged colloidal solution in acidic medium and a negetively charged colloidal solution in basic medium. Explain.

Ans. SnO_2 is amphoteric in nature and reacts with acids as well as bases. It reacts with acids, *e.g.,* HCl to form $SnCl_4$ in solution. The common Sn^{4+} ions are adsorbed on the surface of SnO_2 forming positively charged sol :

$$SnO_2 + 4HCl \longrightarrow SnCl_4 + 2H_2O$$
$$SnO_2 + Sn^{4+} \longrightarrow SnO_2 : Sn^{4+}$$
Positive sol

SnO_2 reacts with a base *e.g.*, NaOH to form sodium stannate (Na_2SnO_3) in the solution. The stannate ions are adsorbed on the surface of SnO_2 to form negatively charged sol.

$$SnO_2 + 2NaOH \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Sodium stannate}}{Na_2SnO_3} + H_2O$$
$$SnO_2 + SnO_3^{2-} \longrightarrow SnO_2 : SnO_3^{2-}$$
Negative sol

Q.2. Why is chemical adsorption unimolecular while physical adsorption is multimolecular ?

Ans. Chemical adsorption takes place as a result of chemical reaction between adsorbent and adsorbate. When the surface of adsorbent is covered with one layer, no further reaction can take place. Therefore, chemical adsorption is unimolecular. On the other hand, physical adsorption is due to van der Waals forces between adsorbent and adsorbate molecules. So any number of layers can be formed one over the other on the surface of the adsorbent. Therefore, physical adsorption is multimolecular.

Q.3. Adsorption of a gas on the surface of solid is generally accompanied by decrease in entropy, still it is a spontaneous process. Explain.

Ans. The molecules of adsorbate are held on the surface of adsorbent and therefore, they have lesser tendency to move freely. Therefore, its entropy decreases and ΔS is –ve, which opposes the process. However, adsorption is an exothermic process and therefore, ΔH is –ve. The magnitude of ΔH is more than $T\Delta S$ so that

$$\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S = (-) - T(-)$$

if $\Delta H > T\Delta S$, $\quad \Delta G$ = –ve

Therefore, there is decrease in free energy and hence, it is a spontaneous process.

Q.4. Why are medicines more effective in colloidal state ?

Ans. A colloidal state has larger surface area of sol particles and therefore, are more effectively adsorbed. Therefore, the medicines in colloidal state are more easily assimilated or adsorbed and are more effective.

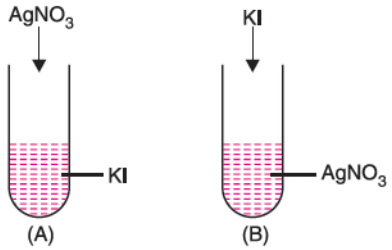
Q.5. On passing H_2S through an aqueous solution of SO_2, a yellow turbidity is formed. Why ?

Ans. On passing H_2S through an aqueous solution of SO_2, oxidation of H_2S takes place.

$$2H_2S + SO_2 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Colloidal}}{3S} + 2H_2O$$

The particles of sulphur formed get condensed to be in the colloidal range. Therefore, milky solution containing colloidal particles of sulphur is formed.

Q.6. A colloidal solution of AgI is prepared by two different methods as shown below :



(*i*) What is the charge of colloidal particles in the two test tubes (A) and (B) ?

(*ii*) Give reasons for the origin of charge.

Ans. (*i*) (A) negative sol

(B) positive sol

(*ii*) The origin of charge is the selective adsorption of ions from the dispersion medium. The particles constituting the dispersed phase *adsorb only those ions preferentially which are common with their own lattice ions.* For example, if silver nitrate solution is added to an aqueous solution of potassium iodide, the silver iodide formed will adsorb negative I^- ions (common ions) from the dispersion medium to form a negatively charged sol.

$$\underset{\text{Dispersion medium}}{AgI + I^-} \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Negative sol.}}{AgI : I^-}$$

However, if silver iodide is formed by adding potassium iodide to silver nitrate solution, the sol will be positively charged due to the adsorption of Ag^+ ions (common ions) present in the dispersion medium.

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$$\underset{\text{Dispersion medium}}{AgI} + Ag^+ \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Positive sol.}}{AgI : Ag^+}$$

Q.7. Why does the sun looks red at the time of setting ? Explain on the basis of colloidal properties.

Ans. At the time of sun setting, the sun is at the horizon. The sun's rays have to travel a larger distance through the atmosphere. When the light emitted by the setting sun passes through the blanket of dust present in the atmosphere, the blue part of the light is scattered away by the dust particles and hence red part is visible.

Q.8. In an adsorption experiment, a graph between $\log\left(\frac{x}{m}\right)$ and log P was found to be linear with a slope of 45°. The intercept on the log(x/m) axis was found to be 0.3010. Calculate the amount of the gas adsorbed per gram of the adsorbent under a pressure of 0.5 atmosphere.

Ans. According to Freundlich adsorption isotherm,

$$\frac{x}{m} = kp^{1/n}$$

or $$\log\frac{x}{m} = \log k + \frac{1}{n}\log P$$

Plot of $\log\left(\frac{x}{m}\right)$ vs log P is linear with slope $= \frac{1}{n}$ and intercept = log k. Thus,

$$\text{Slope} = \frac{1}{n} = \tan 45° = 1$$

$\therefore$ $$n = 1$$

Intercept $\log k = 0.3010$

or $$k = 2$$

$$\frac{x}{m} = kP^{1/n}$$

$$= 2 \times (0.5)^1 = 1.0$$

Q.9. 50 mL of 1M oxalic acid is shaken with 0.5 g of wood charcoal. The final concentration of the solution after adsorption is 0.6 M. Calculate the amount of oxalic acid adsorbed per gram of charcoal.

Ans. Amount of oxalic acid present can be calculated from the relation :

$$\text{Molarity} = \frac{w \times 1000}{M \times V(\text{in mL})}$$

or $$w = \frac{\text{Molarity} \times M \times V(\text{in mL})}{1000}$$

Amount of oxalic acid present initially

$$= \frac{1 \times 126 \times 50}{1000} = 6.3\,g$$

Amount of oxalic acid present after adsorption

$$= \frac{0.6 \times 126 \times 50}{1000} = 3.78\ g$$

Amount adsorbed = 6.3 – 3.78 = 2.52 g

Amount adsorbed per gram of charcoal

$$= 2.52 \times 2 = \mathbf{5.04\ g}$$

Q.10. One gram of a water insoluble substance of density 0.8 g cm^{-3} is dispersed in 1L of water forming a colloidal solution having 10^{13} particles of spherical shape per mm^3. Calculate the radius of the particle.

Ans. 1 mm^3 of sol contains particles = 10^{13}

1 cm^3 of sol contains particles = $10^{13} \times 10^3 = 10^{16}$

1 L of sol contain particles = $10^{16} \times 10^3$

$= 10^{19}$ particles

Mass of substance dispersed = 1 g

Density = 0.8 g cm^{-3}

$$\text{Volume of dispersed substance} = \frac{1.0}{0.8} = 1.25\,cm^3$$

$$\text{Volume of 1 particle} = \frac{1.25}{10^{19}} = 1.25 \times 10^{-19}\,cm^3$$

Now $$\text{Volume} = \frac{3}{4}\pi r^3 = 1.25 \times 10^{-19}\ cm^3$$

$$r^3 = \frac{3}{4} \times 1.25 \times 10^{-19} \times \frac{7}{22}$$

$$= 29.8 \times 10^{-21}\ cm^{-3}$$

$\therefore$ $$r = (29.8 \times 10^{-21})^{1/3} = 3.1 \times 10^{-7}\ cm$$

$$= 310 \times 10^{-9}\,m = \mathbf{310\ nm}$$

Q.11. 20% surface sites have adsorbed N_2. On heating N_2 gas evolved from sites and was collected at 0.001 atm and 298 K in a container of volume 2.46 cm^3. Density of the surrounding sites is 6.023×10^{-14} cm^{-2} and surface area is 1000 cm^2. Calculate the number of surface sites occupied per molecule of N_2. ***(I.I.T. 2005)***

Ans. Applying ideal gas equation

$$pV = nRT$$

or $$n = \frac{pV}{RT}$$

p = 0.001 atm,

V = 2.46 cm^3 = 2.46×10^{-3} L

T = 298 K

$$n = \frac{0.001 \times 2.46 \times 10^{-3}}{0.0821 \times 298} = 1 \times 10^{-7}$$

No. of N_2 molecules = $6.023 \times 10^{23} \times 1 \times 10^{-7} = 6.023 \times 10^{16}$

Total sites available = $6.023 \times 10^{14} \times 1000 = 6.023 \times 10^{17}$

Surface sites used to adsorb N_2

$$= \frac{20}{100} \times 6.023 \times 10^{17}$$

$$= 12.04 \times 10^{16}$$

$\therefore$ Sites occupied per molecule of N_2

$$\frac{\text{Surface sites used to adsorb } N_2}{\text{Molecules of } N_2} = \frac{12.04 \times 10^{16}}{6.023 \times 10^{16}} = \mathbf{2}$$

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Revision Exercises

Very Short Answer Questions carrying 1 mark

1. Is adsorption exothermic or endothermic in nature ?
2. State Hardy Schulze rule. *(H.P.S.B. 2018)*
3. How is Brownian movement responsible for the stability of sols ? *(C.B.S.E. Sample Paper 2017-18)*
4. Does the adsorption of a gas on the surface of solid increases or decreases with rise in temperature ?
5. What causes Brownian movement in a colloidal solution ? *(D.S.B. 2008)*
6. What is adsorption isotherm? *(Meghalaya S.B. 2017)*
7. Write Freundlich adsorption isotherm equation at low pressure. *(Pb.S.B. 2011)*
8. Write Freundlich adsorption isotherm at intermediate pressure. *(Pb.S.B. 2011)*
9. What form will Freundlich adsorption isotherm equation take at high pressure ? *(Pb. S.B. 2011, Uttarakhand S.B. 2012)*
10. What is occlusion ? *(Pb. S.B. 2012)*
11. Name the type of emulsion to which milk belongs to. *(Pb S.B. 2012, H.P.S.B 2012)*
12. Name the type of emulsion to which butter belong to. *(H.P.S.B. 2012)*
13. Between absorption and adsorption, which one is surface phenomenon ? *(Uttarakhand S.B. 2013)*
14. Give one example each of lyophobic sol and lyophilic sol. *(D.S.B. 2014)*
15. Give one example each of sol and gel. *(D.S.B. 2014)*
16. Give one example each of 'oil in water' and 'water in oil' emulsion. *(D.S.B. 2014)*
17. Out of $BaCl_2$ and KCl which one is more effective in causing coagulation of negatively charged colloidal sol. Give reason. *(D.S.B. 2015)*
18. Write one similarity between physisorption and chemisorption. *(D.S.B. 2017)*
19. Which enzyme is used to convert glucose into ethyl alcohol? *(H.P.S.B. 2017)*
20. Define positive and negative catalysis. *(Hr. S.B. 2017)*
21. Give one example of a biochemical catalyst. *(Assam S.B. 2017)*
22. What are the dispersed phase and dispersion medium in soap lather? *(W.B.S.B. 2018)*

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23. Which will be adsorbed more readily on the surface of charcoal and why : NH_3 or CO ? *(A.I.S.B 2004)*
24. Of physisorption and chemisorption, which type of adsorption has higher enthalpy of adsorption ? *(A.I.S.B. 2008, D.S.B. 2008, A.I.S.B 2013)*
25. Given an example of shape selective catatyst. *(D.S.B. 2010, A.I.S.B. 2011)*
26. What is the effect of temperature on chemisorption ? *(A.I.S.B. 2014)*
27. Why is adsorption always exothermic ? *(A.I.S.B. 2014)*
28. What are the dispersed phase and dispersion medium in milk ? *(A.I.S.B. 2014)*
29. Write a method by which lyophobic colloids can be coagulated. *(A.I.S.B. 2015)*
30. Write the main reason for the stability of colloidal sols. *(D.S.B. 2016, A.I.S.B. 2016)*
31. What type of colloid is formed when a solid is dispersed in liquid? Give an example. *(A.I.S.B. 2017)*
32. CO (g) and H_2(g) react to give different products in the presence of different catalysts. Which ability of the catalyst is shown by these reactions? *(A.I.S.B. 2018)*

MCQs from State Boards' Examinations

33. Movement of dispersion medium under the influence of electric field is known as
    (*a*) electrodialysis (*b*) electrophoresis
    (*c*) electroosmosis (*d*) cataphoresis. *(H.P.S.B. 2013, Meghalaya S.B. 2016)*
34. At CMC (Critical Micellization Conc.) the surface molecules
    (*a*) associate
    (*b*) dissociate
    (*c*) decompose
    (*d*) become completely soluble. *(H.P.S.B. 2013, Meghalaya S.B. 2016)*
35. Milk is an example of
    (*a*) emulsion (*b*) suspension
    (*c*) foam (*d*) sol. *(Hr.S.B. 2013)*
36. Tyndall effect is due to
    (*a*) electric charge (*b*) scattering of light
    (*c*) absorption of light (*d*) none of these. *(Hr.S.B. 2013)*
37. Fog is a colloidal system of
    (*a*) liquid dispersed in a gas (*b*) gas dispersed in a gas
    (*c*) solid dispersed in gas (*d*) solid dispersed in liquid *(Hr.S.B. 2013, Mizoram S.B. 2015, Nagaland S.B. 2018)*
38. Blood may be purified by
    (*a*) coagulation (*b*) dialysis
    (*c*) electro-osmosis (*d*) filtration *(Hr.S.B. 2013, H.P.S.B. 2018)*
39. Blue colour of water in sea is due to
    (*a*) refraction of blue light by impurities in sea water
    (*b*) scattering of light by water
    (*c*) refraction of blue sky by water
    (*d*) None of these *(Mizoram S.B. 2014)*

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40. The cause of Brownian movement is
(*a*) heat change in liquid state
(*b*) attractive force between colloidal particles and dispersion medium
(*c*) bombardment of the colloidal particles by the molecules of the dispersion medium
(*d*) interaction of charged particles
(Meghalaya S.B. 2014)

41. Emulsifying agent present in milk that makes it stable is
(*a*) maltose (*b*) casein
(*c*) lactose (*d*) none of these
(Hr. S.B. 2015)

42. Cloud is an example of
(*a*) liquid dispersed in gas (*b*) solid dispersed in gas
(*c*) solid dispersed in liquid (*d*) none of these
(Hr. S.B. 2015)

43. The colour of sky is due to
(*a*) absorption of light (*b*) transmission of light
(*c*) scattering of light (*d*) all of these
(Hr. S.B. 2015)

44. Which of the following is lyophobic colloid?
(*a*) Starch in water (*b*) Gum in water
(*c*) Soap in water (*d*) Gold sol
(Kerala S.B. 2015)

45. At high concentration of soap in water, soap behaves as
(*a*) molecular colloid (*b*) associated colloid
(*c*) macro molecular colloid
(*d*) lyophilic colloid *(Meghalaya S.B. 2015)*

46. The efficiency of a protective colloid is described in terms of
(*a*) gold number (*b*) flocculation number
(*c*) valence of counter ion (*d*) Tyndall effect.
(Nagaland S.B. 2015)

47. The function of enzymes in the living system is to
(*a*) maintain pH
(*b*) catalyse biochemical process
(*c*) provide immunity
(*d*) transport oxygen *(Meghalaya S.B. 2016)*

48. The ultrafiltration process of purification of colloidal solutions is based on:
(*a*) optical properties of colloids
(*b*) electrical properties of colloids
(*c*) magnetic properties of colloids
(*d*) size of colloids *(Mizoram S.B. 2016)*

49. In physical adsorption the forces associated are
(*a*) ionic (*b*) covalent
(*c*) van der Waals (*d*) hydrogen bonding
(Meghalaya S.B. 2016)

50. The colloidal system where liquid is dispersed in solid is
(*a*) Gel (*b*) Aerosol
(*c*) Emulsion (*d*) Foam
(Mizoram S.B. 2017)

51. Which one of the following has minimum gold number?
(*a*) Gelatin (*b*) Starch
(*c*) Gum arabic (*d*) Sodium oleate
(Hr. S.B. 2017)

52. Which of the following is not a favourable condition for physical adsorption?
(*a*) High pressure (*b*) $-\Delta H$
(*c*) High temperature (*d*) None of these
(Hr. S.B. 2017)

53. Which property of colloids is not dependent on the charge on colloidal particles?
(*a*) Coagulation (*b*) Electro-osmosis
(*c*) Tyndall effect (*d*) None of these
(Hr. S.B. 2017)

54. Tyndall effect is observed in
(*a*) True solution (*b*) Precipitate
(*c*) Colloidal solution (*d*) Vapour *(H.P.S.B. 2018)*

55. In the coagulation of solution As_2S_3 which has maximum coagulating value
(*a*) NaCl (*b*) KCl
(*c*) $BaCl_2$ (*d*) $AlCl_3$ *(H.P.S.B. 2018)*

56. Which one has the highest coagulating power for ferric hydroxide sol?
(*a*) KCl (*b*) K_2SO_4
(*c*) Na_3PO_4 (*d*) NaCl *(W.B.S.B. 2018)*

Short Answer Questions *carrying 2 or 3 marks*

1. Distinguish between adsorption and absorption with examples. *(Pb. S.B. 2012, H.P.S.B. 2011, 2014, Nagaland S.B. 2016, Jammu S.Z. 2018)*

2. (*a*) What do you understand by true solution, colloidal solution and suspension ? Give their differences.
(*b*) "Colloid is not a substance but a state of substance." Justify.

3. How are colloids classified on the basis of charge ? How will you account for the charge on these particles ?

4. (*a*) How are colloids classified on the basis of attraction between dispersed phase and dispersion medium ?
(*b*) How will you prepare a colloidal solution of gold ? How is it stabilised ?

5. Explain electrophoresis. How is it helpful in causing coagulation of colloidal solutions ?

6. Physical and chemical adsorptions respond differently to rise in temperature. What is this difference and why is it so ? *(A.I.S.B. 2000, Uttarakhand S.B. 2012)*

7. Explain Hardy Schulze rule and peptization.
(H.P.S.B. 2011, 2014, 2018, Chhatisgarh S.B. 2012)

8. Explain the following observations :
(*a*) Ferric hydroxide sol gets coagulated on addition of sodium chloride solution
(*b*) Cottrell's smoke precipitator is fitted at the mouth of the chimney used in factories.
(*c*) Physical adsorption is multilayered, while chemisorption is monolayered.

9. What are lyophilic and lyophobic sols ? Give one example of each type. Which one of these two types of sols is easily coagulated and why? *(D.S.B. 2008)*

10. Give four differences between lyophilic and lyophobic colloids.
(H.P.S.B. 2011, Chhatisgarh S.B. 2011, Pb. S.B. 2015, Nagaland S.B. 2017)

11. (*i*) How will you justify that milk is an emulsion of oil in water with the help of dye test ? *(Pb.S.B. 2011)*

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(*ii*) How will you justify that milk is an emulsion of oil in water with the help of dilution test ? (*Pb.S.B. 2011*)

12. Explain the following:

(*i*) Tyndall effect (*Hr. S.B. 2011, 2018, H.P.S.B. 2015, Mizoram S.B. 2017*)

(*ii*) Dialysis (*Hr.S.B. 2011, Mizoram S.B. 2016, Assam S.B. 2016*)

(*iii*) Electrophoresis (*H.P.S.B. 2015, Assam 2016, Mizoram S.B. 2016*)

(*iv*) Coagulation (*H.P.S.B. 2015, Assam S.B. 2016, Mizoram S.B. 2017, Hr. S.B. 2018*)

(*v*) Peptization (*Mizoram S.B. 2016, Hr. S.B. 2018*)

(*vi*) Emulsification (*Assam S.B. 2016*)

(*vii*) Brownian movement (*Hr. S.B. 2018*)

13. What do you understand by activity and selectivity of catalysts ? (*Hr.S.B. 2011, Nagaland S.B. 2017*)

14. Explain how the phenomenon of adsorption finds application in each of the following processes :

(*i*) Production of vacuum

(*ii*) Heterogeneous catalysis

(*ii*) Froth floation process.

Or

Define each of the following terms :

(*i*) Micelles (*ii*) Peptization (*iii*) Desorption (*D.S.B. 2011*)

15. What is Tyndall effect ? Give its reasons and importance. (*Pb. S.B. 2011, Hr. S.B. 2012, 2017, Uttarakhand. S.B. 2013, Jammu S.B. 2016*)

16. What is meant by coagulation of a colloidal solution ? Describe briefly any three methods by which coagulation of lyophobic sols can be carried out. (*D.S.B. 2012*)

17. Describe a conspicuous change observed when

(*i*) a solution of NaCl is added to a sol of hydrated ferric oxide.

(*ii*) a beam of light is passed through a solution of NaCl and then through a sol. (*D.S.B. 2012*)

18. Define enzyme catalysis. What is the reason for its specific action ? (*Uttarakhand S.B. 2012*)

19. Differentiate between homogeneous and heterogeneous catalysis with one example of each.

(*Manipur S.B. 2012, Meghalaya S.B. 2016. Hr. S.B. 2018*)

20. Taking two examples of heterogeneous catalytic reactions, explain how a heterogeneous catalyst helps in the reaction. (*Uttarakhand S.B. 2012*)

21. What are protective colloids ? How are the colloids stabilised? Explain the term gold number. (*Chhatisgarh S.B. 2012*)

22. (*a*) Give two differences between macromolecular colloids and associated colloids.

(*b*) Explain the term dialysis. How can it be increased? (*Pb.S.B. 2018*)

23. What are associated colloids? How are they different from multimolecular and macromolecular colloids? (*Meghalaya S.B. 2016*)

24. Write the dispersed phase and dispersion medium of the following colloidal systems:

(*i*) Smoke

(*ii*) Milk

Or

What are lyophilic and lyophobic colloids ? Which of these sols can be easily coagulated on the addition of small amounts of electrolytes ? (*D.S.B. 2013*)

25. What is the difference between oil/water (o/w) type and water/oil (w/o) type emulsions ? Given an example of each type. (*D.S.B. 2013*)

26. (*a*) What is adsorption isobar? Draw the adsorption isobar for physical adsorption and chemical adsorption. (*Mizoram S.B. 2018*)

(*b*) Give one example each of oil in water emulsion and water in oil emulsion. (*Meghalaya S.B. 2018*)

27. (*a*) Write any two differences between lyophilic and lyophobic colloids.

(*b*) What is heterogeneous catalysis? Give an example.

(*c*) Give an expression for Freundlich adsorption isotherm. (*Karnataka S.B. 2018*)

28. (*a*) What is Tyndall effect ?

(*b*) Define the following :

(*i*) Kraft temperature.

(*ii*) Critical micelles concentration.

(*c*) What happens when $Fe(OH)_3$ sol and As_2O_3 sol are mixed with each other ? (*Meghalaya S.B. 2014*)

29. (*a*) In reference to Freundlich adsorption isotherm write the expression for adsorption of gases on solids in the form of an equation.

(*b*) Write an important characteristic of lyophilic sols.

(*c*) Based on type of particles of dispersed phase, give one example each of associate colloid and multimolecular colloid. (*D.S.B. 2014*)

30. (*a*) Why does physisorption decrease with increase of temperature?

(*b*) Why are powdered substances more effective adsorbents than their crystalline forms?

(*c*) Give the decreasing order of flocculating power of the following ions in the coagulation of a negative sol.

Na^+, Ba^{2+} , Al^{3+} (*Assam S.B. 2018*)

31. (*a*) Describe briefly Brownian movement.

(*b*) Describe one method of purification of colloidal solution. (*Hr.S.B. 2015*)

32. (*a*) Explain the cleansing action of soaps.(*Hr.S.B. 2015*)

(*b*) Classify the type of colloidal sol in the following based on the basis of physical state:

smoke, milk, pumice stone, foam, rubber, cheese, gem stones. (*Pb.S.B. 2015*)

33. (*a*) State Hardy Schulze law.

(*b*) What are differences between physisorption and chemisorption. (Mention at least two differences).

(*c*) How does bleeding from a wound stop by applying alum? (*Meghalaya S.B. 2015*)

34. What are adsorption and absorption processes? Give one example to show the distinction between the two.

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Or

Define homogeneous and heterogeneous catalysis. Give one suitable example of each of the two catalysis. (*Assam S.B. 2015, Hr. S.B. 2018*)

35. Give reasons for the following observations:
(*i*) Leather gets hardened after tanning.
(*ii*) Lyophilic sol is more stable than lyophobic sol
(*iii*) It is necessary to remove CO when ammonia is prepared by Haber's process. (*D.S.B. 2015*)

36. Write any two features which distinguish between physisorption and chemisorption. (*Jharkhand S.B. 2016, Kolkata S.B. 2016*)

37. Explain why the solid catalyst is used in a finely divided form as heterogeneous catalysis. (*Kolkata S.B. 2016*)

38. (*i*) Differentiate between adsorption and absorption.
(*ii*) Out of $MgCl_2$ and $AlCl_3$, which one is more effective in causing coagulation of negatively charged sol and why?
(*iii*) Out of sulphur sol and proteins, which one forms multimolecular colloids? (*D.S.B. 2016*)

39. (*a*) How will you differentiate between physical and chemical adsorption? Give at least four points of difference.
(*b*) Define gels. (*H..P.S.B. 2017*)

40. (*a*) Briefly explain Tyndall effect. Give its importance.
(*b*) Define adsorption. Give one example. (*Hr. S.B. 2017*)

41. Define Tyndall effect. Differentiate between electrophoresis and electroosmosis. (*Pb.S.B. 2017*)

42. Define coagulation. Differentiate between physical adsorption and chemical adsorption. (*Pb.S.B. 2017*)

43. Define colloidal solution. Differentiate between lyophilic colloids and lyophobic colloids. (*Pb.S.B. 2017*)

44. (*a*) How do the size of particles of adsorbent and pressure of the gas influence the extent of adsorption?
(*b*) Define the following giving an example of each:
(*i*) Coagulation (*ii*) Tyndall effect. (*Manipur S.B. 2017*)

45. Explain the following observations : (any three)
(*i*) Sky appears blue in colour.
(*ii*) Deltas are formed where river meets the sea.
(*iii*) Alum/ferric chloride solution is applied to stop bleeding.
(*iv*) Mist or fog is formed in winter. (*Assam S.B. 2017*)

46. (*a*) What is peptization? What is the cause of peptization?
(*b*) What happens when an electric field is applied to a colloidal solution? (*Meghalaya S.B. 2017*)

47. (*a*) Differentiate between physisorption and chemisorption. (*Hr. S.B. 2018*)
(*b*) Write any two applications of adsorption. (*Kerala S.B. 2017*)

48. Write one difference in each of the following:
(*i*) Lyophobic sol and lyophilic sol
(*ii*) Solution and colloid
(*iii*) Homogeneous catalysis and heterogeneous catalysis (*D.S.B. 2017*)

49. Write one difference between each of the following:
(*i*) Multimolecular colloid and macromolecular colloid
(*ii*) Sol and gel
(*iii*) O/W emulsion and W/O emulsion (*D.S.B. 2017*)

50. (*i*) Write the expression for Freundlich's equation to describe the behaviour of adsorption from solution.
(*ii*) What causes charge on sol particles?
(*iii*) Name the promoter used in the Haber's process for the manufacture of ammonia. (*C.B.S.E. Sample Paper 2017-18*)

51. (*a*) Indicate a chemical reaction involving homogeneous catalyst.
(*b*) What is Brownian movement?
(*c*) Comment on the following statement :
Colloid is not a substance but a state of substance. (*Meghalaya S.B. 2018*)

52. (*a*) State Hardy-Schulze rule with the help of example.
(*b*) Why are lyophilic colloids used as protective colloids? (*Kerala S.B. 2018*)

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53. (*a*) In which of the following does adsorption take place and why ?
(*i*) Silica gel placed in the atmosphere saturated with water.
(*ii*) Anhydrous $CaCl_2$ placed in the atmosphere saturated with water.
(*b*) Give an example of shape selective catalysis.
(*c*) What are micelles? How do they differ from ordinary colloidal particles ? Give two examples of micelles forming substanes. (*A.I.S.B. 2006, H.P.S.B. 2011*)

54. (*a*) How can colloidal solution and true solution of the same colour be distinguished from each other ?
(*b*) List four applications of adsorption.

Or

Explain the following observations :
(*i*) Lyophilic colloid is more stable than lyophobic colloid.
(*ii*) Coagulation takes place when sodium chloride solution is added to a colloidal solution of ferric hydroxide.
(*iii*) Sky appears blue in colour. (*A.I.S.B. 2006*)

55. Classify colloids where the dispersion medium is water. State their characteristics and write an example of each of these classes.

Or

Explain what is observed when
(*i*) an electric current is passed through a sol.
(*ii*) a beam of light is passed through a sol.
(*iii*) an electrolyte (say NaCl) is added to ferric hydroxide sol. (*A.I.S.B., 2009, 2011, Assam S.B. 2012*)

56. Write three distinct features of chemisorption which are not found in physisorption. (*A.I.S.B. 2012*)

57. What are the characteristics of the following colloids ? Give one example of each.
(*i*) Multimolecular colloids
(*ii*) Lyophobic sols
(*iii*) Emulsions (*A.I.S.B. 2013*)

58. Define the following terms giving an example of each :
(*i*) Associated colloids
(*ii*) Lyophilic sols
(*iii*) Adsorption (*A.I.S.B. 2013*)

59. Give reasons for the following observations:
(*i*) Physisorption decreases with increase in temperature.

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(*ii*) Addition of alum purifies the water.

(*iii*) Brownian movement provides stability to the colloidal solution. (*A.I.S.B. 2015*)

60. Define the following:

(*i*) O/W Emulsion

(*ii*) Zeta potential

(*iii*) Multimolecular colloids (*A.I.S.B. 2016*)

61. Write one difference in each of the following:

(*a*) Multimolecular colloid and Associated colloid

(*b*) Coagulation and Peptizaton

(*c*) Homogeneous catalysis and Heterogeneous catalysis

Or

(*a*) Write the dispersed phase and dispersion medium of milk.

(*b*) Write one similarity between physisorption and chemisorption.

(*c*) Write the chemical method by which $Fe(OH)_3$ sol is prepared from $FeCl_3$. (*A.I.S.B. 2017*)

62. What happens when

(*a*) a freshly prepared precipitate of $Fe(OH)_3$ is shaken with a small amount of $FeCl_3$ solution?

(*b*) persistent dialysis of a collodial solution is carried out?

(*c*) an emulsion is centrifuged? (*A.I.S.B. 2018*)

Long Answer Questions *carrying 5 marks*

1. Define the terms physical adsorption and chemical adsorption and give any four points of differences between them.

2. (*a*) What is catalyst ? How does the phenomenon of adsorption explain the role played by catalyst ?

(*b*) What is electrophoresis ? What is its significance ?

Or

(*a*) Discuss the phenomenon of dialysis and electrodialysis?

(*b*) What are protective colloids ? (*Pb. S.B. 2012*)

3. (*a*) What do you understand by activity and selectivity of a catalyst ? Give one example of each.

(*b*) What is Tyndall effect ? What is its significance ?

Or

(*a*) What is an emulsion ? Discuss the types of emulsions by giving example of each.

(*b*) What do you mean by peptisation ? (*Pb. S.B. 2012*)

4. (*a*) What is homogeneous and heterogeneous catalysis ? Give one example of each.

(*b*) What is Brownian movement ? What is its cause ?

Or

(*a*) What are multimolecular, macro molecular and associated colloids ? Give one example of each.

(*b*) What do you mean by gold number ? (*Pb. S.B. 2012*)

Hints & Answers *for* Revision Exercises

Very Short Answer Questions

1. Exothermic

4. Decreases with rise in temperature

6. Chemisorption

7. $\frac{x}{m} = kP$

8. $\frac{x}{m} = kP^{1/n}$ (n is a whole number)

9. $\frac{x}{m} = kP^0 = k$

10. The adsorption of gases on the surface of metals is called occlusion.

11. Oil-in-water type

12. Water-in-oil type

13. Adosorption is a surface phenomena

14. Lyophobic : As_2S_3, Lyophilic : Gelatin

15. Sol : As_2S_3, Gel : Gum arabic

16. Oil in water : Milk, Water in Oil : Butter

17. $BaCl_2$ because greater the valency of the coagulating ion (positive ion), greater is its tendency to coagulate.

21. Invertase

22. Gas and liquid

23. NH_3

24. Chemisorption

25. Zeolites e.g., zeolite ZSM-5

26. With increase in temperature, chemisorption first increases and then decreases.

27. Because of attraction between adsorbate and adsorbent, energy is released during adsorption.

28. Liquid (dispersed phase), Liquid (dispersion medium)

29. By addition of electrolyte. **31.** Gel, cheese

32. Selectivity of a catalyst. It is the ability of a catalyst to selectively form a particular product.

33. (*b*)	**34.** (*a*)	**35.** (*a*)	**36.** (*b*)	**37.** (*a*)
38. (*b*)	**39.** (*a*)	**40.** (*c*)	**41.** (*b*)	**42.** (*a*)
43. (*c*)	**44.** (*d*)	**45.** (*b*)	**46.** (*a*)	**47.** (*b*)
48. (*d*)	**49.** (*c*)	**50.** (*a*)	**51.** (*a*)	**52.** (*c*)
53. (*c*)	**54.** (*c*)	**55.** (*d*)	**56.** (*c*)	

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Additional Useful Information and Objective Questions

ADDITIONAL USEFUL INFORMATION

❑ **ISOELECTRIC POINT OF COLLOIDS.** The H^+ ions concentration at which the colloidal particles are neither positively charged nor negatively charged (*i.e.,* are electrically neutral) is known as **isoelectric point of a colloid**. For example, for gelatin, isoelectric point is at pH = 4.7. At this point the colloids do not migrate under the influence of electric field. At this point, the lyophilic colloids are expected to have **minimum stability**.

❑ **SYNERESIS AND THIOXOTROPY OF GELS**

- When gels are allowed to stand for a long time, they give out small amount of trapped liquid which accumulates on its surface. This phenomenon is called **syneresis** or **weeping of gels**.
- Some gels like gelation are semisolid when at rest and change to liquid sol. on agitation. This reversible sol. gel transformation is called **thioxotropy.**

❑ **NANOMATERIALS**

Nanomaterials are the materials having at least one dimension less than 100 nm (1 nm = 10^{-9} m). These possess unique optical, conductance, magnetic, electrical and other properties which are different from those of their bulk counterparts because of their small particle size. These properties have great impact in electronics, medicines and other fields.

The common examples of nanomaterials are gold, carbon (fullerene), metals, metal oxides, metal alloys, etc. Due to their unique properties, the nanomaterials are gaining importance in different fields. These are widely used in a number of industrial processes as well as consumer products such as cosmetics, sun screens, stain resistant and wrinkle free textiles, electronics, paints and varnishes, etc. These are finding use as important constituents of mass media storage devices. These are also used as heterogeneous catalysts because they provide large surface area. In the field of biology and medicine, nanomaterials are used as Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), contrast agents, etc.

OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTIONS

Multiple Choice Questions *M. C. Q.*

A Topicwise MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS *with only one correct answer*

Adsoprtion and Catalysis

A1. Which of the following statements is not correct regarding physical adsorption ?
(*a*) It is not specific
(*b*) It forms monomolecular layers
(*c*) It has low heat of adsorption
(*d*) It is reversible.

A2. Which of the following is adsorbed by charcoal to maximum extent ?
(*a*) N_2 (*b*) CO_2
(*c*) Cl_2 (*d*) O_2.

A3. For adsorption of a gas on a solid, the plot of $\log x/m$ vs log P is linear with a slope equal to (n being a whole number)
(*a*) k (*b*) $\log k$
(*c*) n (*d*) $1/n$.

A4. Which of the following is not correct regarding the adsorption of a gas on the surface of a solid ?
(*a*) On increasing temperature, adsorption increases continuously
(*b*) Enthalpy and entropy changes are negative
(*c*) Adsorption is more for specific substance
(*d*) It is reversible reaction.

A5. According to adsorption theory of catalysis, the speed of the reaction increases because :
(*a*) the concentration of the reactant molecules at the active centres of the catalyst becomes high due to adsorption.
(*b*) in the process of adsorption, the activation energy of the molecules becomes large.
(*c*) adsorption produces heat which increases the speed of the reaction.
(*d*) adsorption lowers the activation energy of the reaction.

A6. Which of the following characteristics is not correct for physical adsorption ?
(*a*) Adsorption increases with increase in temperature.
(*b*) Adsorption is spontaneous.
(*c*) Both enthalpy and entropy of adsorption are negative.
(*d*) Adsorption on solid is reversible.

A7. Rate of physisorption increases with
(*a*) decrease in temperature
(*b*) increase in temperature
(*c*) decrease in pressure
(*d*) decrease in surface area.

Answers

A1. (*b*) **A2.** (*b*) **A3.** (*d*) **A4.** (*a*) **A5.** (*d*) **A6.** (*a*) **A7.** (*a*)

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A8. The volumes of gases H_2, CH_4, CO_2 and NH_3 adsorbed by 1 gm of activated charcoal at 298 K are in the order.
(*a*) $H_2 > CH_4 > CO_2 > NH_3$
(*b*) $CH_4 > CO_2 > NH_3 > H_2$
(*c*) $CO_2 > NH_3 > H_2 > CH_4$
(*d*) $NH_3 > CO_2 > CH_4 > H_2$
(*e*) $CO_2 > NH_3 > CH_4 > H_2$

A9. Adsorption is accompanied by
(*a*) decrease in enthalpy and increase in entropy
(*b*) increase in enthalpy and increase in entropy
(*c*) decrease in enthalpy and decrease in entropy
(*d*) increase in enthalpy and decrease in entropy

A10. The enthalpy of physical adsorption is about
(*a*) zero (*b*) 20-50 kJ mol^{-1}
(*c*) 200-500 kJ mol^{-1} (*d*) very high

Colloids

A11. The colloidal system in which the disperse phase and dispersion medium are both liquids is known as
(*a*) a gel (*b*) an aerosol
(*c*) an emulsion (*d*) a foam.

A12. Freshly prepared precipitates can be easily dispersed by shaking it with dispersion medium. This process is called
(*a*) Peptisation (*b*) Electrophoresis
(*c*) Dispersion (*d*) Dialysis.

A13. The presence of electric charge on the colloidal particles is indicated by the experiment
(*a*) Osmosis (*b*) Electrolysis
(*c*) Dialysis (*d*) Electrophoresis.

A14. The number of phases in a colloidal system is
(*a*) 1 (*b*) 2
(*c*) 3 (*d*) 4.

A15. The process of separation of colloids by passing through semi-permeable membrane is called
(*a*) Filtration (*b*) Electrophoresis
(*c*) Dialysis (*d*) Ultrafiltration.

A16. The size of colloidal particles is in the range of
(*a*) 0.1 – 1 nm (*b*) 1 nm – 100 nm
(*c*) 100 nm – 1000 nm (*d*) 1000 – 10000 nm.

A17. An example of micelle is :
(*a*) Sodium stearate (*b*) Gold sol.
(*c*) Solution of NaCl (*d*) Ruby glass.

A18. Which of the following is most effective electrolyte in causing the flocculation of a negatively charged arsenious sulphide solution ?
(*a*) KCl (*b*) $MgCl_2$
(*c*) $K_3Fe(CN)_6$ (*d*) $AlCl_3$

A19. Colloidal particles exhibit Tyndall effect due to
(*a*) polarisation of light (*b*) scattering of light
(*c*) reflection of light (*d*) refraction of light.

A20. Which of the following electrolytes will be most effective in causing the coagulation of a positively charged ferric hydroxide sol ?
(*a*) K_2SO_4 (*b*) $K_3Fe(CN)_6$
(*c*) KCl (*d*) K_2CO_3.

A21. Soaps essentially form a colloidal solution in water and remove the greasy matter by
(*a*) coagulation (*b*) emulsification
(*c*) adsorption (*d*) absorption.

A22. Which of the following is an example of associated colloid?
(*a*) Protein + Water (*b*) Soap + Water
(*c*) Rubber + Benzene (*d*) $As_2O_3 + Fe(OH)_3$.

A23. Alums purify muddy water by
(*a*) Dialysis (*b*) Adsorption
(*c*) Coagulation (*d*) Forming a true solution.

A24. Which type of property is the Brownian movement of colloidal sol ?
(*a*) Electrical (*b*) Optical
(*c*) Mechanical (*d*) Colligative.

A25. When KI is added to silver nitrate solution, the sol formed may be written as :
(*a*) AgI I^- (*b*) AgI Ag^+
(*c*) AgI NO_3^- (*d*) NO_3^- AgI Ag^+.

A26. Which of the following reaction gives a colloidal sol ?
(*a*) $MgCO_3 \longrightarrow MgO + CO_2$
(*b*) $2Na + 2H_2O \longrightarrow 2NaOH + H_2$
(*c*) $2HNO_3 + 3H_2S \longrightarrow 3S + 4H_2O + 2NO$
(*d*) $Cu + CuCl_2 \longrightarrow Cu_2Cl_2$.

A27. Blue colour of water in sea is due to
(*a*) refraction of blue light by impurities in sea water
(*b*) scattering of light by water
(*c*) refraction of blue sky by water
(*d*) none of these.

A28. Alum helps in purifying water by
(*a*) forming silicon complex with clay particles
(*b*) sulphate part which combines with dirt and romoves it
(*c*) aluminium which coagulates the mud particles
(*d*) making mud water soluble.

A29. The coagulating power of an electrolyte for arsenious sulphide sol decreases in the order :
(*a*) $Na^+ > Al^{3+} > Ba^{2+}$ (*b*) $PO_4^{3-} > SO_4^{2-} > Cl^-$
(*c*) $Cl^- > SO_4^{2-} > PO_4^{3-}$ (*d*) $Al^{3+} > Ba^{2+} > Na^+$
(*e*) $Na^+ > Ba^{2+} > PO_4^{3-}$

A30. The disease kala azar is cured by
(*a*) colloidal antimony (*b*) milk of magnesia
(*c*) argyrols (*d*) colloidal gold

Answers

A8. (*d*)	**A9.** (*c*)	**A10.** (*b*)	**A11.** (*c*)	**A12.** (*a*)	**A13.** (*d*)	**A13.** (*d*)	**A14.** (*b*)	**A15.** (*c*)	**A16.** (*b*)
A17. (*a*)	**A18.** (*d*)	**A19.** (*b*)	**A20.** (*b*)	**A21.** (*b*)	**A22.** (*b*)	**A23.** (*c*)	**A24.** (*c*)	**A25.** (*b*)	**A26.** (*c*)
A27. (*a*)	**A28.** (*c*)	**A29.** (*d*)	**A30.** (*a*)						

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B MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS *from competitive examinations*

AIPMT & Other State Boards' Medical Entrance

B1. A plot of log x/m versus log p for the adsorption of a gas on a solid gives a straight line with slope equal to
(a) n (b) $1/n$
(c) log K (d) – log K
(C.B.S.E.P.M.T. 2006)

B2. The Langmuir adsorption isotherm is deduced using the assumption
(a) The adsorbed molecules interact with each other
(b) The adsorption takes place in multilayers.
(c) The adsorption sites are equivalent in their ability to adsorb the particles.
(d) The heat of adsorption varies with coverage.
(C.B.S.E.P.M.T. 2007)

B3. If x is amount of adsorbate and m is amount of adsorbent, which of the following relations is not related to adsorption process ?
(a) $x/m = f(p)$ at constant T
(b) $x/m = f(T)$ at constant p
(c) $p = f(T)$ at constant (x/m)
(d) $\frac{m}{x} = p \times T$ *(A.I.P.M.T. 2011)*

B4. The protecting power of lyophilic colloidal sol is expressed in terms of
(a) coagulation value (b) gold number
(c) critical miscelle concentration
(d) oxidation number *(A.I.P.M.T. 2012)*

B5. In Freundlich adsorption isotherm, the value of $1/n$ is
(a) between 0 and 1 in all cases
(b) between 2 and 4 in all cases
(c) 1 in case of physical adsorption
(d) 1 in case of chemisorption *(A.I.P.M.T. 2012)*

B6. Which one of the following statements is incorrect about enzyme catalysis ?
(a) Enzymes are mostly proteinous in nature.
(b) Enzyme action is specific.
(c) Enzymes are denatured by ultraviolet rays and at high temperature.
(d) Enzymes are least reactive at optimum temperature.
(A.I.P.M.T. 2012)

B7. Which of the following statement is correct for the spontaneous adsorption of a gas ?
(a) ΔS is negative and therefore, ΔH should be highly positive
(b) ΔS is negative and therefore, ΔH should be highly negative
(c) ΔS is positive and therefore, ΔH should be negative
(d) ΔS is positive and therefore, ΔH should be highly positive
(A.I.P.M.T. 2014)

B8. Which property of colloids is independent of the charge on colloidal particles ?
(a) Electrophoresis (b) Electro-osmosis
(c) Tyndall effect (d) Coagulation
(A.I.P.M.T. 2015)

B9. Fog is a colloidal solution of
(a) solid in gas
(b) gas in gas
(c) liquid in gas
(d) gas in liquid *(NEET 2016)*

B10. The coagulation values in millimoles per litre of the electrolytes used for the coagulation of As_2S_3 are given: I. (NaCl) = 52, II. ($BaCl_2$) = 0.69, III. ($MgSO_4$) = 0.22. The correct order of their coagulating power is
(a) I > II > III (b) II > I > III
(c) III > II > I (d) III > I > II *(NEET 2016)*

B11. On which of the following properties does the coagulating power of an ion depend?
(a) The magnitude of the charge on the ion alone
(b) Size of the ion alone
(c) Both magnitude and sign of the charge on the ion
(d) The sign of charge on the ion alone
(NEET 2018)

B12. In an electrical field, the particles of a colloidal system move towards cathode. The coagulation of the same sol is studied using K_2SO_4(I), Na_3PO_4(II), $K_4[Fe(CN_6)]$ (III) and NaCl (IV). Their coagulating power should be
(a) (I) > (II) > (III) > (IV) (b) (III) > (II) > (I) > (IV)
(c) (III) > (I) > (II) > (IV) (d) (IV) > (III) > (I) > (II)
(e) (IV) > (I) > (II) > (III) *(Kerala P.M.T. 2008)*

B13. The formation of micelles takes place only above
(a) Inversion temperature
(b) Boyle temperature
(c) Critical temperature
(d) Kraft temperature
(e) Wein temperature *(Kerala PMT 2010)*

B14. Colloidion is a 4% solution of which one of the following in alcohol-ether mixture ?
(a) nitroglycerine (b) celluloseacetate
(c) glycoldinitrate (d) nitrocellulose
(e) methylcellulose *(Kerala PMT 2010)*

B15. In the adsorption of a gas on solid, Freundlich isotherm is obeyed. The slope of the plot is zero. The extent of adsorption is
(a) directly proportional to the pressure of the gas
(b) inversely proportional to the pressure of the gas
(c) directly proportional to the square root of the pressure of the gas
(d) inversely proportional to the square root of the pressure of the gas
(e) independent of the pressure of the gas
(Kerala P.M.T. 2012)

Answers

B1. (b) **B2.** (c) **B3.** (d) **B4.** (b) **B5.** (a) **B6.** (d) **B7.** (b) **B8.** (c) **B9.** (c) **B10.** (c)
B11. (c) **B12.** (b) **B13.** (d) **B14.** (d) **B15.** (e)

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B16. Which one of the following is not explained by adsorption?
(*a*) When acetic acid solution is shaken with charcoal, the concentration of the acid decreases.
(*b*) The white precipitate of $Mg(OH)_2$ attains blue colour when precipitated in the presence of magneson reagent.
(*c*) The air becomes dry in the presence of silica gel.
(*d*) An aqueous solution of NaOH attains pink colour with a drop of phenolphthalein.
(*e*) When animal charcoal is shaken with coloured methylene blue solution, the solution turns colourless.
(*Kerala PMT 2014*)

B17. The correct ascending order of adsorption of the following gases on the same mass of charcoal at the same temperature and pressure is
(*a*) $CH_4 < H_2 < SO_2$ (*b*) $H_2 < CH_4 < SO_2$
(*c*) $SO_2 < CH_4 < H_2$ (*d*) $H_2 < SO_2 < CH_4$
(*e*) $CH_4 < SO_2 < H_2$ (*Kerala PMT 2015*)

B18. Which of the following statements is incorrect about physisorption?
(*a*) It is reversible in nature.
(*b*) It forms multilayer.
(*c*) It involves high activation energy.
(*d*) The extent of physisorption decreases with increase of temperature.
(*e*) It increases with increase in surface area.
(*Kerala PMT 2015*)

JEE (Main) & Other State Boards' Engineering Entrance

B19. Volume of a colloidal particle, V_c as compared to the volume of a solute particle in a true solution, V_s could be
(*a*) $\frac{V_c}{V_s} \approx 1$ (*b*) $\frac{V_c}{V_s} \approx 1$
(*c*) $\frac{V_c}{V_s} \approx 10^{-3}$ (*d*) $\frac{V_c}{V_s} \approx 10^{3}$
(*A.I.E.E.E. 2005*)

B20. In Langmuir's model of adsorption of a gas on a solid surface.
(*a*) the adsorption at a single site on the surface may involve multiple molecules at the same time.
(*b*) the mass of gas striking a given area of surface is proportional to the pressure of the gas.
(*c*) the mass of gas striking a given area of surface is independent of the pressure of the gas.
(*d*) the rate of dissociation of adsorbed molecules from the surface does not depend on the surface covered.
(*A.I.E.E.E. 2006*)

B21. Gold numbers of protective colloids A, B, C and D are 0.50, 0.01, 0.10 and 0.005 respectively. The correct order of their protective powers is
(*a*) B < D < A < C (*b*) D < A < C < B
(*c*) C < B < D < A (*d*) A < C < B < D
(*A.I.E.E.E. 2008*)

B22. Which of the following statements is incorrect regarding physisorption ?
(*a*) It occurs because of van der Waals forces
(*b*) More easily liquefiable gases are adsorbed readily
(*c*) Under high pressure it results into multimolecular layer on adsorbent surface
(*d*) Enthalpy of adsorption is low and positive.
(*A.I.E.E.E. 2009*)

B23. According to Freundlich adsorption isotherm, which of the following is correct ?
(*a*) $\frac{x}{m} \propto p^1$ (*b*) $\frac{x}{m} \propto p^{1/n}$
(*c*) $\frac{x}{m} \propto p^0$
(*d*) All the above are correct for different ranges of pressure. (*A.I.E.E.E. 2012*)

B24. The coagulating power of electrolytes having ions Na^+, Al^{3+} and Ba^{2+} for arsenic sulphide sol increases in the order
(*a*) $Al^{3+} < Na^+ < Ba^{2+}$
(*b*) $Al^{3+} < Ba^{2+} < Na^+$
(*c*) $Na^+ < Ba^{2+} < Al^{3+}$
(*d*) $Ba^{2+} < Na^+ < Al^{3+}$ (*JEE. Main. 2013*)

B25. 3g of activated charcoal was added to 50 mL of acetic acid solution (0.06 N) in a flask. After an hour it was filtered and the strength of the filtrate was found to be 0.042 N. The amount of acetic acid adsorbed (per gram of charcoal) is
(*a*) 42 mg (*b*) 54 mg
(*c*) 18 mg (*d*) 36 mg (*JEE. Main 2015*)

B26. For a linear plot of log (x/m) versus log P in a Freundlich adsorption isotherm, which of the following statement is correct? (k and n are constants).
(*a*) both k and $1/n$ appear in the slope term.
(*b*) $1/n$ appears as the intercept.
(*c*) Only $1/n$ appears as the slope.
(*d*) log $(1/n)$ appears as the intercept. (*JEE Main 2016*)

B27. Tyndall effect is observed only when following conditions are satisfied:
(A) The diameter of the dispersed particles is much smaller than the wavelength of the light used.
(B) The diameter of the dispersed particle is not much smaller than the wavelength of the light used.
(C) The refractive indices of the dispersed phase and dispersion medium are almost similar in magnitude.
(D) The refractive indices of the dispersed phase and dispersion medium differ greatly in magnitude.
(*a*) (A) and (C) (*b*) (B) and (C)
(*c*) (A) and (D) (*d*) (B) and (D) (*JEE. Main 2017*)

Answers

B16. (*d*) **B17.** (*b*) **B18.** (*c*) **B19.** (*d*) **B20.** (*b*) **B21.** (*d*) **B22.** (*d*) **B23.** (*d*) **B24.** (*c*) **B25.** (*c*) **B26.** (*c*) **B27.** (*d*)

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B28. On adding one mL of solution of 10% NaCl to 100 mL of gold sol in the presence of 0.25 g of starch, the coagulation is just prevented. The gold number of starch is
(*a*) 0.25 (*b*) 0.025
(*c*) 2.5 (*d*) 25
(*e*) 250 (*Kerala C.E.T. 2005, 2007*)

B29. When an excess and a very dilute aqueous solution of KI is added to a very dilute aqueous solution of silver nitrate, the colloidal particles of silver iodide which are associated with Helmholtz double layer are
(*a*) $AgI : Ag^+ : I^-$
(*b*) $AgI : K^+ : NO_3^-$
(*c*) $AgI : NO_3^- : Ag^+$
(*d*) $AgI : I^- : K^+$ (*J & K 2009*)

B30. Which one of the following impurities present in colloidal solution cannot be removed by electrodialysis ?
(*a*) Sodium chloride (*b*) Potassium sulphate
(*c*) Urea (*d*) Calcium chloride
(*e*) Magnesium chloride (*Kerala C.E.T. 2009*)

B31. The dispersed phase and dispersion medium in soap lather are respectively
(*a*) gas and liquid (*b*) liquid and gas
(*c*) solid and gas (*d*) solid and liquid
(*e*) gas and solid (*Kerala P.E.T. 2010*)

B32. The best coagulant for the precipitation of $Fe(OH)_3$ sol is
(*a*) Na_2HPO_3 (*b*) $NaNO_3$
(*c*) Na_3PO_4 (*d*) Na_2SO_4 (*J.K.CET 2011*)

B33. Which is correct about physical adsorption ?
(*a*) High temperature and high pressure favour adsorption.
(*b*) High temperature and low pressure favour adsorption.
(*c*) Low temperature and high pressure favour adsorption.
(*d*) Low temperature and low pressure favour adsorption.
(*e*) Temperature and pressure have no effect on adsorption. (*Kerala P.E.T. 2012*)

B34. During the adsorption of a gas on the surface of a solid, which of the following is true ?
(*a*) $\Delta G < 0, \Delta H > 0, \Delta S < 0$
(*b*) $\Delta G > 0, \Delta H < 0, \Delta S < 0$
(*c*) $\Delta G < 0, \Delta H < 0, \Delta S < 0$
(*d*) $\Delta G < 0, \Delta H < 0, \Delta S > 0$ (*Karnataka C.E.T. 2012*)

B35. Negatively charged colloidal solution of clay in water will need for precipitation the minimum amount of
(*a*) aluminium sulphate
(*b*) potassium sulphate
(*c*) sodium hydroxide
(*d*) hydrochloric acid (*A.M.U. Engg. 2012*)

B36. The stability of a lyophobic colloid is due to
(*a*) adsorption of covalent molecules on the colloid
(*b*) the size of the particles
(*c*) the charge on the particles
(*d*) Tyndall effect. (*Karnataka CET 2013*)

B37. The amount of electrolytes required to coagulate a given amount of AgI colloidal solution (–ve charge) will be in the order
(*a*) $NaNO_3 > Al(NO_3)_3 > Ba(NO_3)_2$
(*b*) $Al(NO_3)_3 > Ba(NO_3)_2 > NaNO_3$
(*c*) $Al(NO_3)_3 > NaNO_3 > Ba(NO_3)_2$
(*d*) $NaNO_3 > Ba(NO_3)_2 > Al(NO_3)_3$ (*WB JEE 2014*)

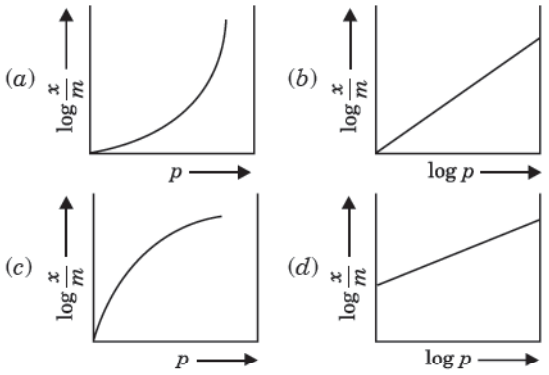
B38. Gold sol can be prepared by
(*a*) hydrolysis of gold(III) chloride
(*b*) oxidation of gold by aqua regia
(*c*) peptization
(*d*) treating gold(III) chloride with metallic zinc
(*e*) reduction of gold(III) chloride with formalin solution. (*Kerala PET 2014*)

B39. For Freundlich isotherm, a graph of $\log \frac{x}{m}$ is plotted against log P. The slope of the line and its *y*-axis intercept respectively correspond to
(*a*) $\frac{1}{n}, k$ (*b*) $\log \frac{1}{n}, k$
(*c*) $\frac{1}{n}, \log k$ (*d*) $\log \frac{1}{n}, \log k$
(*Karnataka CET 2014*)

B40. Which of the following colloids cannot be easily coagulated?
(*a*) Multimolecular colloids
(*b*) Irreversible colloids
(*c*) Lyophobic colloids
(*d*) Macromolecular colloids (*Karnataka CET 2015*)

B41. The electrolyte having maximum flocculation value for Ag/Ag^+ sol is
(*a*) Na_2S (*b*) Na_3PO_4
(*c*) NaCl (*d*) Na_2SO_4
(*Karnataka CET 2015*)

B42. Which of the following curves is in accordance with Freundlich adsorption isotherm?



(*Karnataka CET 2015*)

Answers

B28. (*d*) **B29.** (*d*) **B30.** (*c*) **B31.** (*a*) **B32.** (*c*) **B33.** (*c*) **B33.** (*c*) **B35.** (*a*) **B36.** (*c*) **B37.** (*d*)
B38. (*e*) **B39.** (*c*) **B40.** (*d*) **B41.** (*b*) **B42.** (*d*)

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B43. Enzymatic reactions are given in Column I and enzymes in Column II

Column I	*Column II*
(*A*) Maltose → Glucose	(*i*) Zymase
(*B*) Sucrose → Glucose + Fructose	(*ii*) Pepsin
(*C*) Glucose → Ethyl alcohol + CO_2	(*iii*) Maltase
(*D*) Starch → Maltose	(*iv*) Invertase
(*E*) Proteins → Amino acids	(*v*) Diastase

Choose the correct matching of enzymatic reaction and enzyme that catalyses the correct reaction from the codes given below:

(*a*) (*A*) – (*ii*), (*B*) – (*iv*), (*C*) – (*v*), (*D*) – (*iii*), (*E*) – (*i*)
(*b*) (*A*) – (*iii*), (*B*) – (*iv*), (*C*) – (*i*), (*D*) – (*v*), (*E*) – (*ii*)
(*c*) (*A*) – (*v*), (*B*) – (*iv*), (*C*) – (*ii*), (*D*) – (*i*), (*E*) – (*iii*)
(*d*) (*A*) – (*v*), (*B*) – (*iii*), (*C*) – (*iv*), (*D*) – (*ii*), (*E*) – (*i*)
(*e*) (*A*) – (*ii*), (*B*) – (*iii*), (*C*) – (*i*), (*D*) – (*v*), (*E*) – (*iv*)
(*Kerala PET 2016*)

B44. In which one of the following properties, physisorption and chemisorption resemble each other?
(*a*) Force of attraction (*b*) Enthalpy of adsorption
(*c*) Temperature effect (*d*) Effect of surface area
(*e*) Number of adsorption layers (*Kerala PET 2016*)

B45. Which of the following statement is incorrect w.r.t. physisorption?
(*a*) The forces involved are van der Waals forces.
(*b*) More easily liquefiable gases are adsorbed easily.
(*c*) Under high pressure it results into mutimolecular layer on adsorbent surface.
(*d*) $\Delta H_{adsorption}$ is low and +ve (*WB JEE 2016*)

B46. Reactions in zeolite catalyst depend on
(*a*) pores (*b*) apertures
(*c*) size of cavity (*d*) all of these.
(*Karnataka C.E.T. 2016*)

B47. Which of the following is not a favourable condition for physical adsorption?
(*a*) High pressure (*b*) Low temperature
(*c*) High temperature
(*d*) Higher critical temperature of adsorbate
(*Karnataka CET 2017*)

B48. The process which is responsible for the formation of delta at a place where rivers meet the sea is
(*a*) peptization (*b*) colloidal formation
(*c*) emulsification (*d*) coagulation
(*Karnataka CET 2017*)

B49. Which of the statement is true regarding chemisorption of a gas on a solid surface?
(*a*) This type adsorption first increases with increase of temperature
(*b*) No compound formation takes place in this case
(*c*) The forces operating in this are weak van der Waals' forces
(*d*) It forms multimolecular layers of gas molecules on the surface (*J.K. CET 2018*)

B50. Which of the following is the correct increasing order of coagulating power of electrolytes required to precipitate a negatively charged As_2S_3 colloid?
(*a*) $NaCl < BaCl_2 < AlCl_3$
(*b*) $BaCl_2 < AlCl_3 < NaCl$
(*c*) $AlCl_3 < NaCl < BaCl_2$
(*d*) $AlCl_3 < BaCl_2 < NaCl$ (*J.K. CET 2018*)

B51. Which of the following electrolyte will have maximum coagulating value for AgI/Ag^+ sol?
(*a*) Na_2S (*b*) Na_3PO_4
(*c*) Na_2SO_4 (*d*) NaCl
(*Karnataka CET 2018*)

B52. Gold sol is not a
(*a*) lyophobic sol (*b*) negatively charged sol
(*c*) macromolecular sol (*d*) multimolecular colloid
(*Karnataka CET 2018*)

B53. Which of the following statement is true about the adsorption?
(*a*) $\Delta H < 0$ and $\Delta S < 0$ (*b*) $\Delta H > 0$ and $\Delta S < 0$
(*c*) $\Delta H < 0$ and $\Delta S > 0$ (*d*) $\Delta H = 0$ and $\Delta S < 0$
(*e*) $\Delta H = 0$ and $\Delta S > 0$ (*Kerala PET 2018*)

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B54. Lyophilic sols are
(*a*) reversible sols
(*b*) they are prepared from inorganic compound
(*c*) coagulated by adding electrolytes
(*d*) self stabilizing (*I.I.T. 2005*)

B55. Among the following, the surfactant that will form micelles in aqueous solution at the lowest molar concentration at ambient conditions is
(*a*) $CH_3(CH_2)_{15}N^+(CH_3)_3Br^-$
(*b*) $CH_3(CH_2)_{11}OSO_3^-Na^+$
(*c*) $CH_3(CH_2)_6COO^-Na^+$
(*d*) $CH_3(CH_2)_{11}N^+(CH_3)_3Br^-$ (*I.I.T 2008*)

B56. Among the electrolytes Na_2SO_4, $CaCl_2$, $Al_2(SO_4)_3$ and NH_4Cl, the most effective coagulating agent for Sb_2S_3 sol is
(*a*) Na_2SO_4 (*b*) $CaCl_2$
(*c*) $Al_2(SO_4)_3$ (*d*) NH_4Cl (*IIT-JEE 2009*)

B57. Methylene blue, from its aqueous solution, is adsorbed on activated charcoal at 25°C. For this process, the correct statement is
(*a*) the adsorption requires activation at 25°C.
(*b*) the adsorption is accompanied by a decrease in enthalpy.
(*c*) the adsorption increases with increase of temperature.
(*d*) the adsorption is irreversible. (*JEE Advance 2013*)

Answers

B43. (*b*) **B44.** (*d*) **B45.** (*d*) **B46.** (*d*) **B47.** (*c*) **B48.** (*d*) **B49.** (*a*) **B50.** (*a*) **B51.** (*d*) **B52.** (*c*)
B53. (*a*) **B54.** (*d*) **B55.** (*a*) **B56.** (*c*) **B57.** (*b*)

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C MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS
with more than one correct answers

C1. Which of the following increases the activation of a solid adsorbent ?
(*a*) subdividing the solid adsorbent
(*b*) carrying out adsorption at very elevated temperature
(*c*) blowing superheated steam through porous adsorbent
(*d*) polishing the surface of solid adsorbent

C2. Which of the following statements are correct ?
(*a*) The protective power of a colloid may be measured by reciprocal of gold number.
(*b*) A gel is a colloidal system in which a solid is dispersed in a liquid.
(*c*) For positively charged sol, the coagulating power of coagulating ion decreases as : $PO_4^{3-} > SO_4^{2-} > Cl^-$
(*d*) In colloids, the particles constituting the dispersed phase adsorb only those ions preferentially which are opposite with the own lattice ions.

C3. The macromolecular colloids
(*a*) consist of aggregates of atom or molecules which generally have diameter less than 1nm.
(*b*) have usually lyophobic character
(*c*) have molecules which are flexible and can take any shape
(*d*) have molecules containing both lyophilic and lyophobic groups.

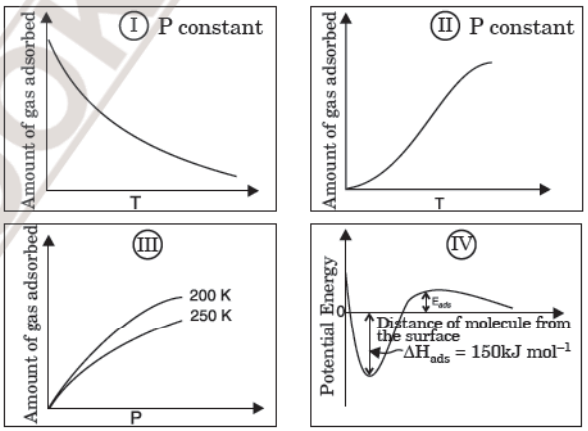
C4. Which of the following is/are not true in Langmuir adsorption isotherm ?
(*a*) At high pressure, $\frac{x}{m} = kP$
(*b*) Plot of log (x/m) and log P is a straight line
(*c*) At low pressure, $\frac{x}{m} = kP$
(*d*) in intermediate range of pressure, $\frac{x}{m} = kP^{1/n}$ (n = whole number)

C5. Which of the following statements are not correct ?
(*a*) A catalyst does not change ΔH of a reaction.
(*b*) The enzymes are highly specific in nature.
(*c*) Generally, very large quantities of enzyme catalysts are required to increase the rates of reaction.
(*d*) Oxidation of alcohol to acetic acid can be carried out by invertase enzyme.

C6. The correct statement(s) pertaining to the adsorption of a gas on a solid surface is (are)
(*a*) Adsorption is always exothermic
(*b*) Physisorption may transform into chemisorption at high temperature
(*c*) Physisorption increases with increasing temperature but chemisorption decreases with increasing temperature.
(*d*) Chemisorption is more exothermic than physisorption, however it is very slow due to higher energy of activation. (*I.I.T. 2011*)

C7. Choose the correct reason(s) for the stability of the lyophobic colloidal particles.
(*a*) Preferential adsorption of ions on their surface from the solution.
(*b*) Preferential adsorption of solvent on their surface from the solution.
(*c*) Attraction between different particles having opposite charges on their surface.
(*d*) Potential difference between the fixed layer and the diffused layer of opposite charges around the colloidal particles. (*I.I.T. J.E.E. 2012*)

C8. The given graphs/data I, II, III and IV represent general trends observed for different physisorption and chemisorption processes under mild conditions of temperature and pressure. Which of the following choice(s) about I, II, III and IV is(are) correct ?



(*a*) I is physisorption and II is chemisorption
(*b*) I is physisorption and III is chemisorption
(*c*) IV is chemisorption and II is chemisorption
(*d*) IV is chemisorption and III is chemisorption
(*I.I.T.J.E.E. 2012*)

C9. When O_2 is adsorbed on a metallic surface, electron transfer occurs from the metal to O_2. The TRUE statement(s) regarding this adsorption is (are)
(*a*) O_2 is physisorbed
(*b*) heat is released
(*c*) occupancy of π^*_{2p} of O_2 is increased
(*d*) bond length of O_2 is increased. (*JEE Advance 2015*)

C10. The correct statement(s) about surface properties is (are)
(*a*) cloud is an emulsion type of colloid in which liquid is dispersed phase and gas is dispersion medium.
(*b*) the critical temperatures of ethane and nitrogen are 563 K and 126 K, respectively. The adsorption of ethane will be more than that of nitrogen on same amount of activated charcoal at a given temperature.
(*c*) adsorption is accompanied by decrease in enthalpy and decrease in entropy of the system.
(*d*) Brownian motion of colloidal particles does not depend on the size of the particles but depends on viscosity of the solution. (*JEE Advance 2017*)

Answers

C1. (*a, c*) **C2.** (*a, c*) **C3.** (*b, c*) **C4.** (*b, d*) **C5.** (*c, d*) **C6.** (*a, b, d*) **C7.** (*a, d*) **C8.** (*a, c*) **C9.** (*b, c, d*) **C10.** (*b, c*)

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D MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS
based on the given passage/comprehension

Passage I

Thomas Graham in 1861, during his work on diffusion found that certain substances such as gelatin, albumin, glue, etc. diffused at very slow rate and were called colloids. The colloid paticles have the size in the range of 1 to 100 nm consisting of dispersed phase and dispersion medium. The dispersed phase or dispersion medium may be solid, liquid or even a gas. Depending upon the nature of dispersion medium or dispersed phase, 8 types of systems are possible except for a gas dispersed in another gas because the gases are completely miscible with each other. The substances which have strong interaction with the dispersion medium are called lyophilic colloids while those which donot pass into colloidal state readily are called lyophobic colloids. Lyophobic sols are much less stable and are irreversible.

Answer the following questions :

D1. The size of colloidal particles is
(*a*) less than those of true solution
(*b*) more than those of suspension
(*c*) in the range 10 pm to 10^6 pm
(*d*) in the range 10 Å to 1000 Å *(J&K C.E.T. 2006)*

D2. Which of the following statements is not correct ?
(*a*) Lyophobic sols can be easily prepared only by mixing.
(*b*) Lyophilic sols are stable and irreversible.
(*c*) Lyophobic sols are unstable and are not reversible
(*d*) The particles of lyophobic sol are heavily solvated

D3. Which of the following is not true about lyophilic sols ?
(*a*) They are stable
(*b*) They are reversible
(*c*) They are heavily hydrated or solvated
(*d*) They are not easily formed by direct mixing

Passage II

The particles of colloidal solution possess electrical charge which is responsible for the stability of these solutions. The charge on colloidal particles arises because of selective adsorption of ions which are common with their own lattice. The presence of charge on colloidal particles can be determined with the help of a phenomenon known as electrophoresis. However, when some electrolyte is added, the charge on the particles of dispersed phase gets neutralised and precipitation takes place. This process is also called coagulation. The coagulation is given by Hardy Schulze rules. According to these rules the ions carrying the charge opposite to that of sol particles are effective and coagulating power of an electrolyte is directly proportional to the fourth power of the valency of the ion. Coagulation can also occur by mutual precipitation, by electrophoresis, by persistent dialysis or by heating or cooling.

Answer the following questions :

D4. The charge of colloidal particles can be determined by the phenomenon
(*a*) electrodialysis
(*b*) electrophoresis
(*c*) Bredig's arc method
(*d*) electro-osmosis

D5. The flocculation values of NaCl and $AlCl_3$ are 51 and 0.093 millimoles/litre for arsenic sulphide sol. This means that
(*a*) $AlCl_3$ has 51 times more coagulating power than NaCl
(*b*) NaCl has 548 times more coagulating power than $AlCl_3$
(*c*) $AlCl_3$ has 548 times more coagulating power than NaCl
(*d*) The ratio of coagulating power of $AlCl_3$: NaCl is 51 : 0.093

D6. Which of the following electrolyte is most effective for coagulating Fe $(OH)_3$ sol ?
(*a*) $K_3[Fe(CN)_6]$
(*b*) $Na_2C_2O_4$
(*c*) K_2SO_4
(*d*) KCl

D7. The stability of colloidal solution is due to
(*a*) size of colloidal particles
(*b*) charge of colloidal particles
(*c*) movement of colloidal particles under applied electric field
(*d*) tendency to show Tyndall effect.

D8. Which of the following electrolyte requires maximum concentration to cause coagulation of As_2S_3 sol ?
(*a*) $AlCl_3$ (*b*) $MgSO_4$
(*c*) $K_3[Fe(CN)_6]$ (*d*) KCl

Answers

Passage I.	**D1.** (*d*)	**D2.** (*c*)	**D3.** (*d*)		
Passage II.	**D4.** (*b*)	**D5.** (*c*)	**D6.** (*a*)	**D7.** (*b*)	**D8.** (*d*)

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Assertion Reason Type Questions

The questions given below consist of an Assertion and the Reason. Use the following key to choose the appropriate answer.

(*a*) If both assertion and reason are CORRECT and reason is the correct explanation of the assertion.
(*b*) If both assertion and reason are CORRECT, but reason is NOT THE CORRECT explanation of the assertion.
(*c*) If assertion is CORRECT but reason is INCORRECT.
(*d*) If assertion is INCORRECT but reason is CORRECT.
(*e*) If both assertion and reason are INCORRECT.

1. **Assertion :** Physical adsorption of molecules on the surface requires activation energy.
   Reason : Because the bonds of adsorbed molecules are broken.
2. **Assertion :** Activity of an enzyme is pH dependent.
   Reason : Changes in pH affects the solubility of the enzyme in water. (*A.I.I.M.S. 2003*)
3. **Assertion :** Small quantity of soap is required to prepare a stable emulsion.
   Reason : Soaps lowers the interfacial tension between oil and water.
4. **Assertion :** Sea water looks blue.
   Reason : Due to scatting of light by colloidal impurities present in sea water.
5. **Assertion :** For a negatively charged sol., the coagulation value of NaCl and $MgCl_2$ are 52.0 and 0.72 respectively.
   Reason : Greater charge of cation causes slower coagulation.
6. **Assertion :** The micelle formed by sodium stearate in water has $-COO^-$ groups at the surface.
   Reason : Surface tension of water is reduced by addition of stearate. (*A.I.I.M.S. 2003*)
7. **Assertion :** The conversion of fresh precipitate to colloidal state is called peptization.
   Reason : It is caused by addition of common ions. (*A.I.I.M.S. 2007*)

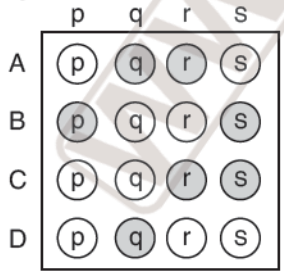
Answers

1. (*e*) **2.** (*b*) **3.** (*a*) **4.** (*a*) **5.** (*c*) **6.** (*a*) **7.** (*b*)

Matrix Match Type Questions

Each question contains statements given in two columns, which have to be matched. Statements in Column I are labelled as A, B, C and D whereas statements in Column II are labelled as *p*, *q*, *r* and *s*. Match the entries of Column I with appropriate entries of Column II. Each entry in Column I may have one or more than one correct option from Column II. The answers to these questions have to be appropriately bubbled as illustrated in the following example.

If the correct matches are A-*q*, A-*r*, B-*p*, B-*s*, C-*r*, C-*s* and D-*q*, then the correctly bubbled matrix will look like the following :



1. Match the example given in Column I with the type of colloid given in Column II.

Column I	Column II
(A) Whipped cream	(*p*) Emulsion
(B) Medicines	(*q*) Sol
(C) Cell fluids	(*r*) Colloids having gas as dispersion phase
(D) Foam	(*s*) Colloids having liquid dispersion medium

2. Match the entries of Column I with appropriate entries in Column II.

Column I	Column II
(A) Lyphobic colloids	(*p*) liquid fats dispersed in water
(B) Lyophilic colloids	(*q*) behave as normal electrolyte at low concentration and colloidal at high concentration
(C) Micelles	(*r*) get coagulated by electrolytes
(D) Emulsions	(*s*) show Tyndall effect.

3. Match the column I with type of colloid given in coloumn II

Column I	Column II
(A) Starch sol	(*p*) Associated
(B) Soap sol	(*q*) Multimolecular
(C) Gelatin sol	(*r*) Macromolecular
(D) Gold sol	(*s*) Lyophilic

Answers

(1) : (A) – (*s*) (B) – (*p*), (*s*) (C) – (*q*), (*s*) (D) – (*r*)
(2) : (A) – (*r*), (*s*) (B) – (*r*) (C) – (*q*) (D) – (*p*)
(3) : (A) – (*r*), (*s*) (B) – (*p*) (C) – (*r*), (*s*) (D) – (*q*)

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Matching List Type Questions

Each question has matching lists. The codes for the lists have choices (*a*), (*b*), (*c*) and (*d*), out of which ONLY ONE is correct.

1. Match list I with list II and select the correct answer using the code :

List I (Type of colloid)	List II (Example)
P. Liquid in solid	1. Hair cream
Q. Gas in liquid	2. Cheese
R. Liquid in liquid	3. Fog
S. Liquid in gas	4. Whipped cream

	P	Q	R	S
(*a*)	2	1	3	4
(*b*)	1	3	2	4
(*c*)	2	4	1	3
(*d*)	1	4	2	3

2. Match list I of enzymatic reaction with enzyme given in list II :

List I	List II
P. Proteins $\longrightarrow$ Amino acid	1. Zymase
Q. Glucose $\longrightarrow$ Ethyl alcohol + CO_2	2. Lacto bacilli
R. Starch $\longrightarrow$ Maltose	3. Pepsin
S. Milk $\longrightarrow$ Curd	4. Diastase

	P	Q	R	S
(*a*)	3	4	1	2
(*b*)	4	1	3	2
(*c*)	3	4	2	1
(*d*)	3	1	4	2

Answers

1. (c) 2. (*d*)

NCERT Exemplar Problems

Objective Questions

Multiple Choice Questions (Type-I)

1. Which of the following process does *not* occur at the interface of phases ?
(*a*) crystallisation
(*b*) heterogenous catalysis
(*c*) homogeneous catalysis
(*d*) corrosion

2. At the equilibrium position in the process of adsorption _____.
(*a*) $\Delta H > 0$ (*b*) $\Delta H = T\Delta S$
(*c*) $\Delta H > T\Delta S$ (*d*) $\Delta H < T\Delta S$

3. Which of the following interface cannot be obtained ?
(*a*) liquid-liquid (*b*) solid-liquid
(*c*) liquid-gas (*d*) gas-gas

4. The term 'sorption' stands for _____.
(*a*) absorption (*b*) adsorption
(*c*) both absorption and adsorption
(*d*) desorption

5. Extent of physisorption of a gas increases with _____.
(*a*) increase in temperature.
(*b*) decrease in temperature.
(*c*) decrease in surface area of adsorbent.
(*d*) decrease in strength of van der Waals forces.

6. Extent of adsorption of adsorbate from solution phase increases with _____.
(*a*) increase in amount of adsorbate in solution.
(*b*) decrease in surface area of adsorbent.
(*c*) increase in temperature of solution.
(*d*) decrease in amount of adsorbate in solution.

7. Which one of the following is not applicable to the phenomenon of adsorption ?
(*a*) $\Delta H > 0$ (*c*) $\Delta G < 0$
(*c*) $\Delta S < 0$ (*d*) $\Delta H < 0$

8. Which of the following is not a favourable condition for physical adsorption ?
(*a*) high pressure
(*b*) negative ΔH
(*c*) higher critical temperature of adsorbate
(*d*) high temperature

Answers

1. (*c*) **2.** (*b*) **3.** (*d*) **4.** (*c*) **5.** (*b*) **6.** (*a*) **7.** (*a*) **8.** (*d*)

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9. Physical adsorption of a gaseous species may change to chemical adsorption with _____.
(*a*) decrease in temperature
(*b*) increase in temperature
(*c*) increase in surface area of adsorbent
(*d*) decrease in surface area of adsorbent

10. In physisorption, adsorbent does not show specificity for any particular gas because _____.
(*a*) involved van der Waals forces are universal.
(*b*) gases involved behave like ideal gases.
(*c*) enthalpy of adsorption is low.
(*d*) it is a reversible process.

11. Which of the following is an example of absorption ?
(*a*) Water on silica gel
(*b*) Water on calcium chloride
(*c*) Hydrogen on finely divided nickel
(*d*) Oxygen on metal surface

12. On the basis of data given below predict which of the following gases shows least adsorption on a definite amount of charcoal ?

Gas	CO_2	SO_2	CH_4	H_2
Critical temp./K	304	630	190	33

(*a*) CO_2 (*b*) SO_2 (*c*) CH_4 (*d*) H_2

13. In which of the following reactions heterogenous catalysis is involved ?

(*i*) $2SO_2(g) + O_2(g) \xrightarrow{NO(g)} 2SO_3(g)$

(*ii*) $2SO_2(g) \xrightarrow{Pt(s)} 2SO_3(g)$

(*iii*) $N_2(g) + 3H_2(g) \xrightarrow{Fe(s)} 2NH_3(g)$

(*iv*) $CH_3COOCH_3(l) + H_2O(l) \xrightarrow{HCl(l)} CH_3COOH(aq) + CH_3OH(aq)$

(*a*) (*ii*), (*iii*) (*b*) (*ii*), (*iii*), (*iv*)
(*c*) (*i*), (*ii*), (*iii*) (*d*) (*iv*)

14. At high concentration of soap in water, soap behaves as _____.
(*a*) molecular colloid (*b*) associated colloid
(*c*) macromolecular colloid
(*d*) lyophilic colloid

15. Which of the following will show Tyndall effect ?
(*a*) Aqueous solution of soap below critical micelle concentration.
(*b*) Aqueous solution of soap above critical micelle concentration.
(*c*) Aqueous solution of sodium chloride.
(*d*) Aqueous solution of sugar.

16. Method by which lyophobic sol can be protected.
(*a*) By addition of oppositely charged sol.
(*b*) By addition of an electrolyte.
(*c*) By addition of lyophilic sol.
(*d*) By boiling.

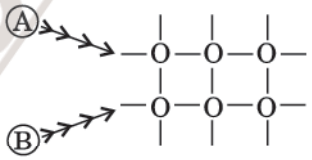
17. Freshly prepared precipitate sometimes gets converted to colloidal solution by _____.
(*a*) coagulation (*b*) electrolysis
(*c*) diffusion (*d*) peptisation

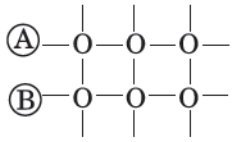
18. Which of the following electrolytes will have maximum coagulating value for AgI/Ag^+ sol ?
(*a*) Na_2S (*b*) Na_3PO_4
(*c*) Na_2SO_4 (*d*) NaCl

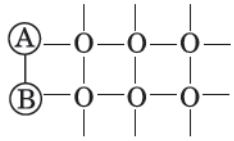
19. A colloidal system having a solid substance as a dispersed phase and a liquid as a dispersion medium is classified as _____.
(*a*) solid sol (*b*) gel
(*c*) emulsion (*d*) sol

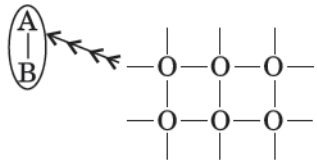
20. The values of colligative properties of colloidal solution are of small order in comparison to those shown by true solutions of same concentration because of colloidal particles _____.
(*a*) exhibit enormous surface area.
(*b*) remain suspended in the dispersion medium.
(*c*) form lyophilic colloids.
(*d*) are comparatively less in number.

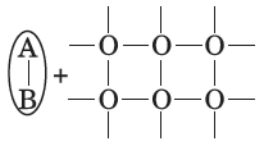
21. Arrange the following diagrams in correct sequence of steps involved in the mechanism of catalysis, in accordance with modern adsorption theory.

(*i*) 

(*ii*) 

(*iii*) 

(*iv*) 

(*v*) 

(*a*) *i* ⟶ *ii* ⟶ *iii* ⟶ *iv* ⟶ *v*
(*b*) *i* ⟶ *iii* ⟶ *ii* ⟶ *iv* ⟶ *v*
(*c*) *i* ⟶ *iii* ⟶ *ii* ⟶ *v* ⟶ *iv*
(*d*) *i* ⟶ *ii* ⟶ *iii* ⟶ *v* ⟶ *iv*

Answers

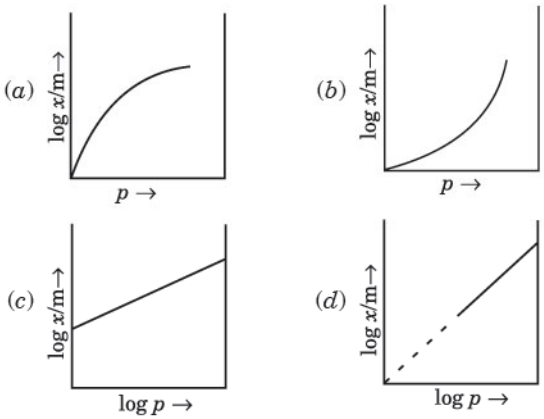
9. (*b*) **10.** (*a*) **11.** (*b*) **12.** (*d*) **13.** (*a*) **14.** (*b*) **15.** (*b*) **16.** (*c*) **17.** (*d*)
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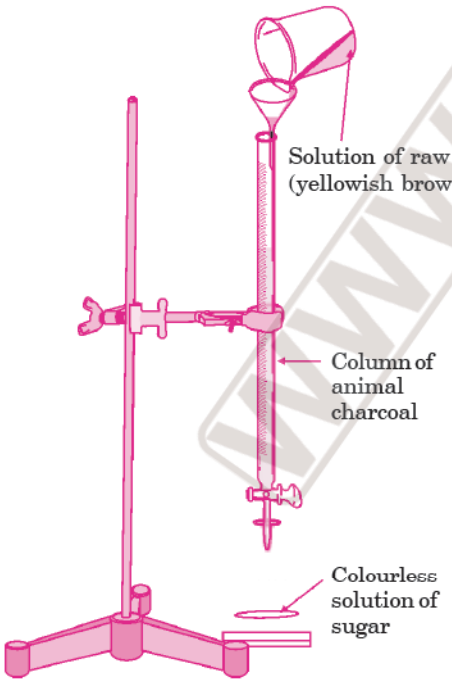
22. Which of the following process is responsible for the formation of delta at a place where rivers meet the sea ?
(a) Emulsification (b) Colloid formation
(c) Coagulation (d) Peptisation

23. Which of the following curves is in accordance with Freundlich adsorption isotherm ?



24. Which of the following process is not responsible for the presence of electric charge on the sol particles ?
(a) Electron capture by sol particles.
(b) Adsorption of ionic species from solution.
(c) Formation of Helmholtz electrical double layer.
(d) Absorption of ionic species from solution.

25. Which of the following phenomenon is applicable to the process shown in the figure ?



(a) Absorption (b) Adsorption
(c) Coagulation (d) Emulsification

Multiple Choice Questions (Type-II)

Note : *In the following questions two or more options may be correct.*

26. Which of the following options are correct ?
(a) Micelle formation by soap in aqueous solution is possible at all temperatures.
(b) Micelle formation by soap in aqueous solution occurs above a particular concentration.
(c) On dilution of soap solution micelles may revert to individual ions.
(d) Soap solution behaves as a normal strong electrolyte at all concentrations.

27. Which of the following statements are correct about solid catalyst ?
(a) Same reactants may give different product by using different catalysts.
(b) Catalyst does not change ΔH of reaction.
(c) Catalyst is required in large quantities to catalyse reactions.
(d) Catalytic activity of a solid catalyst does not depend upon the strength of chemisorption.

28. Freundlich adsorption isotherm is given by the expression $\frac{x}{m} = kP^{\frac{1}{n}}$, which of the following conclusions can be drawn from this expression.
(a) When $\frac{1}{n} = 0$, the adsorption is independent of pressure.
(b) When $\frac{1}{n} = 0$, the adsorption is directly proportional to pressure.
(c) When $n = 0, \frac{x}{m}$ vs P graph is a line parallel to x-axis.
(d) When $n = 0$, plot of $\frac{x}{m}$ vs P is a curve.

29. H_2 gas is adsorbed on activated charcoal to a very little extent in comparison to easily liquefiable gases due to _____.
(a) very strong van der Waals interaction.
(b) very weak van der Waals forces.
(c) very low critical temperature.
(d) very high critical temperature.

30. Which of the following statements are correct ?
(a) Mixing two oppositely charged sols neutralises their charges and stabilises the colloid.
(b) Presence of equal and similar charges on colloidal particles provides stability to the colloids.
(c) Any amount of dispersed liquid can be added to emulsion without destabilising it.
(d) Brownian movement stabilises sols.

Answers

22. (c) **23.** (c) **24.** (d) **25.** (b) **26.** (b, c) **27.** (a, b) **28.** (a, c) **29.** (b, c) **30.** (b, d)

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31. An emulsion cannot be broken by _____ and _____ .
(*a*) heating
(*b*) adding more amount of dispersion medium
(*c*) freezing
(*d*) adding emulsifying agent

32. Which of the following substances will precipitate the negatively charged emulsions ?
(*a*) KCl (*b*) Glucose
(*c*) Urea (*d*) NaCl

33. Which of the following colloids cannot be coagulated easily ?
(*a*) Lyophobic colloids.
(*b*) Irreversible colloids.
(*c*) Reversible colloids.
(*d*) Lyophilic colloids.

34. What happens when a lyophilic sol is added to a lyophobic sol ?
(*a*) Lyophobic sol is protected.
(*b*) Lyophilic sol is protected.
(*c*) Film of lyophilic sol is formed over lyophobic sol.
(*d*) Film of lyophobic sol is formed over lyophilic sol.

35. Which phenomenon occurs when an electric field is applied to a colloidal solution and electrophoresis is prevented ?
(*a*) Reverse osmosis takes place.
(*b*) Electroosmosis takes place.
(*c*) Dispersion medium begins to move.
(*d*) Dispersion medium becomes stationary.

36. In a reaction, catalyst changes _____.
(*a*) physically
(*b*) qualitatively
(*c*) chemically
(*d*) quantitatively

37. Which of the following phenomenon occurs when a chalk stick is dipped in ink ?
(*a*) adsorption of coloured substance
(*b*) adsorption of solvent
(*c*) absorption and adsorption both of solvent
(*d*) absoprtion of solvent

Answers

31. (*b, d*) **32.** (*a, d*) **33.** (*c, d*) **34.** (*a, c*) **35.** (*b, c*) **36.** (*a, b*) **37.** (*a, d*)

Matching Type Questions

Note : *Match the items of Column I and Column II in the following questions.*

38. Method of formation of solution is given in Column I. Match it with the type of solution given in Column II.

Column I	*Column II*
(*a*) Sulphur vapours passed through cold water	(*i*) Normal electrolyte solution
(*b*) Soap mixed with water above critical micelle concentration	(*ii*) Molecular colloids
(*c*) White of egg whipped with water	(*iii*) Associated colloid
(*d*) Soap mixed with water below critical micelle concentration	(*iv*) Macromolecular colloids

39. Match the statement given in Column I with the phenomenon given in Column II.

Column I	*Column II*
(*a*) Dispersion medium moves in an electric field	(*i*) Osmosis
(*b*) Solvent molecules pass through semipermeable membrane towards solvent side	(*ii*) Electrophoresis
(*c*) Movement of charged colloidal particles under the influence of applied electric potential towards oppositely charged electrodes	(*iii*) Electroosmosis
(*d*) Solvent molecules pass through semipermeable membranes towards solution side	(*iv*) Reverse osmosis

Answers

38. (*a*) — (*ii*) ; (*b*) — (*iii*) ; (*c*) — (*iv*) ; (*d*) — (*i*)

39. (*a*) — (*iii*) ; (*b*) — (*iv*) ; (*c*) — (*ii*) ; (*d*) — (*i*)

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40. Match the items given in Column I and Column II.

Column I	*Column II*
(*i*) Protective colloid	(*a*) $FeCl_3$ + NaOH
(*ii*) Liquid - liquid colloid	(*b*) Lyophilic colloids
(*iii*) Positively charged colloid	(*c*) Emulsion
(*iv*) Negatively charged colloid	(*d*) $FeCl_3$ + hot water

41. Match the types of colloidal systems given in Column I with the name given in Column II.

Column I	*Column II*
(*a*) Solid in liquid	(*i*) Foam
(*b*) Liquid in solid	(*ii*) Sol
(*c*) Liquid in liquid	(*iii*) Gel
(*d*) Gas in liquid	(*iv*) Emulsion

42. Match the items of Column I and Column II.

Column I	*Column II*
(*a*) Dialysis	(*i*) Cleansing action of soap
(*b*) Peptisation	(*ii*) Coagulation
(*c*) Emulsification	(*iii*) Colloidal sol formation
(*d*) Electrophoresis	(*iv*) Purification

43. Match the items of Column I and Column II.

Column I	*Column II*
(*a*) Butter	(*i*) dispersion of liquid in liquid
(*b*) Pumice stone	(*ii*) dispersion of solid in liquid
(*c*) Milk	(*iii*) dispersion of solid in liquid
(*d*) Paints	(*iv*) dispersion of liquid in solid

Answers

40. (*a*) — (*ii*) ; (*b*) — (*iii*) ; (*c*) — (*iv*) ; (*d*) — (*i*)
41. (*a*) — (*ii*) ; (*b*) — (*iii*) ; (*c*) — (*iv*) ; (*d*) — (*i*)
42. (*a*) — (*iv*) ; (*b*) — (*iii*) ; (*c*) — (*i*) ; (*d*) — (*ii*)
43. (*a*) — (*iv*) ; (*b*) — (*iii*) ; (*c*) — (*i*) ; (*d*) — (*ii*)

Assertion and Reason Type Questions

Note : *In the following questions a statement of assertion followed by a statement of reason is given. Choose the correct answer out of the following choices.*

(*a*) Assertion and reason btoth are correct and the reason is correct explanation of assertion.
(*b*) Assertion and reason both are correct but reason does not explain assertion.
(*c*) Assertion is correct but reason is incorrect.
(*d*) Both assertion and reason are incorrect.
(*e*) Assertion is incorrect but reason is correct.

44. **Assertion :** An ordinary filter paper impregnated with collodion solution stops the flow of colloidal particles.
Reason : Pore size of the filter paper becomes more than the size of colloidal particle.

45. **Assertion :** Colloidal solutions show colligative properties.
Reason: Colloidal particles are large in size.

46. **Assertion :** Colloidal solutions do not show brownian motion.
Reason : Brownian motion is responsible for stability of sols.

47. **Assertion :** Coagulation power of Al^{3+} is more than Na^+.
Reason : Greater the valency of the flocculating ion added, greater is its power to cause precipitation (Hardy Schulze rule).

48. **Assertion :** Detergents with low CMC are more economical to use.
Reason : Cleansing action of detergents involves the formation of micelles. These are formed when the concentration of detergents becomes equal to CMC.

Answers

44. (*c*) **45.** (*b*) **46.** (*e*) **47.** (*a*) **48.** (*a*)

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Hints & Explanations for *Difficult Objective Type Questions*

A. *mcq with only one correct answer*

A1. (*b*) : Physical adsorption may be multilayer.

A3. (*d*) : $\frac{x}{m} = kP^{1/n}$ or $\log \frac{x}{m} = \log k + \frac{1}{n}\log P$

Plot of log *x*/*m* vs log P will be a straight line with slope = $\frac{1}{n}$.

A4. (*a*) :On increasing temperature adsorption decreases continuously in physical adsorption and firstly increases and then decreases in case of chemisorption.

A18. (*d*) : Cation having maximum positive charge *i.e.,* Al^{3+}.

A25. (*b*) : AgI : Ag^+ because $AgNO_3$ is present in excess.

A28. (*c*) : Alum helps in purifying water by Al^{3+} ions which coagulate the negative mud particles.

A29. (*d*) : As_2S_3 is a negative sol and therefore coagulating power decreases as $Al^{3+} > Ba^{2+} > Na^+$

B. *mcq from Competitive Examinations*

B1. (*b*) : When a graph is plotted between log *x*/*m* and log *p*, for Langmuir adsorption, a straight line is obtained with a slope = 1/*n*. The equation of straight line is log *x*/*m* = log K + 1/*n* log *p*.

B3. (*d*) : $\frac{x}{m} = p \times T$ is incorrect.

B5. (*a*) : Freundlich adsorption isotherm is $\frac{x}{m} = kp^{1/n}$ where *n* is > 1 so that (1/*n*) lies between 0 and 1.

B6. (*d*) : The rate of enzyme activity rises rapidly with temperature and becomes maximum at a definite temperature called the optimum temperature. On either side of the optimum temperature, the enzyme activity decreases.

B10. (*c*) : Lower is the coagulation value, higher is the coagulation power. Therefore, coagulating power is in the order : III ($MgSO_4$) > II ($BaCl_2$) > I (NaCl)

B11. (*c*) : According to Hardy Schulze rule, the coagulating power of an ion depends upon magnitude and sign of the coagulating ion.

B12. (*b*) : The given sol is positively charged because the colloidal particles move towards cathode. Its coagulation can be caused by oppositely charged anion. Therefore, the coagulating power is :

$$[Fe(CN)_6]^{4-} > PO_4^{3-} > SO_4^{2-} > Cl^-$$

B15. (*e*) :

$$\frac{x}{m} = kp^{1/n}$$

$$\ln\frac{x}{m} = \ln k + \frac{1}{n}\ln p$$

$$\text{Slope} = \frac{1}{n} = 0$$

Thus, $\frac{x}{m} = kp^0$

B17. (*b*) : Higher the critical temperature of a gas, greater is the amount of gas adsorbed. The critical temperature of $H_2 < CH_4 < SO_2$. Therefore, the order of adsorption will be $H_2 < CH_4 < SO_2$.

B18. (*c*) : It has very low activation energy.

B19. (*d*) : For a true solution, the diameter range is 1 to < 10 Å, and for colloidal solution, diameter range is 10 – 1000 Å. Taking lower limits,

$$\frac{V_c}{V_s} = \frac{\frac{4}{3}\pi r_c^3}{\frac{4}{3}\pi r_s^3} = \left(\frac{r_c}{r_s}\right)^3$$

$$r_c = \frac{10}{2} = 5\text{ Å}, \quad r_s = \frac{1}{2} = 0.5\text{ Å}$$

$$\frac{V_c}{V_s} = \left(\frac{5}{0.5}\right)^3 = \frac{10^3}{1}$$

B20. (*b*) : In Langmuir adsorption, the rate of condensation depends upon the pressure of the gas as according to kinetic theory, the number of molecules striking per unit area is proportional to the pressure of the gas.

B21. (*d*) : Lesser the gold number of a protective colloid, better is its protective power.

A < C < B < D

B22. (*d*) : For physisorption, ΔH is negative.

B23. (*d*) : According to Freundlich adsorption isotherm :

$\frac{x}{m} = kP^{1/n}$

1/*n* can have values between 0 to 1 over different ranges of pressure.

B24. (*c*) : As_2S_3 is a negatively charged sol. Therefore, coagulating power is proportional to the valency of the active (positive) ion (Hardy Schulze rule)

$\therefore$ $Al^{3+} > Ba^{2+} > Na^+$ or $Na^+ < Ba^{2+} < Al^{3+}$

B25. (*c*) : Moles of acetic acid initially present = $\frac{0.06\times50}{1000}$

$= 3.0 \times 10^{-3}$

Moles of acetic acid after adsorption = $\frac{0.042\times50}{1000}$

$= 2.1 \times 10^{-3}$

Moles of acetic acid adsorbed = $3.0 \times 10^{-3} - 2.1 \times 10^{-3}$

$= 0.9 \times 10^{-3}$ moles

Mass of acetic acid adsorbed = $0.9 \times 10^{-3} \times 60$

$= 54 \times 10^{-3}$ g

Amount of acetic acid adsorbed per gram of charcoal

$= \frac{54\times10^{-3}}{3} = 18 \times 10^{-3}$ g = 18 mg

B26. (*c*) : According to Freundlich adsorption isotherm,

$$\frac{x}{m} = kP^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

or $$\log\frac{x}{m} = \log k + \frac{1}{n}\log P$$

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Plot of log (x/m) vs log P gives intercept = log k and slope = $\frac{1}{n}$. Therefore, only $\frac{1}{n}$ appears as the slope.

B27. (d) : The conditions (B) and (D) are correct.

B28. (d) : Amount of starch in milligram added to 10 mL of gold sol required to prevent coagulation of 1 mL of 10% NaCl solution = 0.25 g or = 250 mg.
Amount of starch required to be added to 10 mL of gold sol. to completely prevent coagulation of 1 mL of 10% NaCl solution.

$$\frac{250}{100}\times 10 = 25\,\text{mg}$$

Hence, gold number = 25

B29. (d) : On addition of KI to $AgNO_3$, AgI is formed. Since KI is added in excess, the AgI formed adsorbs K^+ and I^- which form the Helmholtz electrical double layer.

B30. (c) : Electrodialysis is used to remove electrolytes. Urea is a non-electrolyte.

B32. (c) : $Fe(OH)_3$ is a positive sol. and therefore, the best coagulant is PO_4^{3-} ion.

B39. (c) : $\log \frac{x}{m} = \log k + \frac{1}{n}\log P$

Intercept = log k, slope = $\frac{1}{n}$

B40. (d) : Macromolecular colloids are quite stable and resemble true solution in many respects. Therefore these cannot be easily coagulated.

B41. (b) : $Ag|Ag^+$ is a positively charged sol. It can be coagulated by a negative ion. For its flocculation, PO_4^{3-} ions have maximum flocculation power and Cl^- ions have minimum flocculation power. Hence, NaCl will have maximum flocculation value.

B42. (d) : Freundlich adsorption isotherm is

$$\frac{x}{m} = k\,P^{1/n}$$

or $$\log\frac{x}{m} = \log k + \frac{1}{n}\log P$$

Hence plot of $\log\frac{x}{m}$ vs log P will be straight line with intercept equal to log k (not zero as in (b))

B44. (d) : Both physisorption and chemisorption increase with increase in surface area.

B45. (d) : In physisorption, $\Delta H_{adsorption}$ is low and always negative.

B50. (a) : The coagulating power of an electrolyte depends upon the charge on the oppositely charged ion of the electrolyte. For negatively charge sol, the order is : $Na^+ < Ba^{2+} < Al^{3+}$

B51. (b) : AgI/Ag^+ is positively charged sol and, therefore, negative ion will cause coagulation. The coagulation value decreases with increase in charge of the coagulating ion. Since Cl^- ion has minimum charge, it will have maximum coagulation value.

B53. (a) : Adsorption is accompanied by evolution of heat ($\Delta H<0$) and decrease in randomness ($\Delta S<0$).

B54. (d) : Lyophilic sols are self stabilizing because these sols are reversible and are highly hydrated in the solution.

B56. (c) : Sb_2S_3 is a negatively charged sol. Hence $Al_2(SO_4)_3$ is the most effective coagulating agent because higher the magnitude of opposite charge (Al^{3+}), higher is the coagulating power.

B57. (b) : The adsorption of methylene blue on activated charcoal is physical adsorption. It is accompanied by a decrease in enthalpy.

C. mcq with more than one correct answer

C8. (a, c) : In physisorption on increasing temperature at constant pressure, adsorption decreases while in chemisorption, adsorption will increase due to requirement of activation energy for adsorption at the same pressure. So, I is physisorption and II is chemisorption.
III is physisorption because on increasing temperature, extent of adsorption decreases. Graph IV represents enthalpy change during chemisorption (due to bond formation). So, IV is for chemisorption. Hence correct answer is (a,c)

C10. (b, c): (b) Higher the critical temperature, higher will be the extent of adsorption.
(c) For adsorption, ΔH = –ve (exothermic) and ΔS = –ve (decrease in entropy)

NCERT Exemplar Problems : MCQs Type-I

1. (c) : There is no interface in homogeneous catalysis.

2. (b) : At equilibrium position during adsorption, $\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S = 0$ so that $\Delta H = T\Delta S$.

3. (d) : Gas-gas interface is not possible because gases are miscible.

7. (a) : $\Delta H > 0$ is not possible.

8. (d) : Because physical adsorption decreases with increase in temperature.

12. (d) : Higher the critical temperature, large is the adsorption. With decrease in critical temperature, adsorption decreases.

17. (d) : Peptisation is a process of converting freshly prepared precipitate to a colloidal solution.

18. (b) : Because it contains highly charged precipitating ion (PO_4^{3-}).

22. (c) : Delta is formed due to coagulation of electrolytes present in sea water.

NCERT Exemplar Problems : MCQs Type-II

28. (a, c) : When $\frac{1}{n}=0$, $\frac{x}{m}=k$ *i.e.*, adsorption is independent of pressure.
When $n=0$, $\frac{x}{m}$ vs p graph becomes parallel to x-axis

32. (a, d) : because these contain positively charged coagulating ions.

36. (a, b) : A catalyst is recovered unchanged after the reaction and therefore it changes only physically and qualitatively.

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GENERAL PRINCIPLES AND PROCESSES OF ISOLATION OF ELEMENTS

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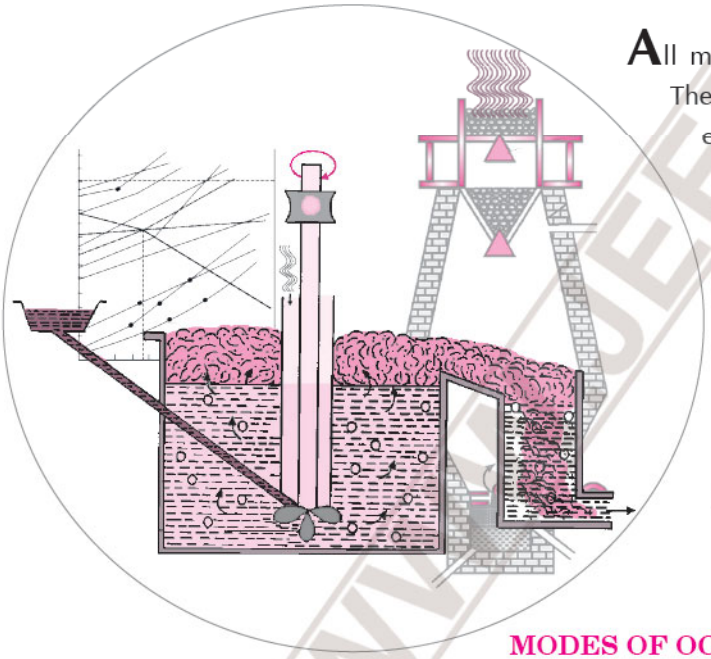
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All materials found in the earth are composed of different elements. These elements are distributed in all the three main parts of the earth; *atmosphere, hydrosphere* and *lithosphere*. Among these, lithosphere constitutes the main source of most of the elements. The periodic table is dominated by metals because of all the elements known about 80% are metals. In the present unit, we shall mainly emphasise on the isolation and extraction of metals. A particular element may occur in a variety of compounds. The extraction and isolation of an element from its combined form involves various principles of chemistry.

The entire scientific and technological processes used for isolation of metal from its ores is called **metallurgy**.

MODES OF OCCURRENCE OF ELEMENTS

The elements generally occur in the free state (called native state) or in the combined state. This is mainly because of different chemical reactivities of elements.

1. Native State

The elements which have very low reactivity and are not attacked by oxygen or air, moisture, carbon dioxide or other non-metals occur in the free state, called **native state**. For example, carbon, sulphur, nitrogen, noble gases, metals like gold, silver, platinum, etc. occur in nature in the native state. Therefore, these elements are also called **native elements**.

2. Combined State

The elements which are reactive and have a tendency to combine with oxygen or air, moisture, carbon dioxide and non-metals like carbon, nitrogen, sulphur, phosphorus, arsenic, halogen, etc. occur in the **combined state**.

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Therefore, these elements occur in the crust of the earth in the form of their compounds. In the combined state, the non-metals are usually found in the reduced form and the metals in the oxidised form.

Among the metals, only a few metals, such as silver, gold, platinum, etc. occur in native state.

Non-metals such as carbon and sulphur also occur in native state as well as in combined state.

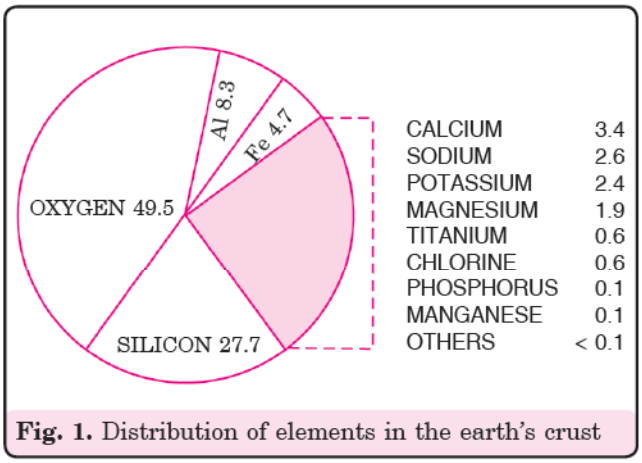


Fig. 1. Distribution of elements in the earth's crust

Abundance of Elements

Elements vary in abundances. The sixteen most abundant elements in the earth's crust and their percentages by weight are shown in Fig. 1. Oxygen constitutes nearly half (49.5%) and silicon about one quarter of the total mass of the elements in the earth's crust.

Most metals occur in the combined states. The most common forms of metals in the combined states are *oxides, carbonates, sulphides, silicates, halides, sulphates, arsenides, phosphates, etc.*

Among metals, **aluminium is the most abundant.** It is the **third most abundant** element in earth's crust (8.31% by wt). It occurs widely as a constituent of rocks and soils. It is a major component of many igneous minerals including mica and clays.

Iron is the second most abundant metal in earth's crust. It forms a variety of compounds which have various important uses. This makes iron a very important element. Iron is also one of the essential elements in biological systems.

OCCURRENCE OF METALS : MINERALS AND ORES

As already discussed, metals occur in *native state* and *combined state*. Most of the metals have a tendency to react with moisture, oxygen, sulphur, halogens, etc. and therefore, occur in the crust of the earth in the form of their compounds such as oxides, sulphides, halides, silicates, carbonates, nitrates, phosphates, etc.

The naturally occurring chemical substances in the form of which the metals occur in the earth's crust are called **minerals.**

The mineral, from which the metal can be economically and conveniently extracted, is called an **ore.**

It may be noted that often a metal occurs in more than one form. The type of mineral from which the metal can be extracted is decided on the basis of profitability. For example, metals are not generally extracted from silicate minerals because of the difficulties during the extraction. For example, aluminium occurs in the earth's crust in the form of two minerals, bauxite ($Al_2O_3.2H_2O$) and clay ($Al_2O_3.2SiO_2.2H_2O$). Out of these two, aluminium can be conveniently and economically extracted from bauxite. Therefore, the *ore of aluminium is bauxite* though both bauxite and clay are minerals of aluminium.

Similarly, iron occurs in the earth's crust as *oxides*, *carbonates* and *sulphides*. Out of these minerals of iron, oxides of iron are taken for extraction because these are most abundant and do not produce polluting gases (like SO_2, which is produced in case of iron pyrites, FeS_2). For copper and zinc, any of the minerals given in Table 1 may be employed depending upon their availability and other relevant factors. Thus, it may be concluded that

All the ores are minerals but all the minerals are not ores.

The principal ores of some important metals are given in Table 1.

Gem stones. Many gem stones are impure forms of alumina (Al_2O_3) and contain traces of metal ions as impurities such as Cr^{3+} (in ruby), Co^{3+} (blue sapphire), Fe^{3+} (topaz or yellow sapphire), Mn^{3+} (amethyst), etc.

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Table 1. Principal ores of some important metals.

Metal	Name	Composition
Aluminium (Al)	Bauxite	$AlO_x(OH)_{3-2x}$ (where $0 < x < 1$)
	Feldspar	$KAlSi_3O_8$
	Cryolite	Na_3AlF_6
	Kaolinite (a form of clay)	$Al_2(OH)_4Si_2O_5$
Iron (Fe)	Haematite	Fe_2O_3
	Magnetite	Fe_3O_4
	Siderite	$FeCO_3$
	Iron pyrites	FeS_2
	Limonite	$Fe_2O_3.3H_2O$
Copper (Cu)	Copper glance	Cu_2S
	Copper pyrites	$CuFeS_2$
	Malachite	$CuCO_3.Cu(OH)_2$
	Cuprite (ruby copper)	Cu_2O
	Azurite	$2\ CuCO_3.Cu(OH)_2$
Zinc (Zn)	Zinc blende or Sphalerite	ZnS
	Calamine	$ZnCO_3$
	Zincite	ZnO
	Willemite	Zn_2SiO_4
	Franklinite	$ZnO.Fe_2O_3$
Manganese (Mn)	Pyrolusite	MnO_2
	Braunite	Mn_2O_3
Calcium (Ca)	Limestone	$CaCO_3$
	Gypsum	$CaSO_4.2H_2O$
Magnesium (Mg)	Magnesite	$MgCO_3$
	Dolomite	$CaCO_3.MgCO_3$
Lead (Pb)	Galena	PbS
	Cerrusite	$PbCO_3$
Silver (Ag)	Argentite or Silver glance	Ag_2S
	Horn silver	AgCl
	Ruby silver	$Ag_2S.Sb_2S_3$
Mercury (Hg)	Cinnabar	HgS

SOLVED EXAMPLES

❑ **Example 1.**

In general, which metals do you expect to occur in native state in nature ? Give examples.

Solution : In general, the metals which lie below hydrogen in electrochemical series occur in native state in nature because these are not attacked by oxygen, moisture and CO_2 present in the atmosphere. Common examples are Cu, Ag, Au, Pt, etc.

❑ **Example 2.**

Why do metal sulphides occur mainly in rocks and metal halides occur mostly in lakes and seas ?

Solution : Metal sulphides are insoluble in water and therefore, they occur mostly in rocks. On the other hand, metal halides are highly soluble in water. Therefore, they get dissolved in rain water and are carried to lakes and seas.

❑ **Example 3.**

Name two examples each of the following types of ores :

(a) Oxides (b) Sulphides (c) Carbonates (d) Silicates

Solution : (a) Oxides

(*i*) Haematite : Fe_2O_3 (*ii*) Bauxite : $Al_2O_3.2H_2O$

(b) Sulphides

(*i*) Copper glance : Cu_2S (*ii*) Zinc blende : ZnS

(c) Carbonates

(*i*) Siderite : $FeCO_3$ (*ii*) Dolomite : $CaCO_3.MgSO_4$

(d) Silicates

(*i*) Willemite : Zn_2SiO_4 (*ii*) Feldspar : $KAlSi_3O_8$

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EXTRACTION OF METALS : METALLURGY

The process of extracting metals from their ores is called ***metallurgy.***

The ores mined from the earth's crust are never pure. These are generally contaminated with earthly or undesired materials (impurities). These are called **gangue** or **matrix**. The process of metallurgy depends upon the nature of the ore and the impurities present in it. Therefore, *it is not possible to have a single universal method which may be applicable to all the metals.* Thus, the extraction of each metal involves an individual procedure. However, some common steps involved in the metallurgical operations are :

1. *Crushing and grinding of the ore*
2. *Concentration or benefaction of the ore*
3. *Extraction of crude metal from concentrated ore*
4. *Purification or refining of the metal*

I. CRUSHING AND GRINDING OF THE ORE

The ores occur in nature as huge lumps. They are broken to small pieces with the help of *crushers or grinders.* These pieces are then reduced to fine powder with the help of a *ball mill* or *stamp mill*. This process is called **pulverisation**.

II. CONCENTRATION OF ORE OR ORE BENEFACTION

The ores are usually found mixed up with large amounts of non-metallic impurities such as, sand, mica, limestone, felspar, earthly and rocky impurities. These unwanted impurities are called **gangue** or **matrix** and have to be removed before extracting the metals.

The process of removal of unwanted impurities (i.e., gangue or matrix) from the ore is called **ore concentration** or **ore dressing** or **ore benefaction**.

Before the ore is subjected to metallurgical processes for extraction of metal from the ore, it is essential to concentrate the ore. The powdered ore is concentrated by one of the following methods depending upon the differences in physical properties of the compound of the metal present and the impurities (gangue) present in the ore.

1. Hand picking.

Quite often, the ore is separated from the main stock in a sufficient degree of purity by simply picking it by hand and then breaking away the adhering rocky materials with a hammer.

2. Gravity separation or Levigation.

This method is based on the ***differences in the specific gravities of metallic ores and the gangue particles.*** Therefore, this method is known as **gravity separation**. This method is frequently used when *the ore particles are heavier than the earthy or rocky gangue particles.* For example, this method is commonly used for oxide ores such as **haematite**, **tin stone** and **native ore of Au**, **Ag,** etc.

The process by which lighter earthly particles are removed from heavier ore particles by washing with water *is called* ***hydraulic washing or gravity separation or levigation.***

The powdered ore is fed into a stream of running water when the lighter impurities are washed away and the heavier ore particles are left behind. This method is used only on a small scale. In order to concentrate the ores in bulk, two commonly used methods of gravity separation are :

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(*i*) Wilfley washing

(*ii*) Hydraulic washing or Levigation

(*i*) Wilfley's washing. A Wilfley table is a wooden table having a slanting floor on which long wooden strips called *riffles* or *cleats* are fixed (Fig. 2). The powdered ore is mixed with water and introduced at one end of the table. The table is given regular rocky motion.

The heavier ore particles are obstructed by the riffles while the lighter impurities are carried away by the stream of water. The heavier ore particles which get collected behind the riffles move to one side as a result of motion of the table and are collected.

This method is particularly useful for the concentration of native gold ore or cassiterite (SnO_2).

(*ii*) Hydraulic washing or Levigation. The hydraulic classifier consists of a large conical reservoir fitted with an ore inlet at the top and water inlet at the bottom. There is a provision to remove light gangue particles from the side near the top and concentrated ore from the bottom as shown in Fig. 3. In this method, the powdered ore is dropped through a hopper into the hydraulic classifier from the top. A powerful stream of water is forced into it through the pipe at the bottom of the reservoir. The lighter particles of the gangue are carried up by the current of water and pass out alongwith water flowing out from the outlet near the top. The heavier particles of the ore get collected at the base of the cone. The conical shape of the reservoir helps in reducing the velocity of water and this prevents the ore particles from being carried away along with the stream of water.

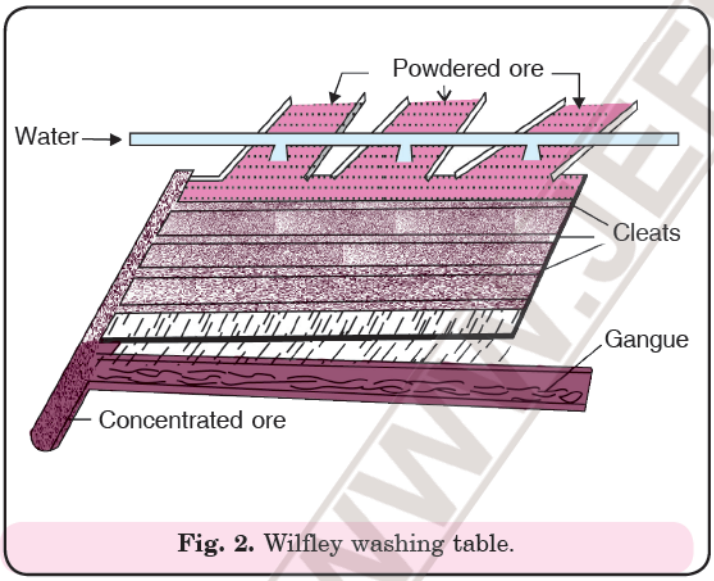


Fig. 2. Wilfley washing table.

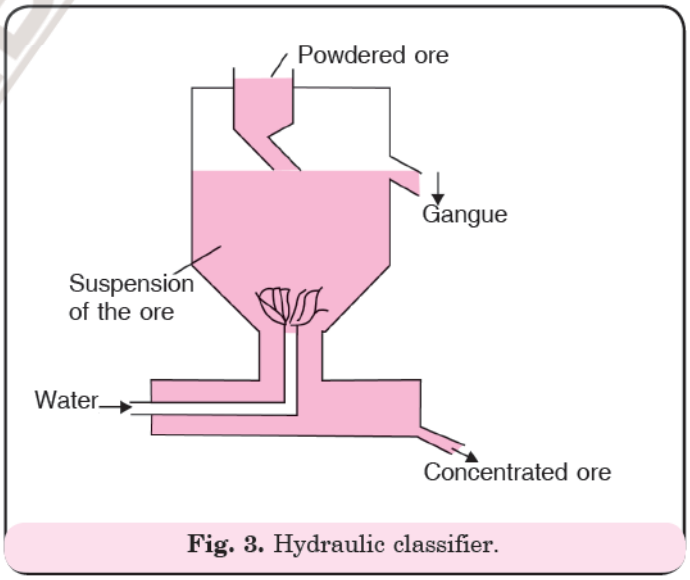


Fig. 3. Hydraulic classifier.

3. Electromagnetic separation

This is based on the ***differences in magnetic properties of the ore components.*** If either ore or the gangue (one of these two) is attracted by a magnet then ore can be *separated from the impurities with the help of magnetic separation method*. For example, the magnetic impurities such as iron and manganese tungstates ($FeWO_4$, $MnWO_4$) present in tin stone (SnO_2, non-magnetic) are separated by this method. Similarly, chromite ($FeO.Cr_2O_3$) is magnetic and it can be separated from non-magnetic silicious gangue by this method. This method is also used for the concentration of haematite (Fe_2O_3) or magnetite (Fe_3O_4), pyrolusite (MnO_2), ilmenite (ore of titanium), etc. It consists of a brass or leather belt moving over two rollers, one of which

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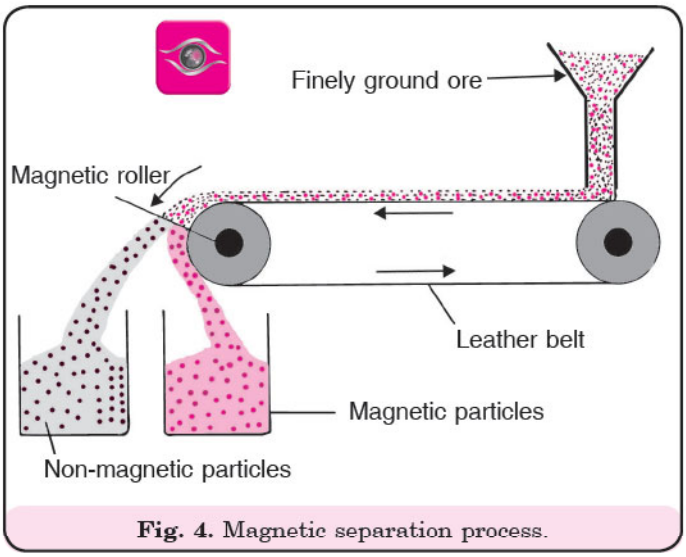


Fig. 4. Magnetic separation process.

is magnetic in nature as shown in Fig. 4. Powdered ore is dropped over the moving belt at one end. At the other end, the magnetic portion of the ore is attracted by the magnetic roller and falls nearer to the roller while the non-magnetic impurities fall farther off.

4. Electrostatic concentration

This method is used for the *separation of* **ores which are good conductors of electricity from those which are poor conductors of electricity.** It is based on the principle that when an electrostatic field is applied, the ore particles which are good conductors of electricity become electrically charged and are consequently repelled by electrode having the same charge and are thrown away. This method is used for the concentration of lead sulphide (PbS) and zinc sulphide (ZnS) ores occurring together in nature. The powdered ore is fed upon a roller in a thin layer and subjected to the influence of an electrostatic field. Lead sulphide being a good conductor, gets charged immediately and is thrown away from the roller whereas zinc sulphide being a poor conductor falls vertically from the roller.

5. Froth floatation

This method is based on the principle of ***difference in the wetting properties of the ore and gangue particles with water and oil.*** It is used for the *extraction of those metals in which the ore particles are preferentially wetted by oil and gangue by water*. This method has been used for the concentration of sulphide ores, such as galena (PbS), zinc blende (ZnS), copper pyrites ($CuFeS_2$), etc. The sulphide ore particles are preferentially wetted by oil and gangue particles by water.

- **Collectors:** pine oil, eucalyptus oil, xanthates; **enhance the non-wettability of mineral particles.**
- **Froth stabilizers:** aniline, cresol; **stabilize the froth.**

In this method, the powdered ore is mixed with water to form a suspension in a tank (Fig. 5). To this suspension small quantities of collectors and froth stabilizers are added. Collectors (*e.g.*, pine oil, eucalyptus oil, fatty acids, xanthates, etc.) enhance the non-wettability of the mineral particles and froth stabilizers (*e.g.*, cresols, aniline) help in stabilization of the froth. The mineral ore particles become wet by oil while the gangue (impurities) particles by water. The suspension is agitated by a rotating paddle or by blowing air violently, when froth (or foam) is formed.

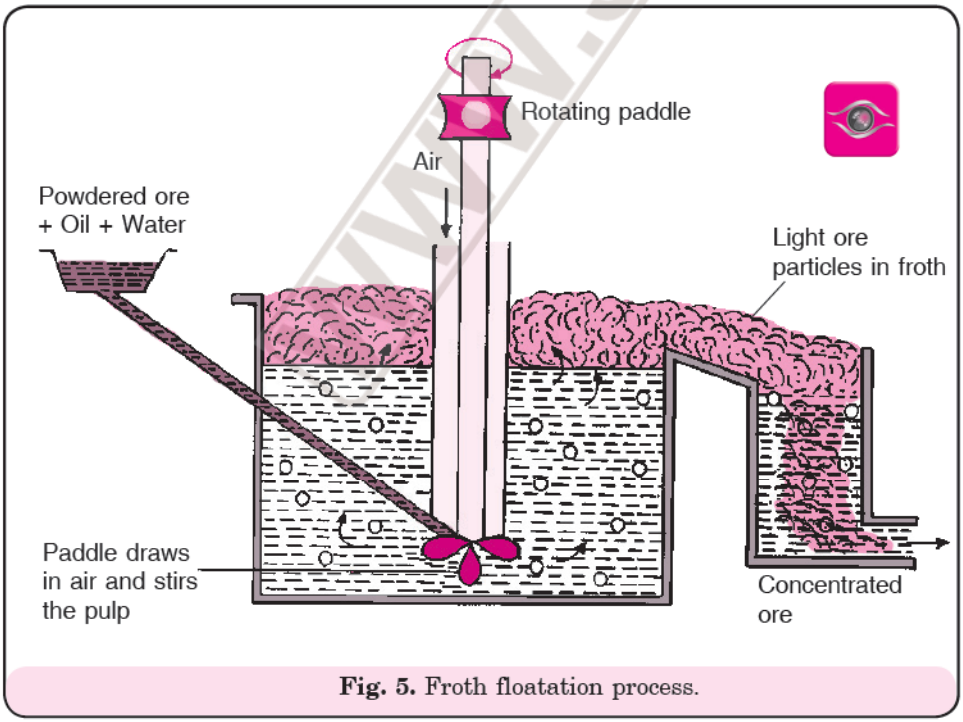


Fig. 5. Froth floatation process.

During the process, the ore particles which are preferentially wetted by the oil become lighter. The froth carries the lighter ore particles along with it to the surface. The heavier impurities are left behind in water and these sink to the bottom. Since the ore particles float with the froth at the surface, this *process is called froth floatation process*. The froth is either skimmed off from the surface or transferred into another tank. The froth is broken by adding some acid and ore particles are separated by filtration and dried.

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Separation of two sulphide ores : Froth floatation method can also be used for **separating one sulphide ore from another by adjusting the proportion of oil to water**. Sometimes, **depressants** are used to prevent certain types of particles from forming the froth with air bubbles. For example, sodium cyanide can be used as a depressant in the separation of zinc sulphide ore (ZnS) and lead sulphide ore (PbS). Sodium cyanide *forms a layer of zinc complex, $Na_2[Zn(CN)_4]$ on the surface of ZnS and therefore, prevents it from forming the froth. Therefore, it acts as a depressant.*

$$\underset{\text{Depressant}}{4NaCN} + \underset{\text{Ore}}{ZnS} \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Sodium tetracyanidozincate(II)}}{Na_2[Zn(CN)_4]} + Na_2S$$

However, NaCN does not prevent PbS from forming the froth. Thus, it selectively prevents ZnS from coming to the froth but allows PbS to come with the froth. Thus, **the two ores can be separated by the use of a depressant**.

6. Leaching

This is a *chemical method of concentration and is useful in case the ore is soluble in a suitable solvent.* In this method, **the powdered ore is treated with certain reagents which can selectively dissolve the ore but not the impurities.** The impurities left undissolved are removed by filtration.

Leaching method is used for concentrating ores of aluminium, silver, gold, etc. For example:

(*i*) **Leaching of alumina from bauxite ore :** Pure alumina (Al_2O_3) is obtained from principal ore of aluminium, bauxite by **Baeyer's process.** The bauxite ore is usually contaminated with impurities of silica (SiO_2), iron oxides (Fe_2O_3), titanium oxide (TiO_2), etc. Concentration is carried out by digesting the powdered ore with a concentrated solution of sodium hydroxide at 473–523 K and 35–36 bar pressure. In this process, Al_2O_3 dissolves in alkali to form soluble sodium aluminate and silica (SiO_2) dissolves as sodium silicate, leaving behind the impurities.

$$\underset{\text{Alumina}}{Al_2O_3.2H_2O\,(s)} + 2NaOH\,(aq) + 3H_2O\,(l) \xrightarrow{473-523\ K} \underset{\text{Sodium aluminate}}{Na[Al(OH)_4]\,(aq)}$$

$$\underset{\text{Silica}}{SiO_2} + 2NaOH \xrightarrow{473-523\ K} \underset{\text{Sodium silicate}}{Na_2SiO_3\,(aq)} + H_2O\,(l)$$

The resulting solution is filtered (to remove impurities), cooled and its pH is adjusted downward by dilution or by neutralisation with carbon dioxide. It is agitated for two to three hours when Al_2O_3 gets precipitated. It may be noted that seeding with a little freshly prepared samples of hydrated Al_2O_3 quickens the process.

$$2Na[Al(OH)_4]\,(aq) + 2CO_2\,(g) \longrightarrow Al_2O_3.xH_2O\,(s) + 2NaHCO_3\,(aq)$$

The sodium silicate remains in the solution and the precipitated hydrated alumina is separated by filtration. It is dried and upon heating to 1470 K gives pure alumina.

$$Al_2O_3.xH_2O\,(s) \xrightarrow{1470\ K} \underset{\text{Pure alumina}}{Al_2O_3\,(s)} + xH_2O\,(g)$$

This process is known as **Baeyer's process**.

(*ii*) **Leaching of silver and gold ores :** Leaching is also used to concentrate silver and gold ores. The ore containing native metal (silver or gold) is treated with a dilute solution (0.5%) of NaCN or KCN in the presence of atmospheric oxygen. As a result, silver and gold get oxidised which then combine with CN^- ions forming their respective soluble complex cyanides while the impurities remain unaffected and are filtered off. The metal dissolves in the solution as a complex.

$$4M\,(s) + 8CN^-\,(aq) + 2H_2O\,(l) + \underset{\text{Air}}{O_2\,(g)} \longrightarrow 4\,\underset{\text{Soluble complex}}{[M(CN)_2]^-\,(aq)} + 4OH^-\,(aq)$$

REMEMBER

- Leaching of bauxite ore to get pure alumina
  - ➡ **Baeyer's process**
- Leaching to concentrate silver and gold ores
  - ➡ **Mac Arthur Forrest Cyanide Process**

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The metal is obtained by replacement reaction as :

$$2[M(CN)_2]^-(aq) + Zn(s) \longrightarrow [Zn(CN)_4]^{2-}(aq) + 2M(s) \text{ metal}$$

(where M = Au or Ag)

For example,

(*i*) **Silver is leached as :**

$$4Ag + 8NaCN + 2H_2O + O_2 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Sodium dicyanidoargentate(I) (Soluble complex)}}{4Na[Ag(CN)_2]} + 4NaOH$$

If instead of native silver, silver glance or argentite (Ag_2S) is used for leaching of silver, the initial reaction forming the soluble complex is reversible.

$$Ag_2S + 4NaCN \rightleftharpoons \underset{\text{Sodium dicyanidoargentate(I) (Soluble complex)}}{2Na[Ag(CN)_2]} + Na_2S$$

Sodium sulphide, thus formed is oxidised to sodium sulphate by blowing air into the solution. This helps the reaction to occur in the forward direction.

$$4Na_2S + 5O_2\,(air) + 2H_2O \longrightarrow 2Na_2SO_4 + 4NaOH + 2S$$

The above solution after filtration and removing insoluble impurities is heated with zinc to get silver.

$$2Na[Ag(CN)_2] + Zn \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Complex}}{Na_2[Zn(CN)_4]} + 2Ag$$

(*ii*) **Gold is also extracted in** a similar way.

$$4Au + 8KCN + 2H_2O + O_2 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Potassium dicyanidoaurate(I) (Soluble complex)}}{4K[Au(CN)_2]} + 4KOH$$

$$2K[Au(CN)_2] + Zn \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Potassium tetracyanidozincate(II) (Soluble complex)}}{K_2[Zn(CN)_4]} + 2Au$$

This process is known as **Cyanide Process** or **Mac Arthur Forrest Cyanide Process**.

III. EXTRACTION OF CRUDE METAL FROM CONCENTRATED ORE

The process of working of the concentrated ore to extract metal depends upon the nature of the ore as well as the nature of the impurities present in the ore. This involves oxidation and reduction reactions. The concentrated ore must be converted into a form which is suitable for reduction. Generally, the sulphide ores are converted to oxides before reduction because oxides are easily reduced. The main operations for the working of the ore involves two steps :

(A) *Conversion of the concentrated ore to its oxide form (oxidation or de-electronation)*

(B) *Conversion of the oxide to the metal (reduction or electronation)*

(A) Conversion of the concentrated ore to its oxide form (Oxidation or de-electronation)

The concentrated ore is either a hydrated oxide, a carbonate or a sulphide. It can be converted into its oxide form by the following two methods :

(*i*) *Calcination*

(*ii*) *Roasting*

These are discussed below :

(*i*) Calcination

Calcination is a process of heating the ore strongly below its melting point either in a limited supply of air or in the absence of air.

During calcination, the following changes take place :

(*i*) moisture is removed

(*ii*) the volatile impurities are removed

(*iii*) the ore becomes porous and hence becomes easily workable in the subsequent steps.

(*iv*) water from hydrated oxides is removed

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(*v*) carbonates decompose to oxides.

For example, hydrated oxide and carbonate ores are generally calcined to give oxides.

(*a*) Zinc occurs as zinc carbonate in calamine ($ZnCO_3$). The ore is calcined *i.e.,* heated strongly in the absence of air to convert it to zinc oxide. During calcination, carbon dioxide is expelled.

$$\underset{\text{Zinc carbonate (Calamine ore)}}{ZnCO_3\,(s)} \xrightarrow{\text{Calcination}} \underset{\text{Zinc oxide}}{ZnO\,(s)} + CO_2\,(g)$$

Similarly,

$$CaCO_3\,(s) \xrightarrow{\text{Calcination}} CaO\,(s) + CO_2\,(g)$$

$$\underset{\text{Dolomite}}{CaCO_3.MgCO_3\,(s)} \xrightarrow{\text{Calcination}} CaO\,(s) + MgO\,(s) + 2CO_2\,(g)$$

$$\underset{\text{Malachite}}{CuCO_3.Cu(OH)_2} \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} \underset{\text{Cupric oxide}}{2CuO} + H_2O\,(s) + CO_2$$

(*b*) Aluminium occurs as $Al_2O_3{\cdot}2H_2O$ in its bauxite ore. When the bauxite ore is calcined, water vapours are expelled and anhydrous aluminium oxide is obtained.

$$Al_2O_3.2H_2O \xrightarrow{\text{Calcination}} Al_2O_3 + 2H_2O$$

(*c*) Water of hydration are removed from limonite ($Fe_2O_3.3H_2O$).

$$\underset{\text{Limonite}}{2Fe_2O_3.3H_2O} \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} 2Fe_2O_3 + 3H_2O$$

(*ii*) Roasting

Roasting is the process of heating the ore strongly in the presence of excess of air at a temperature below the melting point of the metal.

This methods is mainly employed in case of sulphide ores. As a result of roasting, the moisture and volatile impurities are removed and the ore is converted to oxide. For example, impurities of sulphur, arsenic and phosphorus are, removed as their volatile oxides, SO_2, As_2O_3, P_2O_5, respectively.

$$S_8 + 8O_2 \longrightarrow 8SO_2\uparrow$$

$$4As + 3O_2 \longrightarrow 2As_2O_3\uparrow$$

$$P_4 + 5O_2 \longrightarrow 2P_2O_5\uparrow$$

The ores of the metal are converted into their oxides. For example, the sulphide ore of the metal is roasted to give oxide.

$$\underset{\text{Zinc sulphide}}{2ZnS} + 3O_2 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Zinc oxide}}{2ZnO} + 2SO_2$$

$$\underset{\text{Lead sulphide}}{2PbS} + 3O_2 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Lead oxide}}{2PbO} + 2SO_2$$

$$\underset{\text{Copper sulphide}}{2Cu_2S} + 3O_2 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Copper (I) oxide}}{2Cu_2O} + 2SO_2$$

The SO_2 produced is utilised for the manufacture of H_2SO_4.

Sometimes, the oxidation of sulphides takes place only to the sulphate stage. For example,

$$PbS + 2O_2 \longrightarrow PbSO_4$$

$$ZnS + 2O_2 \longrightarrow ZnSO_4$$

REMEMBER

- **Calcination** is a process of converting an ore into its metallic oxide **either in the absence or limited supply of air.**
- **Roasting** is a process of converting an ore into its metallic oxide in the presence of **excess air.**
- **Calcination** is generally used for ores containing carbonates and hydrated oxides.
- **Roasting** is generally done for sulphide ores.

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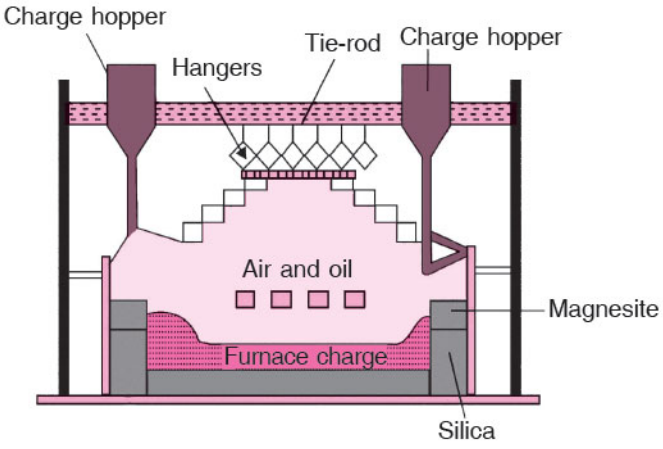


Fig. 6. Modern reverberatory furnace.

Both calcination and roasting are generally carried in a *reverberatory furnace*. The modern furnace is shown in Fig. 6. In this type of furnace, the fuel does not come in direct contact with the charge. The flames are directed from the roof of the furnace on the charge and air supply can be controlled by vents. The intensely hot flames melt the charge. There are tap holes along the walls for crude metal and slag. Such type of furnace can melt about 10^6 kg of charge per day.

In case of roasting, the air holes are kept open while in case of calcination, the air holes are partially or completely closed. *The reverberatory furnace can be used both for oxidation and reduction.*

FLUX

If the calcined or roasted ore still contains non-fusible impurities of earthly matter, then during reduction, an additional substance called the **flux** is also added to the ore. It combines with impurities to form easily fusible product known as **slag**.

Impurities (present in the ore) + Flux $\longrightarrow$ Fusible product (slag)

Slag is not soluble in molten metal. Being lighter, it can be easily skimmed off from the surface of the molten metal. Therefore, removal of gangue becomes easier. Thus,

flux is a substance which chemically combines with gangue (earthly impurities) which may still be present in the calcined or roasted ore to form easily fusible material called the slag.

Types of fluxes : There are two types of fluxes : *Basic fluxes* and *acidic fluxes*.

The choice of flux depends upon the nature of impurities present in the ore. For example,

(*a*) If the ore contains **acidic impurities** such as SiO_2, P_2O_5, etc., then the **basic fluxes** like lime (CaO), limestone ($CaCO_3$), magnesite ($MgCO_3$) haematite (Fe_2O_3), etc. are used.

$$\underset{\text{Acidic impurity}}{SiO_2} + \underset{\text{Basic flux}}{\mathbf{CaO}} \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Calcium silicate (slag)}}{CaSiO_3}$$

$$\underset{\text{Acidic impurity}}{SiO_2} + \underset{\text{Basic flux}}{\mathbf{CaCO_3}} \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Calcium silicate (slag)}}{CaSiO_3} + CO_2$$

$$\underset{\text{Acidic impurity}}{SiO_2} + \underset{\text{Basic flux}}{\mathbf{MgCO_3}} \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Magnesium silicate (slag)}}{MgSiO_3} + CO_2$$

(*b*) If **basic impurities** are present in the ore such as CaO, FeO, $MgCO_3$, etc., then **acidic fluxes** like sand (SiO_2) or borax ($Na_2B_4O_7.10H_2O$) are used.

$$\underset{\text{Basic impurity}}{FeO} + \underset{\text{Acidic flux}}{\mathbf{SiO_2}} \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Ferrous silicate (slag)}}{FeSiO_3}$$

$$\underset{\text{Basic impurity}}{CaO} + \underset{\text{Acidic flux}}{\mathbf{SiO_2}} \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Calcium silicate (slag)}}{CaSiO_3}$$

(B) Conversion of the oxide of the metal to the metallic form (Reduction or electronation)

The metal oxides are usually reduced to free metals by using a suitable reducing agent such as carbon, carbon monoxide or even another metal. **The reduction process involves electron gain or electronation.**

The process of extraction of metal by heating the metal oxide with a suitable reducing agent is called thermal reduction or **pyrometallurgy**.

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Some metals are easily reduced (*i.e.*, reduction occurs at low temperatures) while others are reduced with difficulty (*i.e.*, reduction occurs at high temperatures). However, it may be noted that heating is always required for reduction. The choice of the element which will suit as a reducing agent for a given metal oxide and the optimum temperature at which reduction will proceed smoothly, can be understood in terms of basic thermodynamic concepts as discussed later. Depending upon the nature of the oxide and metal, the extraction of metal can be carried out by the following reducing agents:

(*i*) *Reduction with C or CO :* In the metallurgy of Fe, Cu, Pb, Sn, Zn, Mg, Co, etc.

(*ii*) *Reduction with Na, Al, Mg or hydrogen :* In the metallurgy of Mn, Cr, Ti, Mo, W, etc.

(*iii*) *Reduction with water gas (CO, H_2) :* In the metallurgy of Ni.

(*iv*) *Self reduction or Auto-reduction :* In the metallurgy of Pb, Hg, Cu, etc.

These methods are discussed below :

(*i*) Reduction with carbon and carbon monoxide. The oxides of metals like zinc, copper, tin, lead, etc. can be reduced by using carbon as reducing agent.

The process of extraction of metal by reduction of its oxide with carbon (in the form of charcoal, coke or carbon monoxide) is called **smelting**.

In this process, the roasted ore is mixed with a suitable amount of carbon (coke or coal) or carbon monoxide and heated to a high temperature above the melting point of the metal in a furnace. Carbon or carbon monoxide (produced by incomplete combustion of carbon) reduces the oxide to free metal.

$$\mathbf{M_xO_y} + \mathbf{yC} \longrightarrow \mathbf{xM} + \mathbf{yCO}$$

For example,

$$ZnO + C \longrightarrow Zn + CO$$

$$PbO + C \longrightarrow Pb + CO$$

$$Fe_2O_3 + 3C \longrightarrow 2Fe + 3CO$$

$$Fe_2O_3 + 3CO \xrightarrow{823\,K} 2Fe + 3CO_2$$

$$FeO + CO \xrightarrow{1123\,K} Fe + CO_2$$

$$ZnO + CO \xrightarrow{1600\,K} Zn + CO_2$$

The carbon reduction process is generally carried out in a blast furnace. For example, the extraction of the most important industrial metal, iron, is carried out in a blast furnace.

(*ii*) Reduction by hydrogen. Certain metal oxides are reduced by hydrogen. Because of the inflammable nature of hydrogen, it is used in very few cases. For example, molybdenum and tungsten oxides are reduced by a current of hydrogen at higher temperature (1270–1470 K).

$$\underset{\text{Tungsten trioxide}}{WO_3} + 3H_2 \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} \underset{\text{Tungsten}}{W} + 3H_2O$$

$$\underset{\text{Molybdenum trioxide}}{MoO_3} + 3H_2 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Molybdenum}}{Mo} + 3H_2O$$

$$\underset{\text{Nickle oxide}}{NiO} + H_2 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Nickel}}{Ni} + H_2O$$

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***(iii)* Reduction by aluminium: aluminothermy.** Many oxides, like Cr_2O_3, Mn_3O_4, etc. are not reduced easily by carbon or CO. These metal oxides are reduced by strongly electropositive metals such as aluminium. **The process of reduction of a metal oxide to the metal with the help of aluminium powder** is called **aluminothermy**.

For example,

$$Cr_2O_3 + 2Al \longrightarrow 2Cr + Al_2O_3$$

$$3Mn_3O_4 + 8Al \longrightarrow 4Al_2O_3 + 9Mn$$

The above reaction is highly exothermic and therefore, the metals are produced in the molten state.

The above process is also known as **Goldschmidt thermite process**.

Similarly, Fe_2O_3 can be reduced to metallic iron by aluminium :

$$Fe_2O_3 + 2Al \longrightarrow 2Fe + Al_2O_3$$

The molten iron produced by thermite process can be used to weld broken parts of heavy machinery of all kinds such as rail, girders, etc. This process is also called **thermite welding**.

***(iv)* Reduction by sodium or magnesium or calcium.** Certain metal halides are reduced to pure metal state by reduction with Na, Mg or Ca, in a closed vessel on heating. For example, titanium, zirconium, or vanadium metals are obtained by reduction of their halides with Na or Mg at higher temperatures (1070–1170 K).

$$TiCl_4 + 4Na \longrightarrow Ti + 4NaCl$$

$$VCl_4 + 2Mg \longrightarrow V + 2MgCl_2$$

***(v)* Reduction with water gas.** Nickel oxide (NiO) is reduced to nickel by heating carefully in a tower at 600 K in which a current of water gas ($CO + H_2$) is passed. In this case both CO and H_2 present in water gas act as reducing agents.

$$NiO + CO \longrightarrow Ni + CO_2$$

$$NiO + H_2 \longrightarrow Ni + H_2O$$

***(vi)* Self reduction or Auto-reduction.** Reduction can also be carried out by self reduction or auto-reduction in which the anions associated with the metal help in the reduction. This is used for the reduction of sulphide ores of certain less electropositive metals like those of Pb, Hg and Cu. In this method, the metal is heated in air to bring about the conversion of a part of sulphide ore into its oxide or sulphate which then reacts with the remaining sulphide to give the metal and SO_2. In this case, no reducing agent is required.

For example, mercury is directly obtained by the roasting of its ore cinnabar (HgS) in air as :

$$\underset{\text{Cinnabar}}{HgS} + O_2 \longrightarrow Hg + SO_2$$

or $$HgS + 3O_2 \longrightarrow 2HgO + 2SO_2$$

$$2HgO \longrightarrow 2Hg + O_2$$

and $$2HgO + HgS \longrightarrow 3Hg + SO_2$$

Copper is also obtained by reducing Cu_2S by partly converted Cu_2O in this way during smelting.

$$2Cu_2S + 3O_2 \longrightarrow 2Cu_2O + 2SO_2$$

$$\underset{\text{Copper pyrite}}{Cu_2S} + 2Cu_2O \longrightarrow 6Cu + SO_2$$

The reduction can be carried out in reverberatory furnace (Fig. 6) as described earlier.

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Kroll Process

Rutile ore (TiO_2) is mixed with carbon and heated to about 900°C and then a current of chlorine is passed when vapours of titanium tetrachloride are produced.

$$\underset{\text{Rutile}}{2TiO_2} + 3C + 4Cl_2 \longrightarrow 2TiCl_4 + 2CO + CO_2$$

$TiCl_4$ and other volatile chlorides are subsequently separated by continuous fractional distillation. $TiCl_4$ is reduced by passing it in vapour state over magnesium heated to 800 – 850°C in a stainless steel retort.

$$TiCl_4 + 2Mg \longrightarrow Ti + 2MgCl_2$$

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❑ **Example 4.**

How does sodium cyanide act as depressant in preventing ZnS from forming the froth ?

Solution : Sodium cyanide combines with ZnS to form a complex $Na_2[Zn(CN)_4]$ on the suface of ZnS and therefore, it prevents it from forming the froth.

$$ZnS + 4NaCN \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Sodium tetracyanidozincate (II)}}{Na_2[Zn(CN)_4]} + Na_2S$$

❑ **Example 5.**

What is flux ? How is it useful ? (*H.P.S.B 2016*)

Solution : Flux is a substance which combines with gangue (impurities) present in roasted ore to form easily fusible material called slag.

$$\text{Flux} + \text{Gangue} \longrightarrow \text{Slag}$$

Thus, flux helps to remove impurities from the roasted or calcined ore.

THERMODYNAMIC PRINCIPLES OF METALLURGY

The extraction of metals from their oxides by using a particular reducing agent can be predicted by some basic concepts of thermodynamics. As we have learnt in thermodynamics, the feasibility of a process can be predicted in terms of Gibbs energy change (ΔG) at any specified temperature. This is related to enthalpy change (ΔH) and entropy change (ΔS) as :

$$\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S \quad ...(1)$$

where T is the absolute temperature at which process is carried out. ΔH is a measure of energy changes while ΔS is a measure of randomness or disorder during the process.

For any reaction, the Gibbs energy change is also related to equilibrium constant (K) of the reactant-product system at the temperature T as

$$\Delta G^\circ = -RT \ln K$$

For a spontaneous process or reaction, **the energy change (ΔG) must be negative**. This also implies **positive value of K** and can happen only when reaction proceeds towards products. On the basis of these basic concepts, we can make the following conclusions :

1. *For any reaction to occur, the value of ΔG must be negative. This will be possible if ΔH is negative and ΔS is positive*. On increasing temperature (T), the value of $T\Delta S$ would increase and then ΔG will become more negative and the reaction will be feasible. It may be noted that even if ΔH is positive, the ΔG will become negative after certain temperature as T increases ($\Delta H < T\Delta S$).

2. *If reactants and products of two reactions are put together in a system and the net ΔG of the two possible reactions is negative, then the overall reaction will occur*. This involves coupling of two reactions, getting the sum of their ΔG values taking into account their magnitude and sign. This means that a reaction with positive ΔG can also be made to occur by coupling it with another reaction having large negative ΔG so that the net ΔG of the two reactions is negative.

Such coupling can be easily understood by plotting a graph between Gibbs energy (ΔG) versus temperature (T) for the formation of oxides. The graphical representation showing the variation of Gibbs energy with increase of temperature for the formation of oxides (*i.e.,* oxidation of metals to their oxides) was first used by H.J.T. Ellingham and is known as **Ellingham diagram**.

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Ellingham diagram.

Ellingham diagram provides a sound basis for considering the choice of reducing agent in the reduction of oxides. These diagrams help us in predicting the feasibility of thermal reduction of an ore. The basic criterion of feasibility is that at given temperature, Gibbs energy change of the reaction must be negative. The Ellingham diagram for the oxidation of metals to metal oxides per mole of O_2 is given in Fig. 7.

The diagram has the following significant features :

1. Ellingham diagram gives graphical representation of plots of $\Delta_f G°$ vs T for formation of oxides of elements. The reaction may be represented as :

$$2xM\,(s) \quad + \quad O_2\,(g) \longrightarrow 2M_xO\,(s)$$

In terms of Gibbs energy of formation, the reaction may be written as :

$$xM\,(s) \quad + \quad \frac{1}{2}O_2 \longrightarrow M_xO\,(s) \quad \Delta_f G°\,(M, M_xO)$$

In this reaction, dioxygen is used up in the course of the reaction. As we know, gases have more randomness (or disorder) than liquids and solids and therefore, gases have higher entropy than liquids or solids. Therefore, entropy of the reaction decreases and hence ΔS for the above oxidation process would be negative. With increase in temperature $T\Delta S$ term would become more and more negative and thereby ΔG would become less and less negative with increase in temperature. Thus, the Gibbs energy change increases or becomes less negative with an increase of temperature.

Therefore, $\Delta_f G°$ vs T lines have positive slopes for most of the reactions involving the formation of metal oxides, $M_xO(s)$. This is clear from Fig. 7. It may be noted that in Fig. 7, the plots are shown for $\Delta_f G°$ vs T per mole of O_2.

2. The ΔG vs T graphs are straight lines unless some change in phase occurs *i.e.,* the materials melt or vaporise *(i.e.,* change from solid ⟶ liquid or from liquid ⟶ gas). The temperature at which such change occurs is indicated by an increase in slope on positive side. This is because there is a large change in entropy when the metals undergo fusion (solid ⟶liquid) or vaporisation (liquid ⟶ gas) because solids have less entropy than liquids which have less entropy than gases. This increase changes the slopes of $\Delta_f G°$ vs T considerably.

For example, in the Zn–ZnO plot, at the boiling point of zinc (907°C or 1180 K), there is an abrupt increase in the +ve slope of the curve. Similarly, the slope of Mg–MgO curve increases abruptly at the boiling point of Mg (1120°C or 1393 K), and that of Hg–HgO curve at 356°C (or 623K) where Hg boils. The melting points and boiling points of other metals are indicated by ● dots in the figure.

3. When the temperature is raised, a point would be reached where the $\Delta_f G°$ vs T graphs cross the $\Delta G = 0$ line. Below this temperature, ΔG is negative and hence the **oxide is stable**. Above this temperature, the Gibbs energy change is positive and the oxides formed would, therefore, *be unstable and would decompose to give metals and oxygen.* Thus, according to Ellingham diagram, all oxides would decompose to give the metal and oxygen provided the temperatures are sufficiently high at which ΔG becomes positive. However in practice, such high temperatures are not

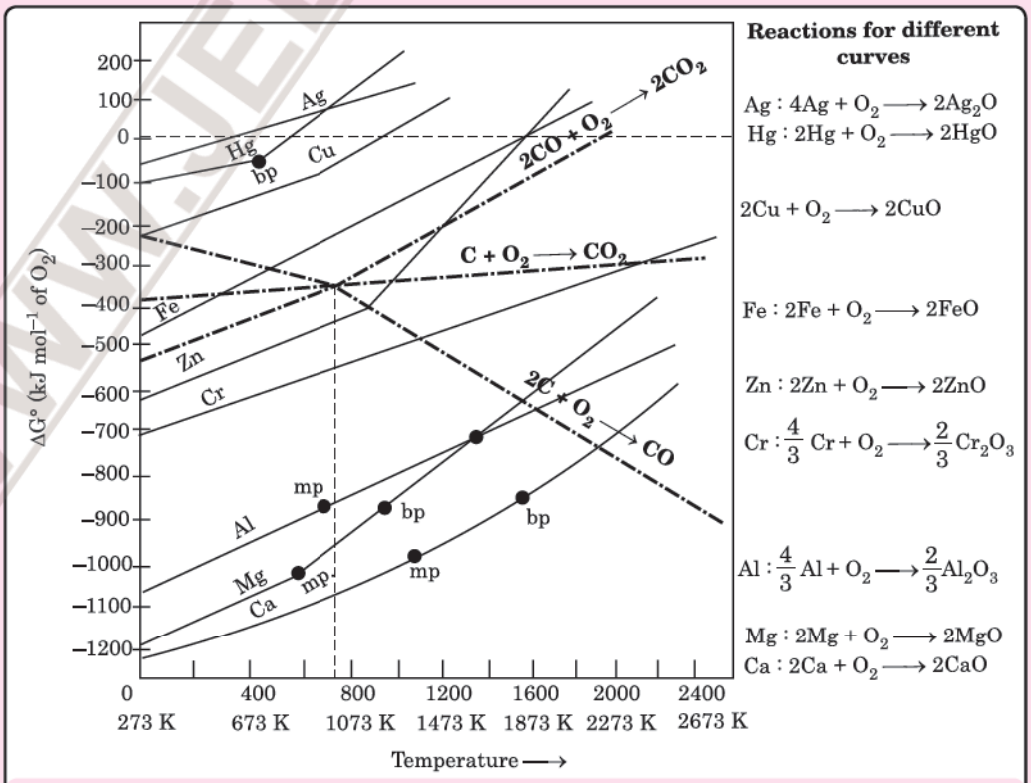


Fig. 7. Gibbs energy change ($\Delta_f G°$) vs T plots for formation of some metal oxides (Ellingham diagram)

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easily attained. It has been observed that the Ag–Ag_2O, Au–Au_2O and Hg–HgO lines cross the $\Delta G^\circ = 0$ line at temperatures which are attainable (Fig. 7). Thus, ***the oxides of Ag, Au and Hg are the only oxides which can be decomposed at temperatures which are attainable and therefore, these metals are extracted by thermal decomposition or reduction (called pyrometallurgy) of these oxides.***

4. In Ellingham diagram, the plots of some reducing agents such as carbon and carbon monoxide are also given. The coupling or combination of oxidation and reduction reactions helps in interpreting whether the given reducing agent can be useful or not.

5. Similar diagrams are also constructed for sulphides and halides. These diagrams show as to why reduction of M_xS is difficult in which $\Delta_f G$ of M_xS is not compensated.

Limitations of Ellingham Diagram

(*i*) The Ellingham diagram simply indicates whether a reaction is possible or not *i.e.,* it shows the tendency of reduction with a reducing agent. This is because it is based only on the thermodymanic concepts. It does not predict the kinetics of the reduction *i.e.,* rate or time taken for reduction to occur or how fast it could be.

(*ii*) The interpretation of ΔG° is based on the equation.

$$\Delta G^\circ = -RT \ln K$$

Thus, it is presumed that the reactants and products are in equilibrium as:

$$M_xO + A_{red} \rightleftharpoons xM + AO_{ox}$$

This is not always true because the reactant or product may be solid. However, it explains satisfactorily how the reactions are slow when every species is in solid state and smooth when the oxide ore melts. It is interesting to note that ΔH and ΔS values for any chemical reaction remain nearly constant even on changing temperature. Therefore, the only dominant variable in equation [$\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S$] is T. However, ΔS depends much on the physical state of the compound. Since the entropy depends upon the degree of disorder or randomness in the system, it will increase if a compound melts ($s \rightarrow l$) or vaporises ($l \rightarrow g$) because the degree of molecular randomness increases on changing the phase from solid to liquid or from liquid to gas.

Let us understand the use of Ellingham diagram for some reducing agents.

1. Metals act as reducing agents

In a number of processes, a metal is used to reduce the oxide of another metal. For example, aluminium is used to reduce Cr_2O_3 to Cr in a well known thermite process. With the help of Ellingham diagram, it is evident that *metals for which Gibbs energy of formation of their oxides is more negative can reduce those metal oxides for which the Gibbs energy of formation of their respective oxides is less negative. In other words, any metal would reduce the oxides of other metals which lie above it in Ellingham diagram because the Gibbs energy change of the combined reaction will become more negative by an amount equal to the difference between the two graphs at that particular temperature.*

The part of Ellingham diagram showing variation of $\Delta_f G^\circ$ vs T for Al and Cr is shown in Fig. 8. The $\Delta_f G^\circ$ vs T for Al lies below the $\Delta_f G^\circ$ vs T line for Cr, at all temperatures. In other words, Gibbs energy for aluminium is more negative than that of chromium. Therefore, aluminium should reduce chromium (III) at all temperatures.

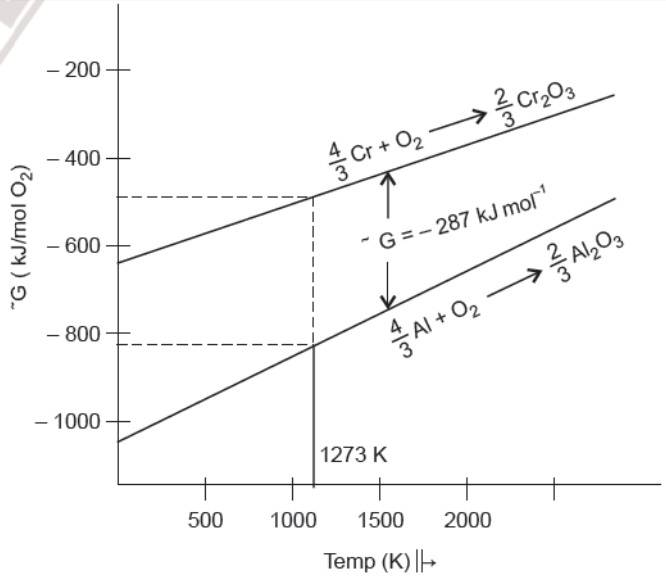


Fig. 8. Ellingham diagram for Cr and Al.

For example, at 1273 K (1000°C), the ΔG° values for Al and Cr are –827 kJ mol^{-1} and –540 kJ mol^{-1} respectively. Adding these together, we get an overall value for ΔG = –287 kJ mol^{-1}.

$$\frac{4}{3}Cr + O_2 \longrightarrow \frac{2}{3}Cr_2O_3 \qquad \Delta G = -540 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} \qquad ....(i)$$

$$\frac{4}{3}Al + O_2 \longrightarrow \frac{2}{3}Al_2O_3 \qquad \Delta G = -827 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} \qquad ....(ii)$$

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Subtracting equation (*i*) from (*ii*), we get :

$$\frac{4}{3}Al + \frac{2}{3}Cr_2O_3 \longrightarrow \frac{4}{3}Cr + \frac{2}{3}Al_2O_3 \qquad \Delta G = -827 - (-540)\ kJ\ mol^{-1} ...(iii)$$
$$= -287\ kJ\ mol^{-1}$$

So, the reaction (*iii*) is feasible or Al can reduce Cr_2O_3. Similarly, it can be shown that Al can reduce NiO or FeO also which lie above the line for $Al–Al_2O_3$. (Fig. 7).

Let us see whether Cr can reduce Al_2O_3 or not. Subtracting equation (*ii*) from equation (*i*), we get

$$\frac{4}{3}Cr + \frac{2}{3}Al_2O_3 \longrightarrow \frac{2}{3}Cr_2O_3 + \frac{4}{3}Al \qquad \Delta G = -540 - (-827) = +287\ kJ\ mol^{-1}$$

Since ΔG for the reaction is positive, therefore, the above reaction would not occur. *i.e.*, ***Cr would not reduce Al_2O_3 to Al***. Similarly, $\Delta_f G°$ vs T curve for Mg lies below $\Delta_f G°$ vs T line for Al. This means that ***Al cannot reduce MgO to Mg at temperature below 1623 K but Mg can reduce Al_2O_3 to Al***.

Alternatively, without going into calculation for $\Delta_r G°$, we can still predict the feasibility of a reduction process from the Ellingham diagram. In Ellingham diagram, if the $\Delta G°_f$ vs T curves for two metals intersect at a point (making $\Delta G = 0$), then we can easily predict the feasibility of reduction of metal oxide by another metal. Below this intersection temperature (corresponding to $\Delta G = 0$), the ΔG is –ve and hence the oxide is stable. Above this temperature, ΔG = +ve, and hence its oxide is unstable and it would give metal and oxygen. For example, the intersection point of $Al – Al_2O_3$ and $Mg – MgO$ in $\Delta_f G°$ vs T curves is approximately 1350°C (or 1623 K, marked I). Therefore,

- below 1623 K, MgO is stable and hence Mg can reduce Al_2O_3 to Al. But
- above 1623 K, Al_2O_3 is stable and hence Al can reduce MgO to Mg.

2. Reduction by carbon or carbon monoxide

The process of extracting a metal by reduction of its oxide with carbon (in the form of coke, charcoal or carbon monoxide) is called ***smelting***.

If the reduction is carried out by carbon, two reactions are possible for the reaction of carbon and oxygen :

(*a*) $C(s) + \frac{1}{2}O_2(g) \longrightarrow CO(g)$ ΔG (C, CO) ....(*i*)

(*b*) $CO(g) + \frac{1}{2}O_2 \longrightarrow CO_2(g)$ ΔG (CO, CO_2) ....(*ii*)

If carbon is taken, it may also undergo complete oxidation to CO_2 as

(*c*) $\frac{1}{2}C(s) + \frac{1}{2}O_2(g) \longrightarrow \frac{1}{2}CO_2(g)$ $\frac{1}{2}\Delta G$ (C, CO_2) ....(*iii*)

The variation of $\Delta_f G°$ vs T for these reactions is shown in Fig. 9. It may be noted that in Fig. 9, $\Delta_f G°$ vs T plots are drawn per mole of O_2.

When metal oxide is reduced, the reducing agent form its oxide. The basic role of reducing agent is to provide ***$\Delta G°$ negative and large enough so that the sum of $\Delta G°$ of the two reactions (oxidation of reducing agent and reduction of metal oxide) is negative***. Let us illustrate this by taking example of C and CO as reducing agent.

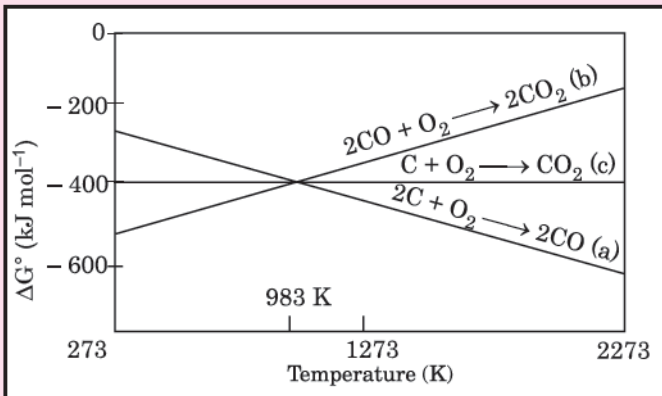


Fig. 9. Ellingham diagram showing the variation of ΔG with temperature for three reactions involving carbon.

During reduction, metal oxide decomposes as :

$$M_xO(s) \longrightarrow xM\ (s \text{ or } l) + \frac{1}{2}O_2(g) \quad ....(iv)$$

The reducing agent takes away the oxygen as

$M_xO(s) + C(s) \longrightarrow xM\ (s \text{ or } l) + CO(g)$ ....(*v*)

$M_xO(s) + CO(g) \longrightarrow xM\ (s \text{ or } l) + CO_2(g)$ ....(*vi*)

$M_xO(s) + \frac{1}{2}C(s) \longrightarrow xM\ (s \text{ or } l) + \frac{1}{2}CO_2(g)$ ...(*vii*)

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The ΔG° values for these reactions can be obtained by subtraction of the corresponding $\Delta_f G^\circ$ values, of metal oxide and reducing agent. Since we have learnt that heating (increasing T) favours a negative value of $\Delta_r G^\circ$, therefore, the temperature is so chosen such that the sum of $\Delta_r G^\circ$ in the two combined redox reactions is negative. For example, if at a temperature C, CO line lies above the metal oxide line in Fig. 7, the ΔG° (M, M_xO) is more negative than ΔG° (C, CO). At this temperatures, ΔG° (C, CO) – ΔG° (M, M_xO) is **positive** so the **reaction (*v*) is not spontaneous**. However, for temperatures for which C, CO line lies below the metal oxide line, the reduction of metal oxide by carbon is spontaneous, Similarly, we can explain the reduction of metal oxide by equations (*vi*) and (*vii*) on the basis of carbon oxidation lines whether they lie above or below the metal oxide line.

To sum up

For temperature at which C, CO line lie below the metal oxide line, **carbon can be used to reduce metal oxide and it itself gets oxidised to CO. If the difference is large, reduction is easier.**

$\Rightarrow$ It is clear from Ellingham diagram that the two lines for $C \longrightarrow CO_2$ or $C \longrightarrow CO$ cross at about 710°C or 983 K.

- Below this temperature, carbon reduces metal oxides to metals in Ellingham diagram, carbon being oxidised to CO_2.
- Above 710°C or 983 K reduction of oxides results in the formation of CO. In other words, **below 710°C (or 983 K) the formation of CO_2 is preferred and above 710°C (or 983 K) the formation of CO is preferred.**

In other words**, below 983 K both C and CO can act as a reducing agent but since CO can be more easily oxidised to CO_2 than C to CO_2, therefore, below 983 K, CO is more effective reducing agent than C. However, above 983K CO is more stable and hence its oxidation to CO_2 is less rapid than that of C to CO_2. Therefore, above 983 K carbon is better reducing agent than CO.**

NOTE

It may be noted that many metals occur as sulphides. However, we cannot reduce metal sulphides with carbon. As we have learnt that ΔG° vs T line for CO has negative slope at higher temperatures. Therefore carbon can reduce metal oxides at higher temperatures. However, there is no compound CS analogous to CO for which ΔG vs T graphs slope downwards. Therefore, sulphide ores are first converted to oxides before reducing with carbon as :

$$2MS + O_2 \longrightarrow 2MO + 2SO_2$$

In a similar way, we can interpret from Ellingham diagram that hydrogen is not commonly used as a reducing agent for extracting metals from their oxides. This is because of two reasons :

(*i*) ΔG vs T graph for the oxidation of hydrogen

$$2H_2 + O_2 \longrightarrow 2H_2O$$

has a positive slope and runs parallel to most of the metal-metal oxide lines above the hydrogen line so that only a few metals having metal-metal oxide lines above the hydrogen line can be reduced by hydrogen. Moreover, the increase in temperature will not be of any use because ΔG does not vary with temperature.

(*ii*) Hydrogen reacts with many metals forming hydrides.

Applications of Ellingham Diagram

The Ellingham diagram has been used to understand the extraction of metals such as iron, copper and zinc from their respective oxides as discussed later in their extraction.

ELECTROCHEMICAL PRINCIPLES OF METALLURGY

The thermodynamic principles can also be applied for the reduction of metal ions in solution or molten state. The reduction occurs by electrolysis or by adding some reducing element.

The reduction of a molten metal salt is done by electrolysis. This method is based on electrochemical principles. The Gibbs energy change is related to electrode potential of the redox couple formed in the system as :

$$\Delta G^\circ = -nFE^\circ$$

where n is the number of electrons taking part in the redox reaction and F is the Faraday of electricity. More reactive metals have large negative values of the electrode potential and therefore, their reduction is difficult. *If the difference of two E° values of a redox system corresponds to a positive E° value and consequently negative ΔG° in equation (iv), then the less reactive*

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metal will come out of the solution and more reactive metal will go into the solution. For example, the electrode potential of two electrodes are :

$$Fe^{2+}(aq) + 2e^- \longrightarrow Fe(s) \quad E^\circ = -0.44\ V$$
$$Cu^{2+} + 2e^- \longrightarrow Cu(s) \quad E^\circ = +0.34\ V$$

In this more active metal iron will go into the solution while less reactive metal copper will come out of the solution as :

$$Cu^{2+}(aq) + Fe(s) \longrightarrow Cu(s) + Fe^{2+}(aq)$$

In simple electrolysis, the M^{n+} ions are discharged at negative electrode (cathode) and deposited there.

$$M^{n+}(aq) + ne^- \longrightarrow M(s)$$

During electrolysis, precautions are taken considering the reactivity of the metal produced and suitable materials are used as electrodes. Sometimes, a flux is also added for making the molten mass more conducting.

The process of extraction of metals by electrolysis of their fused salts is called ***electrometallurgy.***

This method is discussed later in the metallurgy of Al and Cu.

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❑ Example 6.

Out of C and CO which is a better reducing agent for ZnO ?

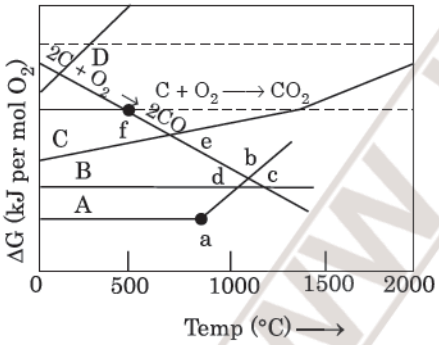
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Solution : Carbon is a better reducing agent for ZnO.

$$ZnO + C \xrightarrow{1673\ K} Zn + CO$$

Example 7.

A part of Ellingham diagram for some metal oxides (based upon 1 mole of O_2) and carbon is shown.



In figure A, B, C and D represent curves for metal oxides and a, b, c, d, e and f are temperatures. Answer the following :

(i) Will B oxide reduce metal oxide of A or C or both ?

(ii) Which metal can be reduced thermally ?

(iii) Will oxide of B be reduced by coke above temperature c or below temperature c ?

(iv) Will the formation of CO or CO_2 be preferred above temperature f ?

(v) What does temperature 'a' represent ?

Solution :

(i) Metal oxide of C (ii) Metal oxide of B

(iii) Above temperature *c* (iv) CO

(v) The change in state (at fusion or vaporisation)

❑ Example 8.

Copper can be extracted by hydrometallurgy but not zinc. Explain.

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Solution : Zinc is more electropositive ($E^\circ = -0.76V$) and therefore, is highly reactive metal. Hence, it cannot be easily displaced from its solution of $ZnSO_4$. On the other hand, copper is less electropositive ($E^\circ = +0.34\ V$) and can be readily displaced from its solution by some more active metal such as zinc.

$$Zn(s) + Cu^{2+}(aq) \longrightarrow Zn^{2+}(aq) + Cu(s)$$

❑ Example 9.

Free energies of formation ($\Delta_f G$) of MgO (s) and CO (g) at 1273 K and 2273 K are given below

$(\Delta_f G)\ [MgO\ (s)] = -941\ kJ/mol$ at 1273 K

$(\Delta_f G)\ [MgO\ (s)] = -314\ kJ/mol$ at 2273 K

$(\Delta_f G)\ [CO\ (g)] = -439\ kJ/mol$ at 1273 K

$(\Delta_f G)\ [CO\ (g)] = -628\ kJ/mol$ at 2273 K

On the basis of above data, predict the temperature at which carbon can be used as a reducing agent for MgO(s). *(CBSE Sample Paper 2007)*

Solution : The reduction of MgO with carbon is expressed as :

$$MgO(s) + C(s) \longrightarrow Mg(s) + CO(g)$$

Free energy (ΔG) for the reaction may be calculated as :

$$\Delta G = \Delta_f G\ [CO(g)] - \Delta_f G\ [MgO(s)]$$

At 1273 K $\Delta G = -439 - (-941) = +502$ kJ/mol

At 2273 K $\Delta G = -628 - (-314) = -314$ kJ/mol

Since ΔG is negative at 2273 K, the reduction is feasible at this temperature. Hence, carbon can be used as a reducing agent at 2273 K.

❑ Example 10.

The value of $\Delta_f G^\circ$ for the formation of Cr_2O_3 is – 540 kJ mol^{-1} and that of Al_2O_3 is – 827 kJ mol^{-1}. Is reduction of Cr_2O_3 possible with Al ? **N.C.E.R.T.**

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Solution : The two equations are :

$(i)\ \frac{4}{3}Al\ (s) + O_2\ (g) \longrightarrow \frac{2}{3}Al_2O_3\ (s)$

$\Delta_f G^\circ\ (Al, Al_2O_3) = -827\ kJ\ mol^{-1}$

$(ii)\ \frac{4}{3}Cr\ (s) + O_2(g) \longrightarrow \frac{2}{3}Cr_2O_3\ (s)$

$\Delta_f G^\circ\ (Cr, Cr_2O_3) = -540\ kJ\ mol^{-1}$

Subtracting eqn. (ii) from eqn (i), we get

$$\frac{4}{3}Al\ (s) + \frac{2}{3}Cr_2O_3\ (s) \longrightarrow \frac{2}{3}Al_2O_3\ (s) + \frac{4}{3}Cr\ (s)$$

$\Delta_r G^\circ = -287\ kJ\ mol^{-1}$

Since $\Delta_r G^\circ$ for the combined reaction is –ve, therefore, the above reaction, i.e. reduction of Cr_2O_3 by Al is possible.

❑ **Example 11.**

Why is the reduction of a metal oxide easier if the metal is formed in liquid state at the temperature of reduction ?

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Solution : The entropy of a metal is higher in its liquid state than in its solid state. Therefore, entropy change, ΔS of the reduction process is more on the positive side when the metal formed is in liquid state and metal oxide being reduced is in the solid state. Since the value of $T\Delta S$ increases and that of ΔH remains constant, therefore, the value of ΔG becomes more on negative side and therefore, reaction becomes easier.

EXTRACTION OF NON-METALLIC ELEMENTS BY OXIDATION

Non-metatllic elements are extracted from their combined states by oxidation. The common example of extraction based on oxidation is the extraction of chlorine from brine. Chlorine is most abundant in sea water as common salt. Chlorine can be obtained by the oxidation of Cl^- ions in water :

$$2Cl^-\ (aq) + 2H_2O\ (l) \longrightarrow 2OH^-\ (aq) + H_2\ (g) + Cl_2\ (g)$$

The ΔG° for the reaction is 422 kJ. The minimum potential difference required for oxidation can be calculated as:

$$\Delta G^\circ = -nFE^\circ$$

or $$422 \times 1000\ J = -2 \times 96500\ C \times E^\circ$$

$$\therefore \quad E^\circ = -\frac{422 \times 1000}{2 \times 96500} = -2.186 \approx -2.2\ V$$

However, the oxidation of Cl^- ions cannot be carried out by ordinary chemical methods. The oxidation of Cl^- can be done by electrolysis.

Thus, we will require an external e.m.f greater than 2.2 V for electrolysis. This is because the electrolysis requires an excess potential to overcome some other hindering reactions such as liberation of gases. The extra voltage required is called **overvoltage.** Thus, chlorine is obtained by the electrolysis giving out H_2 and aqueous NaOH as by-products. Similarly, fluorine can be extracted by electrolysis.

Electrolysis of molten NaCl can also be carried out but in this case Na metal is produced at cathode and Cl_2 at the anode.

EXTRACTION OF METALS BOTH BY OXIDATION AND REDUCTION

Extraction of gold and silver

As already studied, the extraction of gold and silver involves leaching of metals present in the ore with CN^- ions. This is also an **oxidation reaction** because during the leaching process, Ag is oxidised to Ag^+ and Au is oxidised to Au^+ which then combine with CN^- ions to form their respective soluble complexes.

$$4Ag(s) + 8CN^-(aq) + 2H_2O(l) + O_2(g) \longrightarrow 4[Ag(CN)_2]^- + 4OH^-(aq)$$

Silver — Soluble complex

$$4Au(s) + 8CN^-(aq) + 2H_2O(l) + O_2(g) \longrightarrow 4[Au(CN)_2]^- + 4OH^-(aq)$$

Gold — Soluble complex

The metals are then recovered from these complexes by **reduction** or displacement method using a more electropositive zinc metal.

$$2[Ag(CN)_2]^-(aq) + Zn(s) \longrightarrow 2Ag(s) + [Zn(CN)_4]^{2-}(aq)$$

$$2[Au(CN)_2]^-(aq) + Zn(s) \longrightarrow 2Au(s) + [Zn(CN)_4]^{2-}(aq)$$

In these reactions, zinc acts as a reducing agent.

This process is called hydrometallurgy. Thus,

the process of extraction of metals by dissolving the ore in a suitable chemical reagent followed by the precipitation or displacement of the metal by a more reactive or more electropositive metal is called ***hydrometallurgy.***

Copper is also extracted from low grade ores by hydrometallurgy (as discussed later).

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IV. REFINING OF METALS

The metal obtained by any of the above methods is usually impure and is known as **crude metal**. Therefore, the crude metal is to be purified. The impurities may be in the form of

(*i*) unreduced oxides of the metals
(*ii*) non-metals like C, Si, P, As, S, etc.
(*iii*) foreign metals
(*iv*) slag or flux.

The process of purifying the crude metal is called ***refining.***

Some of the common methods of refining are :

1. Distillation. This method is useful for low boiling metals like zinc and mercury. In this method, the impure metal is heated in an iron retort and the vapours are condensed in a separate receiver. The pure metal distils over and is collected as distillate leaving behind the non-volatile (having higher boiling points) impurities in the retort.

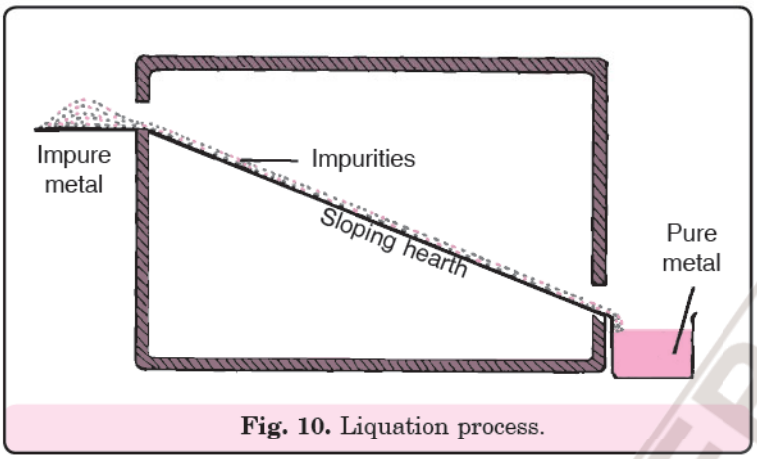


Fig. 10. Liquation process.

2. Liquation

This method is used for refining the *metals having low-melting points* than those of impurities such as tin, lead, bismuth, etc. In this method, the impure metal is placed on the sloping hearth (Fig. 10) of the reverberatory furnace and is gently heated in an inert atmosphere of carbon monoxide. The metal melts and flows down leaving the non-fusible impurities (called **dross**) on the hearth. The pure metal is collected at the bottom of the sloping hearth in a receiver.

3. Electrolytic refining

This is most general method for the refining of metals and is based upon the phenomenon of electrolysis. In this method, the impure metal is made to act as anode. A strip of the same metal in pure form is used as cathode. Both anode and cathode are placed in a suitable electrolytic bath containing soluble salt of the same metal. On passing current, metal ions from the electrolyte are deposited at the cathode in the form of pure metal while equivalent amount of metal dissolves from the anode into the electrolyte in the form of metal ions. The impurities fall down below the anode as anode mud. The reaction occurring at the electrodes are :

At cathode : $M^{n+} + ne^- \longrightarrow M$

At anode : $M \longrightarrow M^{n+} + ne^-$

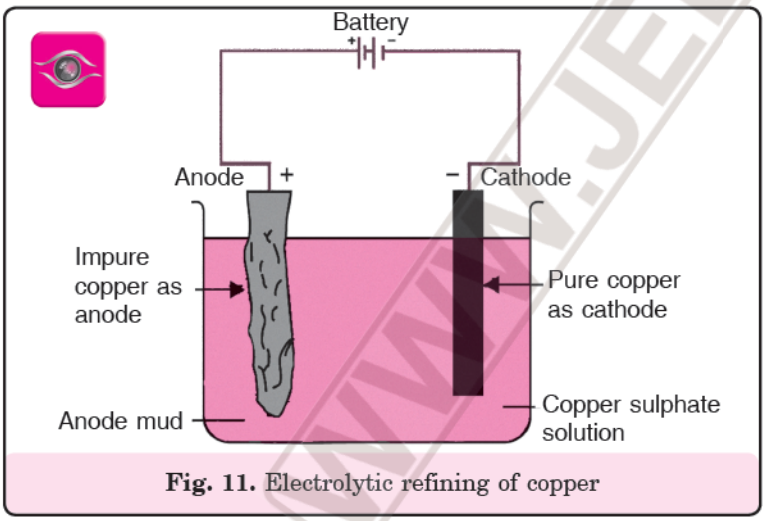


Fig. 11. Electrolytic refining of copper

Copper is refined using an electrolytic method (Fig. 11). In this method crude copper is made anode, a thin sheet of pure copper is made cathode and acidified solution of copper sulphate is used as an electrolyte. On passing electric current, metal ions from the electrolyte are deposited at the cathode in the form of pure metal. On the other hand, an equivalent amount of metal dissolves from the anode into the electrolyte in the form of metal ions. The reactions occurring at electrodes are :

At cathode : $Cu^{2+} + 2e^- \longrightarrow Cu$

At anode : $Cu - 2e^- \longrightarrow Cu^{2+}$

The impurities settle down below the anode in the form of anode mud. The anode mud may contain antimony, selenium, tellurium, silver, gold and platinum. The recovery of these elements may meet the cost of refining.

Zinc may also be refined by this method.

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4. Zone refining

This method is used *for metals which are required in very high purity*. For example, extremely pure silicon, germanium, boron, gallium and indium are refined by this method. This method is based on the principle that **the impurities are more soluble in the melt than in the solid state of the metal**. Therefore, an impure metal on solidification will deposit crystals of pure metal and the impurities will remain behind in the molten part of the metal. In this method, the impure metal is cast into a thin bar. A circular mobile heater is fixed at on end of the rod of impure metal. One zone of the bar is melted by a circular mobile heater in the atmosphere of an inert gas like argon. At the heated zone, the metal melts (Fig. 12) and forms a molten zone or the melt. As the heater moves forward slowly, the pure metal crystallises out of the melt and the impurities pass on into the adjacent molten zone. The process is repeated several times and heater is moved in the same direction till the impurities are completely driven to one end of the rod. In this way, the impurities are made to move into one end which is finally cut off and discarded. Thus, we get completely pure metal by this method. This method is specially useful for producing semiconductors of very high purity. Germanium, for example, purified by this method contains impurities only upto 7–10 ppm.

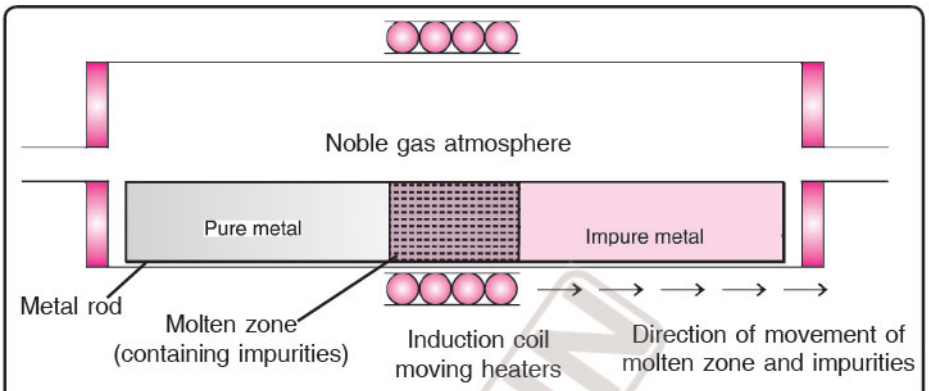


Fig. 12. Zone refining of metals.

5. Vapour phase refining

This method is based on the fact that certain *metals are converted to their volatile compounds while the impurities are not affected during compound formation. The compound formed decomposes on heating to give pure metal.* Thus, the two requirements are :

(*i*) The metal should form a suitable compound with a suitable reagent.

(*ii*) The volatile compound should be easily decomposable so that the metal can be easily recovered.

For example, nickel is refined by this technique and the method is known as **Mond process**. In this method, nickel is heated in a steam of carbon monoxide to form volatile nickel tetracarbonyl, $Ni(CO)_4$ complex.

The carbonyl vapours when subjected to higher temperature (450–470 K) undergoes thermal decomposition giving pure nickel.

$$\underset{\text{Impure}}{Ni} + 4CO \xrightarrow{330-350K} \underset{\text{Nickel tetracarbonyl}}{Ni(CO)_4} \xrightarrow{450-470\ K} \underset{\text{Pure}}{Ni} + 4CO$$

6. Van Arkel Method

This method is similar to above method. It is very useful for removing all the oxygen and nitrogen present in the form of impurity in certain metals such as zirconium and titanium for getting ultra pure metals. In this method, the metal is converted to a volatile unstable compound (*e.g.*, iodide) taking care that the impurities are not affected during compound formation. The compound thus obtained is decomposed to get the pure metal. For example, the crude zirconium is heated in an evacuated vessel with iodine at 870 K. The covalent volatile zirconium tetraiodide thus formed is separated. It is then decomposed by heating over a tungsten filament at 2075 K to give pure zirconium.

$$\underset{\text{Impure}}{Zr} + \underset{\text{Vapour}}{2I_2} \xrightarrow{870\ K} \underset{\text{Vapour}}{ZrI_4} \xrightarrow[\text{Tungsten filament}]{2075\ K} \underset{\text{Pure}}{Zr} + 2I_2(g)$$

Similarly,

$$\underset{\text{Impure}}{Ti\,(s)} + 2I_2(g) \xrightarrow{523\ K} \underset{\text{Vapour}}{TiI_4(g)} \xrightarrow{1700\ K} \underset{\text{Pure}}{Ti\,(s)} + 2I_2(g)$$

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7. Chromatographic method

This is a modern method of separation or purification. It is based **on the principle that different components of a mixture are differently adsorbed on an adsorbent.** The mixture is put in a liquid or gaseous medium (called moving phase) which is moved through a porous medium (adsorbent called stationary phase). Different components of the mixture are adsorbed at different levels in the column. After the separation, the different adsorbed components are extracted from the adsorbent with suitable solvent. This process of recovery or extraction of the adsorbed components is called **elution**. Thus, the technique consists of two phases, the **stationary phase** and the **moving phase.** The stationary phase may be a *solid* (such as alumina, silica gel) or tightly bound *liquid* on a solid support (such as paper in which liquid water is held by the solid cellulose). On the other hand, the moving phase may be a liquid or gas. The mobile phase and the stationary phase are chosen such that components of the sample have different solubilities in the two phases. Depending upon the physical states of two phases and also on the process of passage of moving medium, the chromatographic technique is given different names such as *column chromatography, thin layer chromatography, paper chromatography, and gas chromatography.* These are discussed in previous class.

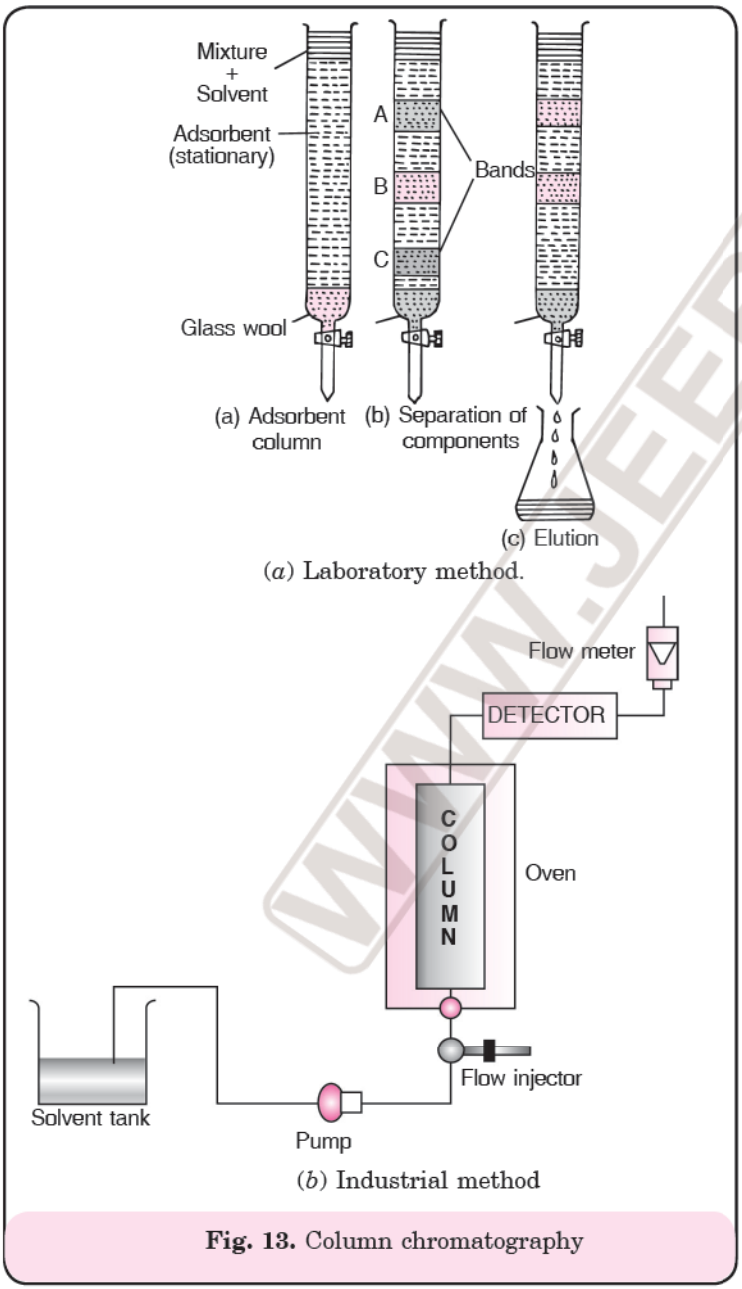


Fig. 13. Column chromatography

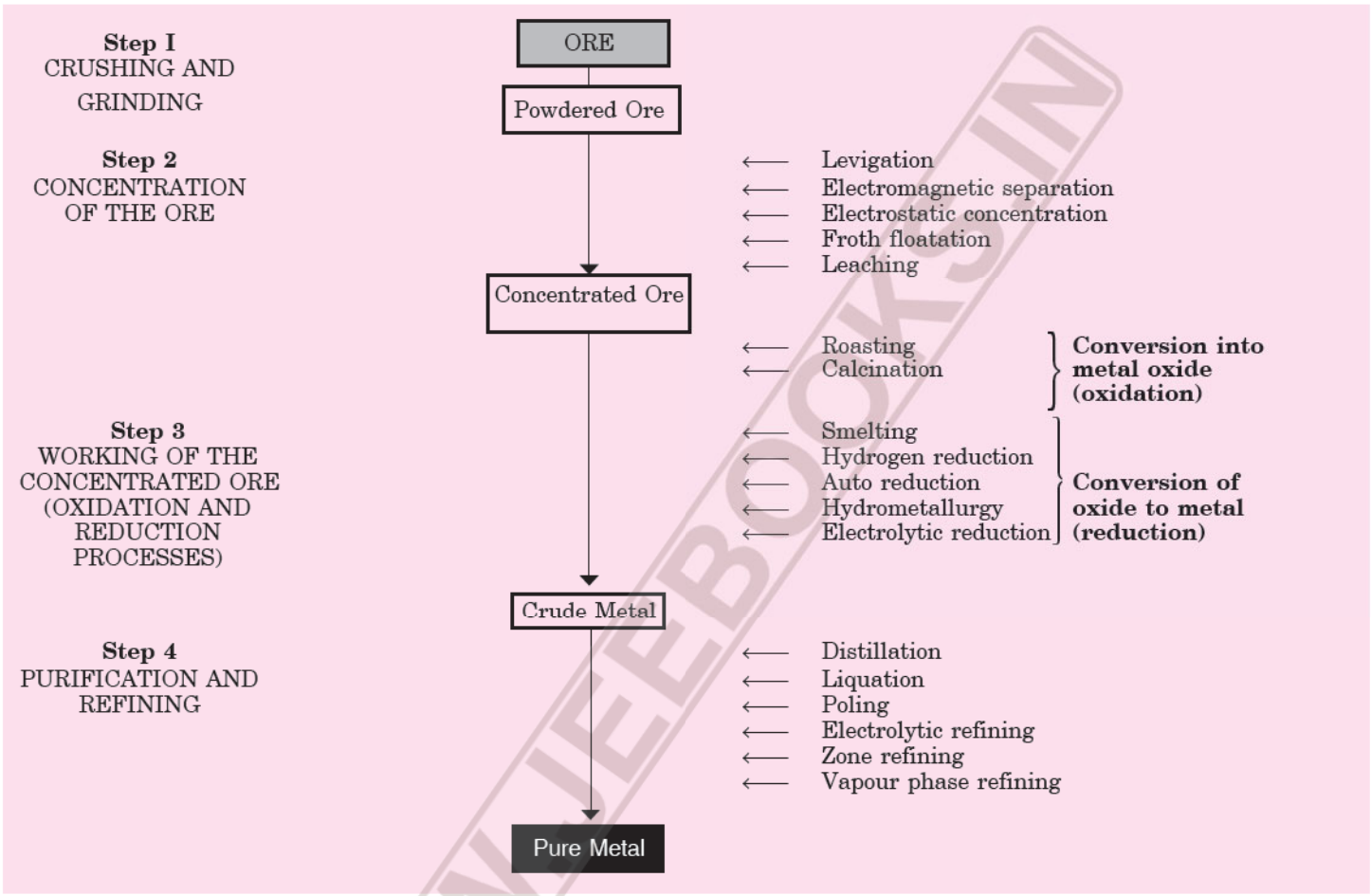
Column chromatography is an important technique in which an adsorbent (*e.g.*, alumina, Al_2O_3) is packed in a glass column. The mixture to be separated or purified is taken in a suitable solvent and is applied on the top of the column. Because different components of the mixture are adsorbed to different extents, they get adsorbed on the column at different places. The component which is adsorbed strongly gets adsorbed at the top. The other components with decreasing orders of their adsorbabilities are held up at different zones down the column in the form of bands. Consider for example, a mixture of three components A, B and C. Let their tendencies to get adsorbed on a solid surface are in the order A > B > C when these are dissolved in a solvent and passed through the column. The component A, which is most strongly adsorbed by the adsorbent will be held by the solid to a greater extent than the others. It will be adsorbed at the top. As this solution goes down, the concentration of A becomes less and more of B will be adsorbed (adsorbing power of B is more than that of C). After this C will be adsorbed. Thus, a separation of the mixture takes place (Fig. 13 (*a*)). After the separation, the substances are extracted with a suitable solvent (called eluent). The commonly employed eluents are *petroleum ether, carbon tetrachloride, benzene, alcohol, acetone,* etc. The eluent acts as a *mobile phase.* The eluent dissolves different components selectively. The weakly adsorbed component will be eluted more rapidly, followed by the more strongly adsorbed component and so on. The process of elution is repeated a number of times to achieve complete separation. Different components of the mixture are collected in the form of different fractions in separate conical flasks. The components from the eluent are separated by simple methods such as distilling off solvent or separating with the help of separating funnel.

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This method is especially suitable for the elements which are available only in minute quantities and the impurities are not very much different in their chemical behaviour from the element to be purified. A schematic diagram for the separation of three components in a mixture (A, B and C) using column chromatography is shown in Fig 13(*a*).

The industrial method of chromatography is shown in Fig. 13(*b*).

The flow sheet of the metallurgical process has been given below :



APPLICATIONS OF THERMODYNAMIC AND ELECTROCHEMICAL PRINCIPLES OF METALLURGY FOR EXTRACTION OF METALS

Let us discuss extraction of some important metals such as iron, copper, zinc and aluminium by applying the thermodynamic and electrochemical principles of metallurgy.

1. Extraction of Iron

Iron is the **second most abundant** metal occurring in the earth's crust. It is a reactive metal and does not occur in the free state. In combined state occurs as *oxides, carbonates* and *sulphides*. The common ores of iron are :

(*i*) *Haematite* Fe_2O_3 (red oxide of iron)
(*ii*) *Magnetite* Fe_3O_4 (magnetic oxide of iron)
(*iii*) *Limonite* $Fe_2O_3.3H_2O$ (hydrated oxide of iron)
(*iv*) *Iron pyrites* FeS_2
(*v*) *Siderite* $FeCO_3$

Though iron pyrites (FeS_2) is abundantly available in the earth's crust, but because of its higher sulphur content, it is not used for the production of iron.

Iron is usually extracted from its oxide ore *(haematite)*. This process involves the following steps :

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1. Concentration. The ore is crushed in jaw crushers and is broken to small pieces of about 1 inch in size. The crushed ore is concentrated by *gravity separation process* in which it is washed with water to remove clay, sand, etc.

2. Calcination. The concentrated ore is then calcined (heated *strongly in the presence of a limited supply of air)* in a reverberatory furnace. During this process, the following changes take place :

(*i*) Moisture is removed.

(*ii*) The impurities such as sulphur, phosphorus and arsenic are converted to their gaseous oxides which are volatile and escape.

$$S + O_2 \longrightarrow SO_2\uparrow$$
$$4As + 3O_2 \longrightarrow 2As_2O_3\uparrow$$
$$P_4 + 5O_2 \longrightarrow P_4O_{10}\uparrow$$

If some ferrous carbonate is present, it changes to oxide.

$$FeCO_3 \longrightarrow FeO + CO_2$$

(*iii*) Ferrous oxide if present gets oxidised to ferric oxide.

$$4FeO + O_2 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Ferric oxide}}{2Fe_2O_3}$$

This prevents the loss of iron due to the formation of ferrous silicate (slag) during smelting.

(*iv*) The entire mass becomes porous which helps in the reduction process at a later stage.

3. Smelting. The calcined ore is reduced with carbon *i.e.*, smelted in the blast furnace (Fig. 14). It is a tall cylindrical furnace made of steel lined with fire bricks. It is narrow at the top and has cup and cone arrangement for the introduction of the charge and outlet for waste gases. The cup and cone arrangement prevents the exit of gases during the charging process. At the base of the furnace, it is provided with

(*i*) tuyeres arrangement for the introduction of hot air,

(*ii*) a tapping hole for withdrawing molten iron and

(*iii*) an outlet through which slag can be flown out.

The calcined ore (8 parts) is mixed with coke (4 parts) and limestone (1 part) and is introduced from the top through cup and cone arrangement. At the same time, a blast of air preheated at about 1000 K is blown upwards with the help of tuyeres arrangement. The added coke serves as a fuel as well as a reducing agent while added lime serves as a flux.

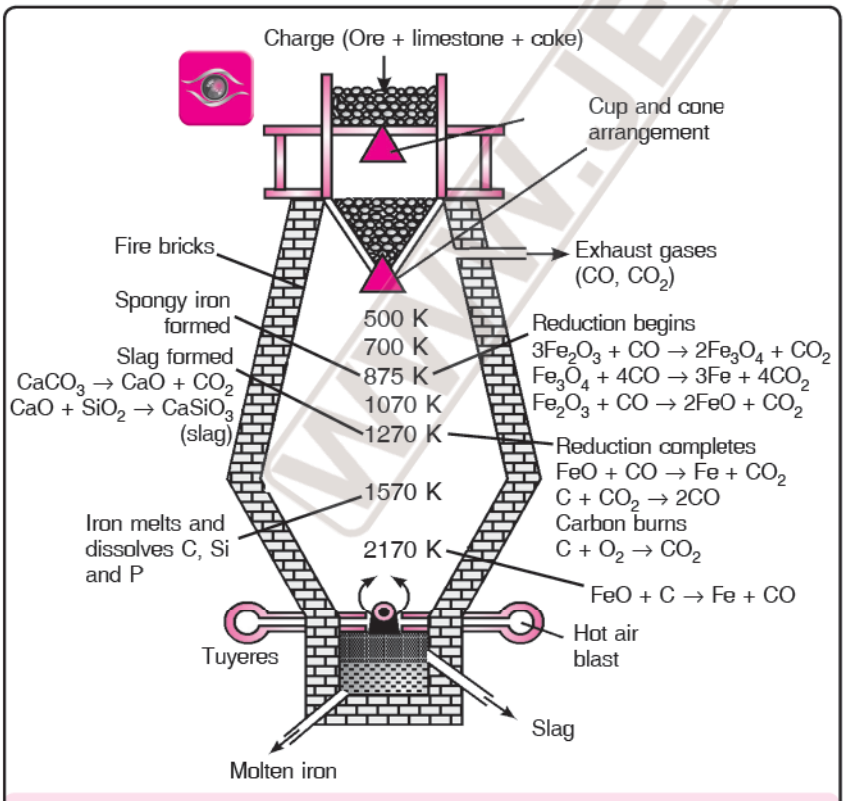


Fig. 14. Blast furnace for the manufacture of cast iron.

The burning of coke to carbon dioxide supplies most of the heat required for the working temperature of the furnace and give temperature upto 2200 K at the bottom of the furnace. As the gases move up, they meet the descending charge and the temperature falls gradually. At the bottom, the temperature is about 2200 K, in middle it is about 1300 K and near the top, it is between 700–900 K. It may be noted that **at the bottom of the furnace, the reducing agent is carbon itself but at the top part of the furnace, the reducing agent is carbon monoxide.**

The following reactions take place in the furnace :

(*i*) **Combustion zone.** At the base, coke burns to produce CO_2 which starts rising upward during the reaction. The reaction is exothermic and heat produced raises the **temperature to about 2170 K**. This region is called **combustion zone.**

$$C + O_2 \longrightarrow CO_2\ ;\ \Delta H = -393.4\ kJ$$

(*ii*) **Fusion zone.** As carbon dioxide rises upward, it comes in contact with layers of coke and gets reduced to carbon monoxide.

$$CO_2 + C \longrightarrow 2CO\,; \quad \Delta H = +163.2\ kJ$$

This is an endothermic reaction and therefore, the **temperature is lowered to about 1570 K**. The iron produced in the upper region melts here. Any Fe_2O_3 if present undergoes reduction by hot coke to iron. This region is called **fusion zone**.

$$Fe_2O_3 + 3C \longrightarrow 2Fe + 3CO + Heat$$

(*iii*) **Slag formation zone.** In the middle portion of the furnace, the **temperature is about 1270 K**. In this region limestone decomposes to produce lime (CaO) and carbon dioxide (CO_2). The lime thus produced acts as a flux and combines with silica (present as an impurity) to produce slag.

$$\underset{\text{(Limestone)}}{CaCO_3} \longrightarrow CaO + CO_2$$

$$\underset{\text{(Lime)}}{CaO} + SiO_2 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Calcium silicate (slag)}}{CaSiO_3}$$

The molten slag forms a separate layer (being lighter) above the molten iron. This region is called **slag formation zone**.

(*iv*) **Reduction zone.** The temperature near the top of the furnace is of the order of 500–875 K. The oxides of iron are reduced by carbon monoxide to iron.

$$FeO + CO \longrightarrow Fe + CO_2$$

$$\underset{\text{Iron ore}}{3Fe_2O_3} + CO \longrightarrow 2Fe_3O_4 + CO_2$$

$$Fe_3O_4 + 4CO \longrightarrow 3Fe + 4CO_2$$

$$Fe_2O_3 + CO \longrightarrow 2FeO + CO_2$$

This region of the furnace is called **reduction zone**. The spongy iron produced in the reduction zone moves down slowly and melts in the fusion zone. At the lower hotter part, the main reaction is :

$$FeO + C \longrightarrow Fe + CO$$

It dissolves some carbon, silicon, phosphorus and manganese and forms the lower layer at the base of furnace. It is removed from tapping hole from time to time. The iron, thus obtained is called **pig iron** and cast into variety of shapes. Cast iron is different from pig iron and is made by melting pig iron with scrap iron and coke using hot air blast. It has slightly lower carbon content (about 3%).

It expands slightly on solidifying and, therefore, reproduces the shape of the mould. It is extremely hard but brittle. The melting point of cast iron is about 1473 K.

Commercial Varieties of Iron

There are three commercial varieties of iron :

1. Cast iron or pig iron. It contains 2 to 4.5% of carbon, alongwith impurities such as sulphur, silicon, phosphorus, manganese, etc. It is the *least pure form of iron.* It is brittle and cannot be welded.

2. Wrought iron. It is the **purest form of iron** and contains carbon and other impurities not more than 0.5%. It is malleable and can be easily welded.

3. Steel. It contains 0.5 to 1.5% carbon alongwith small amounts of other elements such as manganese, chromium, nickel, etc. and other impurities. It comes in between cast iron and wrought iron and exhibits intermediate properties.

Learning Plus

Thermodynamic concept of reduction of iron oxide in metallurgy of iron : Ellingham diagram.

Thermodynamics helps us to understand how coke reduces the oxide and why this furnace is chosen for this process. The main reduction reaction is :

$$FeO\ (s) + C\ (s) \longrightarrow Fe\ (s \text{ or } l) + CO\ (g) \qquad ...(i)$$

This reaction is a combination of two simple oxidation-reduction reactions. In one reaction, reduction of FeO is taking place and in the other carbon is being oxidised to CO as :

$$FeO\ (s) \longrightarrow Fe\ (s) + \frac{1}{2}O_2\ (g) \qquad \Delta G.(FeO, Fe) \qquad ...(ii)$$

$$C(s) + \frac{1}{2}O_2 \longrightarrow CO\ (g) \qquad \Delta G\ (C, CO) \qquad ...(iii)$$

When both the reactions (*ii*) and (*iii*) take place to give equation (*i*) the net Gibbs energy change is :

$$\Delta G\ (C, CO) + \Delta G(FeO, Fe) = \Delta_r G$$

The net reaction [Eq. (*i*)] will occur when the resultant $\Delta_r G$ is **negative**. The Ellingham diagram for formation of FeO from Fe, CO from C and CO_2 from CO is shown in Fig. 19. As we notice in Ellingham diagram, ΔG vs T plot representing Eq. (*ii*) goes upward while that representing the change C $\longrightarrow$ CO (*i.e.,* C, CO line) goes downward. At temperature above 1073 K (approx.), the C, CO line falls below Fe, FeO line [$G_{(C, CO)} < \Delta G_{(FeO, Fe)}$]. This means

that in this temperature range, **coke can reduce FeO to Fe and it will itself be oxidised to CO.** Similarly, it can be observed from Ellingham diagram, (Fig. 19), that at temperature below 1073 K the CO, CO_2 line lies below Fe, FeO line. Therefore, below 1073 K, CO reduces the oxides of iron (i.e. Fe_2O_3, Fe_3O_4).

In blast furnace, the reduction of oxides takes place at different temperature ranges. For this, hot air is blown from the bottom of the furnace and coke is burnt to give temperature up to 2200 K in the lower portion. The burning of coke therefore, supplies most of the heat required for the working temperature of the furnace. The CO and heat moves to upper part of the furnace. In upper part, the temperature is lower and the iron oxides (Fe_2O_3 and Fe_3O_4) coming from the top are reduced to FeO in steps. Thus, the reduction reactions occurring in the lower temperature range and in the higher temperature range depend on the points of corresponding intersections in the $\Delta_r G$ vs T plots. It is observed that at the bottom of the furnace (higher temperature range) the reducing agent is carbon itself but at the top of the furnace (lower temperature range) the reducing agent is carbon monoxide. These reactions are summarised below :

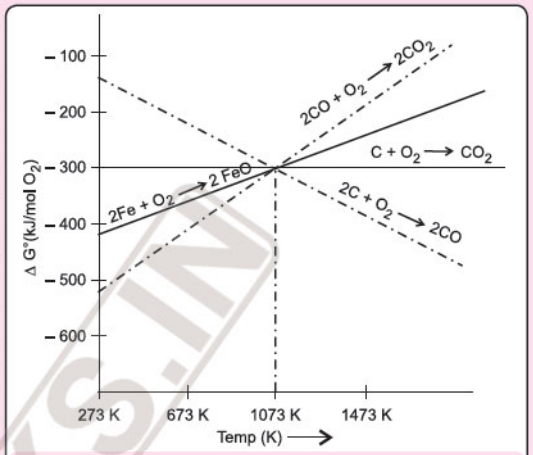


Fig. 15. Ellingham diagram for formation of FeO from Fe. CO from C and CO_2 from CO.

At lower temperature range in the blast furnace (500 – 800 K)

$$3Fe_2O_3 + CO \longrightarrow 2Fe_3O_4 + CO_2$$
$$Fe_3O_4 + 4CO \longrightarrow 3Fe + 4CO_2$$
$$Fe_2O_3 + CO \longrightarrow 2FeO + CO_2$$

At higher temperature range (900–1500 K) in the blast furnace

$$C + CO_2 \longrightarrow 2CO$$
$$2FeO + C \longrightarrow 2Fe + CO_2$$

Preparation of Wrought Iron

Wrought iron is the **pure form of iron** and contains less than 0.5% impurities. The cast iron obtained above contains about 2.5–5% carbon and other impurities such as S, P, Si and Mn. In order to convert cast iron into wrought iron, the percentage of carbon and that of other impurities has to be decreased. This is done by heating the cast iron on the hearth of a reverberatory furnace (known as puddling furnace) with haematite (Fe_2O_3). The haematite supplies the oxygen and oxidises carbon, silicon, manganese and phosphorus present in the cast iron to carbon monoxide (CO), silica (SiO_2), manganese oxide (MnO) and phosphorus pentoxide(P_2O_5) respectively.

Thus,

$$Fe_2O_3 + 3C \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} 2Fe + 3CO$$
$$3Si + 2Fe_2O_3 \longrightarrow 3SiO_2 + 4Fe$$
$$3S + 2Fe_2O_3 \longrightarrow 3SO_2 + 4Fe$$

Whereas CO and SO_2 escape, MnO and silica (SiO_2) combine to form manganous silicate ($MnSiO_3$) as slag.

$$MnO + SiO_2 \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} MnSiO_3$$

Manganous silicate (slag)

Similarly, phosphorus pentoxide combines with Fe_2O_3 to form ferric phosphate slag.

$$2Fe_2O_3 + P_4O_{10} \longrightarrow 4FePO_4$$

Ferric phosphate (slag)

Sometimes, limestone is added as a flux. This also helps to remove SiO_2 as $CaSiO_3$ slag.

The metal is removed and freed from slag by passing through rollers. Wrought iron thus prepared contains about 0.5% impurities of which about half is carbon. The melting point of wrought iron is about 1673 K and it can be welded at about 1273 K. It is tough, malleable and ductile and can be used for making chains, bolts, frameworks, etc. For structural purposes, wrought iron has been largely replaced by mild steel.

Passive Iron

When a piece of iron is dipped in concentrated nitric acid, a reaction takes place which stops completely after some time. The iron does not appear to undergo any change in appearance but it becomes inactive. We know that ordinary iron liberates H_2 from dilute acids and displaces copper from $CuSO_4$ solution. However, this iron does not liberate hydrogen from dilute acid and cannot displace copper from copper sulphate solution. *The iron in this form is said to be* **passive** and the process is called **passivation of iron**. *The loss of chemical activity of iron is* called **passivity.** The passivity of iron is due to the formation of a thin insoluble and invisible iron film on surface which prevents its further reactions. The film is due to the formation of Fe_3O_4. The passivity can be removed by scratching, scrubbing or by dissolving out in iodine solutions. The passivity of iron is important in preventing corrosion of iron.

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2. Extraction of Copper

Copper does not occur abundantly in nature (about 1×10^{-4} % of the earth's crust). It occurs as native copper as well as in combined state. The main ores of copper are :

(*i*)	*Copper glance*	Cu_2S
(*ii*)	*Copper pyrites*	$CuFeS_2$
(*iii*)	*Malachite*	$Cu(OH)_2.CuCO_3$
(*iv*)	*Cuprite or (Rubby copper)*	Cu_2O
(*v*)	*Azurite*	$2CuCO_3.Cu(OH)_2$

Extraction of copper from cuprous oxide [Copper (I) oxide]

The Ellingham diagram for the formation of cuprous oxide (Cu_2O) from copper and formation of CO from C, CO_2 from C and CO_2 from CO is shown in Fig. 16. Inspection of graph ΔG° vs T shows that Cu–Cu_2O line is almost at the top. Therefore, it is quite easy to reduce oxides of copper to copper directly by heating with coke. It is learnt that both the lines of C, CO and C, CO_2 are at much lower positions in the graph particularly, after 500–600 K. However, most of the ores of copper are sulphide ores. These (after concentration by froth floatation process) are first converted to oxides.

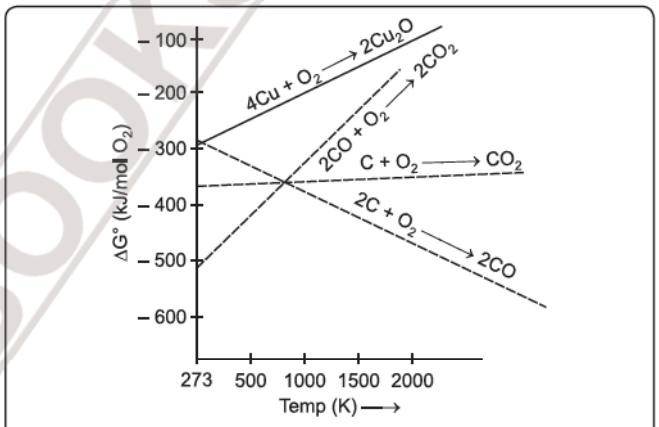


Fig. 16. Ellingham diagram for formation of Cu_2O from Cu, CO from C, CO_2 from C and CO_2 from C and CO.

$$2Cu_2S + 3O_2 \longrightarrow 2Cu_2O + 2SO_2$$

The oxide can then be easily reduced to metallic copper with coke.

$$Cu_2O + C \longrightarrow 2Cu + CO$$

However, in actual practice copper is extracted from its sulphide ore, copper pyrites $CuFeS_2$. It is concentrated by froth floatation process and then roasted *i.e.*, heated strongly in the presence of excess air in a reverberatory furnace. In the furnace copper pyrite is converted to ferrous sulphide (FeS), cuprous sulphide (Cu_2S) which are partially oxidised

$$\underset{\text{Copper pyrites}}{2CuFeS_2} + O_2 \longrightarrow Cu_2S + 2FeS + SO_2$$

$$2FeS + 3O_2 \longrightarrow 2FeO + 2SO_2$$

$$2Cu_2S + 3O_2 \longrightarrow 2Cu_2O + 2SO_2$$

The roasted ore is mixed with some powdered coke and sand and is heated strongly in a blast furnace. The blast furnace is made up of steel and is lined inside with fire bricks. A blast of hot air is introduced at the lower part of the furnace. The following changes occur :

(*i*) Since iron is more reactive than copper, FeS is preferentially oxidised to FeO than Cu_2S to Cu_2O. Therefore, most of the ferrous sulphide gets oxidised to ferrous oxide which combines with silica (flux) to form fusible slag.

$$2FeS + 3O_2 \longrightarrow 2FeO + 2SO_2$$

$$\underset{\text{Flux}}{FeO + SiO_2} \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Ferrous silicate (slag)}}{FeSiO_3}$$

The slag being lighter floats and forms the upper layer. It is removed through the slag hole from time to time.

(*ii*) During roasting or in the blast furnace if any oxide of copper is formed, it combines with FeS and is changed back into its sulphide.

$$2Cu_2S + 3O_2 \longrightarrow 2Cu_2O + 2SO_2$$

$$Cu_2O + FeS \longrightarrow Cu_2S + FeO$$

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Ferrous oxide thus formed again combines with silica to form more slag.

$$FeO + SiO_2 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Slag}}{FeSiO_3}$$

As a result of smelting, two separate layers are formed at the bottom of the furnace. The upper layer consists of slag and is removed as a waste. The lower layer of molten mass contains mostly cuprous sulphide and some traces of ferrous sulphide. It is called **copper matte** and is taken out from the taping hole at the bottom.

Recovery of copper from copper matte.

The molten matte from the blast furnace is transferred into a Bessemer converter (Fig. 17). It is a pear shaped furnace made up of steel and is lined inside with lime or magnesium oxide. It is mounted on a horizontal axel and can be tilted in any position. It is fitted with small pipes called **tuyeres** through which a blast of hot air mixed with sand is blown into the molten matte. During this process:

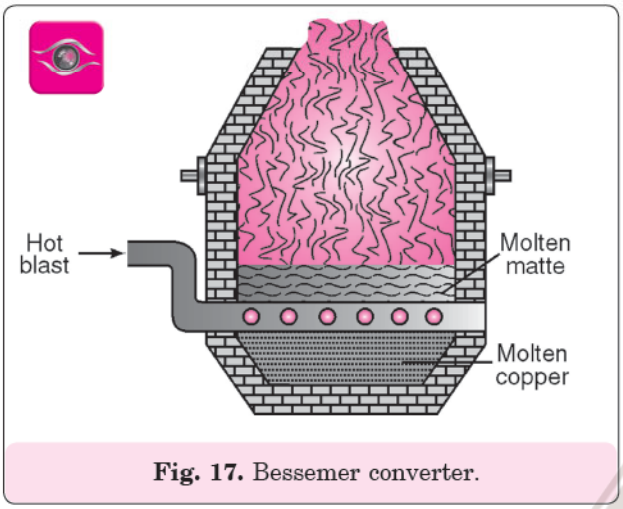


Fig. 17. Bessemer converter.

(*i*) traces of ferrous sulphide present in the matte is oxidised to FeO which combines with silica to form slag.

$$2FeS + 3O_2 \longrightarrow 2FeO + 2SO_2$$

$$FeO + SiO_2 \longrightarrow FeSiO_3 \text{ (slag)}$$

(*ii*) copper sulphide is partially oxidised to cuprous oxide which further reacts with remaining copper sulphide to form copper and sulphur dioxide.

$$2Cu_2S + 3O_2 \longrightarrow 2Cu_2O + 2SO_2$$

$$Cu_2S + 2Cu_2O \longrightarrow 6Cu + SO_2$$

After the reaction has been completed, the converter is tilted and the molten copper is poured into sand moulds. On cooling, sulphur dioxide, nitrogen and oxygen escape from the metal. The copper thus obtained is about 99% pure and is known as **blister copper**. The name **blister** comes from the fact that as the metal solidifies, the dissolved SO_2 escapes producing blisters on the metal surface.

Refining. The blister copper is purified as follows :

(*i*) **Poling.** The blister copper is purified by heating it strongly in a reverberatory furnace in the presence of excess of air. The impurities are either removed as volatile oxides or converted into slag.

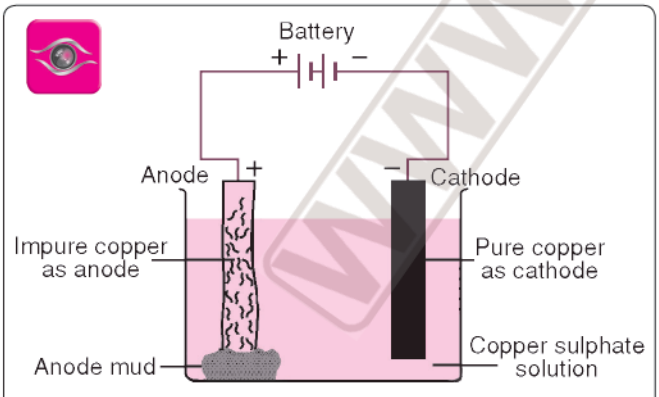


Fig. 18. Electrolytic refining of copper

Some of the copper also changes to cuprous oxide. This is reduced back to copper by stirring the molten metal with green poles of wood. The hydrocarbons present in these freshly cut poles reduce cuprous oxide to copper which is about 99.5% pure. Further purification is done by electrolyic refining.

(*ii*) **Electrolytic refining.** The crude copper is further purified by electrolytic method. In this method, a thin sheet of metal is made as cathode and the block of crude metal is made as anode. Both the electrodes are placed in an acidified copper sulphate solution (Fig. 18). When electric current is passed through the solution, impure copper from anode goes into the solution and pure copper from the solution gets deposited on the cathode.

At anode $\quad Cu - 2e^- \longrightarrow Cu^{2+}$

At cathode $\quad Cu^{2+} + 2e^- \longrightarrow Cu$

The impurities of zinc, nickel, iron, etc. get collected below the anode as **anode mud**.

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Alternatively, prolonged exposure of copper pyrites to air and rain leads to the formation of dilute solution of copper sulphate. Copper can be precipitated from this solution by the addition of scrap iron. It is then refined electrolytically.

Copper from low grade ores and scraps

Copper is extracted by hydrometallurgy from low grade ores. It is leached out using acid or bacteria. When copper is treated with an acid in the presence of air, it goes into the solution as Cu^{2+} ions :

$$Cu(s) + 2H^+(aq) + \frac{1}{2}O_2(g) \longrightarrow Cu^{2+}(aq) + H_2O(l)$$

The solution containing copper ions (Cu^{2+}) is treated with scrap iron or H_2 as :

$$\underset{}{Cu^{2+}\,(aq)} + \underset{\text{Scrap iron}}{Fe\,(s)} \longrightarrow Cu\,(s) + Fe^{2+}\,(aq)$$

$$Cu^{2+}\,(aq) + H_2\,(g) \longrightarrow Cu\,(s) + 2H^+\,(aq)$$

Since E° of $Fe^{2+}|Fe$ (–0.44 V) and that of $H^+|H_2$(0.0 V) redox couple is lower than that of $Cu^{2+}|Cu$ (+0.34 V), therefore, iron or hydrogen can displace copper from Cu^{2+} ions.

In this way, copper is obtained.

3. Extraction of Zinc

Zinc does not occur in native form because it is a reactive metal. The main **ores** of zinc are :

(*i*)	*Zinc blende*	ZnS
(*ii*)	*Calamine*	$ZnCO_3$
(*iii*)	*Zincite*	ZnO
(*iv*)	*Franklinite*	$ZnO.Fe_2O_3$
(*v*)	*Willemite*	Zn_2SiO_4

The principal ore of zinc is **zinc blende**.

Extraction. Zinc can be extracted from zinc blende by the following steps:

1. Concentration. The ore is concentrated by *froth floatation process* as already described.

2. Roasting. Concentrated ore is roasted in the presence of excess of air at about 1200 K to convert zinc sulphide into zinc oxide.

$$\underset{\text{Zinc blende}}{2ZnS} + 3O_2 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Zinc oxide}}{2ZnO} + 2SO_2$$

Sulphur dioxide gas evolved in this process may be used in the manufacture of sulphuric acid.

3. Reduction. Zinc oxide is reduced to zinc by heating with crushed coke at 1673 K in vertical fire clay retorts.

$$ZnO + \underset{\text{(coke)}}{C} \xrightarrow{1673\ K} Zn + CO$$

The vapours of zinc formed are collected and condensed.

The Ellingham diagram for the formation of ZnO from Zn, CO from C, and CO_2 from C and CO is shown in Fig. 19. It is clear that intersection of ΔG vs T curve for Zn–ZnO and C–CO curve lies at a higher temperature than that of Cu – Cu_2O curve and C, CO curve. Therefore, reduction of ZnO with coke is carried out at a higher temperature than that of Cu_2O.

It is also clear from the figure that all the three curves for the oxidation of carbon [*i.e.;* (C, CO); (C, CO_2) and (CO, CO_2)] lie above the oxidation curve of Zn till the boiling point of zinc (1180 K) is reached. However, above 1180 K, $\Delta_f G^\circ$ for

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Figure 7 shows that the ΔG vs T curve for Zn, ZnO is lower than Cu, Cu_2O curve but it is above C, CO curve. This means that ZnO can be reduced to metallic zinc at higher temperature (about 1673 K) than in case of copper.

$$ZnO + C \xrightarrow{1673\ K} Zn + CO$$

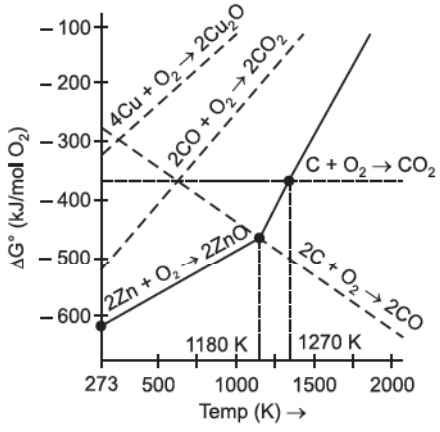


Fig. 19. Ellingham diagram for formation of ZnO from Zn, CO from C, CO_2 from C and CO_2 from C and CO.

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the formation of CO decreases and that for the formation of ZnO increases, very rapidly and these intersect the C, CO_2 curve at 1270 K. This means that above 1270 K, $\Delta_f G°$ for ZnO is higher than that of CO_2 and CO from carbon. Therefore, above 1270 K, $\Delta_r G°$ for the reduction of ZnO by carbon is negative and hence ZnO is easily reduced by coke above 1270 K. For this purpose of reduction, ZnO is made into brickettes with coke and clay and heated around 1673 K so that the reduction process goes to completion. Since the boiling point of zinc is low (1180 K), the metal is distilled off and collected by rapid cooling.

It may be noted that $\Delta_f G°$ of CO_2 from CO is always higher than that of ZnO. Therefore, CO cannot be used for reduction of ZnO.

4. Refining. The impure metal is refined by *fractional distillation or by electrolytic method.*

(*i*) **By fractional distillation.** Impure zinc contains impurities of cadmium (b.p. = 1073 K), lead (b.p. 2024 K) and iron (b.p. 3273 K). The boiling point of zinc is 1183 K. The impure metal is distilled when zinc and cadmium with low boiling points distil over leaving behind lead and iron. The boiling points of zinc and cadmium are also different and therefore, the mixture of zinc and cadmium is again subjected to fractional distillation when low boiling cadmium distils leaving behind zinc metal in the distillation flask.

(*ii*) **By electrolytic refining.** In this process, the impure zinc is made anode while a plate of pure zinc is made the cathode. The electrolyte is zinc sulphate containing a small amount of dilute sulphuric acid. On passing current, zinc from the electrolyte is deposited at the cathode while an equivalent amount of zinc from anode goes into the electrolyte. Therefore, pure zinc is obtained on cathode.

Special types of zinc

Zinc is also found in two special types (*i*) *Zinc dust* and (*ii*) *Granulated zinc*.

(*i*) **Zinc dust.** It is prepared by melting zinc and then atomising it with blast of air.

(*ii*) **Granulated zinc.** It is prepared by pouring molten zinc into cold water.

It may be noted that bauxite ore is of two types. If the main impurities are oxides of iron, it is called **red bauxite**. On the other hand, if the main impurities are due to oxides of silicon, the bauxite is called **white bauxite**.

- The red bauxite is purified by **Baeyer's process.**
- The white bauxite is purified by **Serpeck's process**.

4. Extraction of Aluminium

Aluminium occurs widely as a constituent of rocks and soils. It is most abundant element (8.31%) by weight) after oxygen and silicon. The main ores of aluminium are :

(*i*) Bauxite; $Al_2O_3.2H_2O$

(*ii*) Cryolite; Na_3AlF_6

(*iii*) Feldspar; $KAlSi_3O_8$

(*iv*) Mica; $KAlSi_2O_{10}(OH)_2$

Extraction of Aluminium

Aluminium is normally extracted from bauxite ore, $Al_2O_3.2H_2O$. .

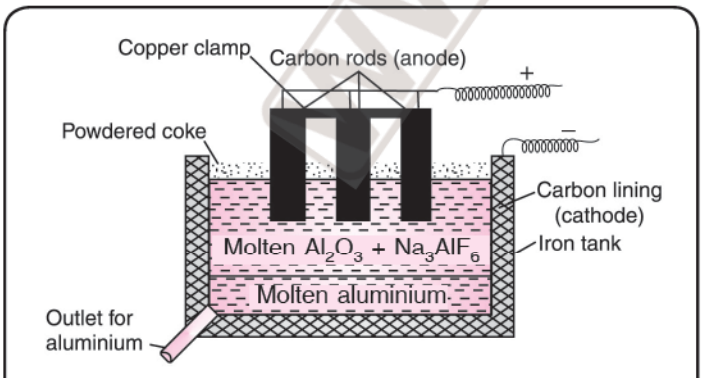


Fig. 20. Electrolysis of fused alumina

Electrolysis of fused alumina

Fused alumina is a bad conductor of electricity. In this method, purified alumina is mixed with molten cryolite (Na_3AlF_6) or fluorspar (CaF_2) and is **electrolysed** in an iron tank lined inside with carbon. The molten **cryolite (Na_3AlF_6) decreases** the melting point to about **1173 K** and also **increases the electrical conductivity**. The process of electrolysis is carried in an iron tank having a lining of carbon as shown in Fig. (20) which acts as the cathode. The anode consists of a number of carbon rods which dip in the fused electrolyte. The molten electrolyte is covered with a layer of powdered coke to prevent oxidation and loss of heat due to radiation. The overall reaction is

$$2Al_2O_3 + 3C \longrightarrow 4Al + 3CO_2$$

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This process of electrolysis is called **Hall Heroult process**. During electrolysis the following reactions occur :

At cathode : Al^{3+} (melt) + $3e^-$ $\longrightarrow$ Al (l)

At anode : C (s) + O^{2-} (melt) $\longrightarrow$ CO(g) + $2e^-$

C(s) + $2O^{2-}$ (melt) $\longrightarrow$ CO_2(g) + $4e^-$

Therefore, aluminium is liberated at the cathode and gets collected at the bottom of tank, from where it is removed periodically. The oxygen evolved at the anode combines with the carbon of the anode to produce carbon monoxide. CO either burns to CO_2 or escapes out. This way for each *kg* of aluminium produced, about 0.5 *kg* of carbon anode is burnt away. Because of the reaction of carbon anodes, these need to be replaced periodically.

The aluminium metal liberated at the cathode melts at the high temperature (1173K) of the tank. The molten metal being heavier than the molten electrolyte sinks to the bottom of the tank from where it is withdrawn periodically through the tapping hole. The aluminium metal obtained by the electrolysis of alumina is 99.95% pure. It can be further purified by *electrolytic refining*.

The summary of occurrence and extraction of some metals is given below :

Table 2. Summary of Occurrence and Extraction of some Metals.

Metal	Occurrence		Common method of extraction	Remarks
Aluminium	Bauxite, Cryolite	$Al_2O_3.xH_2O$ Na_3AlF_6	Electrolysis of Al_2O_3 dissolved in molten Na_3AlF_6	A good source of electricity is required.
Iron	Haematite Magnetite Iron pyrites Siderite	Fe_2O_3 Fe_3O_4 FeS_2 $FeCO_3$	Reduction of the oxide ore with CO and coke in blast furnace	Temperature of the order 2170 K is required.
Copper	Copper pyrites Copper glance Cuprite Malachite	$CuFeS_2$ Cu_2S Cu_2O $CuCO_3.Cu(OH)_2$	Roasting of sulphide partially and followed by reduction $2Cu_2O + Cu_2S \longrightarrow 6Cu + SO_2$	It is self reduction in a specially designed converter. The reduction takes place easily. In the hydrometallurgy of copper from low grade ores, sulphuric acid leaching is used.
Zinc	Zinc blende or sphalerite Zincite Calamine	ZnS ZnO $ZnCO_3$	Roasting followed by reduction with coke	Metal may be purified by fractional distillation.

USES OF ALUMINIUM, COPPER, ZINC AND IRON

Uses of Aluminium

(*i*) Aluminium is used for making electrical transmission cables as it is a good conductor of electricity.

(*ii*) Aluminium powder is used as a reducing agent in thermite welding.

(*iii*) In the form of finely divided powder, it is used in anti-rust paints and lacquers.

(*iv*) Aluminium foils are used up for wrapping cigarettes, food stuffs, chocolates, soaps, etc.

(*v*) It is used to remove dissolved oxygen during the extraction of certain metals.

(*vi*) It is used in making household utensils.

(*vii*) Aluminium being highly reactive is used in the **extraction of chromium and manganese** from their oxides.

(*viii*) It is also used in making certain alloys. These alloys are extensively used for household purposes. Some of the common alloys of aluminium are :

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Alloy	Percentage composition	Properties	Uses
Aluminium bronze	Al = 90, Cu = 10	Light strong alloy with golden lustre, resistant to corrosion.	Coins, utensils, jewellery, picture frame, etc.
Magnalium	Al = 95, Mg = 5	Light, tough and strong	Light instruments, balance beams, pressure cookers, etc.
Duralumin	Al = 95, Cu = 4 Mg = 0.5, Mn = 0.5	Light, tough, ductile, resistant to corrosive action	Making aeroplanes, automobile parts, pressure cookers, etc.
Alnico	Al = 12, Fe = 60 Ni = 20, Co = 8	Strongly magnetic	Permanent magnets

Uses of Copper

After iron and aluminium, copper is probably the most important metal. It is in great demand as an electrical conductor and for water and steam piping. Its important uses are :

(*i*) Copper is used for making electric wires used in electrical industry and for water and steam pipes. This is because of very high electrical conductivity of copper.

(*ii*) Since it is not attacked by water or air, it is used for making utensils, containers, kettles, evaporating pans, coins, etc.

(*iii*) It is used in electroplating and electrotyping industry.

(*iv*) It is used in several alloys which are tougher than metal itself. The common alloys are brass, bronze, gun metal, coinage metal, etc.

(*v*) Copper is also used for alloying with gold and silver to make them hard for the purpose of making ornaments and coins.

Some important alloys of copper are given in Table 3.

Table 3. Alloys of Copper

	Alloy	Percentage composition	Uses
1.	Brass	Cu = 60, Zn = 40	Utensils, condenser tubes, cartridge caps, etc.
2.	Bronze	Cu = 90, Sn = 10	Coins, statues, control valves
3.	Aluminium bronze	Cu = 90, Al = 10	Coins, picture frames, golden powder for paints, cheap jewellery
4.	Bell metal	Cu = 80, Sn = 20	Bells, gongs
5.	Gun metal	Cu = 88, Sn = 10, Zn = 2	Gears, bearings, castings.
6.	German silver	Cu = 25 – 50, Zn = 25 – 35 Ni = 10 – 35	Utensils, resistance wire
7.	Phosphor bronze	Cu = 95, Sn = 4.8, P = 0.2	Springs, electrical equipments
8.	Monel metal	C = 30, Ni = 67 Fe and Mn = 3	Acid pumps and acid containers
9.	Gold copper alloy	Au = 90, Cu = 10	Gold coins, jewellery, watch cases, spectacle rims
10.	Constantan	Cu = 60, Ni = 40	Electrical apparatus

Uses of Zinc

(*i*) Zinc is widely used for galvanising iron.

(*ii*) Zinc is used in extraction of gold and silver by cyanide process.

(*iii*) Zinc dust is used as a reducing agent in the laboratory It is also used in the manufacture of drugs, dye stuffs paints and other chemicals, etc.

(*iv*) Zinc is used in dry cells as electrodes.

(*v*) It is used in the manufacture of many alloys such as brass, german silver, etc.

Uses of Iron

(*i*) Cast iron which is the most important form of iron is used for casting stoves, railway sleepers, gutter pipes, toys, etc.

(*ii*) It is used in the manufacture of wrought iron and steel.

(*iii*) Wrought iron is used in making wires, bolts, anchors, chains and agricultural implements.

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(*iv*) Steel finds number of uses. Alloy steel is obtained when other metals are added to it and find extensive uses. Different types of steels and their uses are given in Table 4.

(*v*) It is used in the manufacture of many alloys such as brass, german silver, etc.

Steels obtained by the addition of some other one or more metals such as chromium, vanadium, titanium, molybdenum, manganese, cobalt or nickel to carbon steel are called *alloy steels*. The metals are added to obtain some special properties of steel. Some special alloy steels, their composition, properties and uses are given below :

Table 4. Some important alloy steels.

Name	Percentage composition	Properties	Uses
1. Stainless steel	Fe = 73, Cr = 18, Ni = 8	Resistance to rusting	Utensils, cycle and automobile parts, cutlery.
2. Nickel steel	Fe = 96 – 98, Ni = 2 – 4	Hard, elastic and rust proof	Cables, automobile and aeroplane parts, armour plates, gears.
3. Invar	Fe = 64, Ni = 36	Low expansion on heating	Metre scales, measuring instruments, clock pendulums.
4. Chrome steel	Fe = 98, Cr = 1.5 – 2.0	High tensile strength	Cutting tools such as files, cutlery.
5. Tungsten steel	Fe = 94, W = 5 and C	Hard, resistant to corrosion	High speed cutting tools, springs.
6. Silicon steel	Fe = 85 Si = 15	Hard and resistant to acids	Pumps and pipes for carrying acids.
7. Alnico	Fe = 60, Al = 12, Ni = 20, Co = 8	Strongly magnetic	Permanent magnets.
8. Manganese steel	Fe = 86 Mn = 13 and C	Extremely hard, resistant to wear and tear	Rock crushers, burglar proof safes, rail road trucks.

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Example 12.

At a site, low grade copper ores are available and zinc and iron scraps are also available. Which of the two scraps would be more suitable for reducing the leached copper ore and why ?

Solution : Since zinc lies above iron in electrochemical series, it is more reactive than iron. As a result, if zinc scraps are used, the reduction will be fast. However, zinc is a costlier metal than iron. Therefore, it will be advisable and advantageous to use iron scraps.

Example 13.

(*a*) *Give one example each of the following :*

(*i*) *Acidic flux* (*ii*) *Basic flux*

(*b*) *What happens when*

(*i*) *Cu_2O undergoes self reduction in a silica line converter*

(*ii*) *Haematite oxidises carbon to carbon monoxide.*

(*C.B.S.E. Sample Paper 2012*)

Solution :

(*a*) (*i*) Acidic flux : SiO_2 (*ii*) Basic flux : CaO

(*b*) (*i*) Cu_2O undergoes self reduction to form blister copper as :

$$2Cu_2O + Cu_2S \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Blister copper}}{6Cu} + SO_2$$

(*ii*) Haematite oxidises carbon to carbon monoxide forming iron.

$$Fe_2O_3 + 3C \longrightarrow 3CO + 2Fe$$

Example 14.

Explain the following :

(*a*) *Although thermodynamically feasible, in practice magnesium metal is not used for the reduction of alumina in the metallurgy of aluminium. Why ?*

(*b*) *Why is zinc and not copper used for the recovery of silver from the complex $[Ag(CN)_2]^-$?*

(*c*) *The extraction of Au by leaching with NaCN involves both oxidation and reduction. Justify giving equations.*

(*C.B.S.E. Sample Paper 2011*)

(*d*) *Lime stone is used in the manufacture of pig iron from haematite. Why?*

Solution :

(*a*) Inspection of Ellingham diagram (Fig. 13) shows that ΔG vs T curves for Al_2O_3 and MgO intersect at a point corresponding to very high temperature of the order of 2000 K. This means above this temperature, ΔG for the reaction :

$$Al_2O_3 + 3Mg \longrightarrow 2Al + 3MgO$$

would become negative and hence reduction will be feasible. However, this temperature is very high so that the process is uneconomical and technologically difficult.

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(*b*) Zinc is stronger reducing agent ($E^\circ = -0.76$ V) and more electropositive than copper ($E^\circ = +0.34$ V). Therefore, zinc is used for recovery of Ag from $[Ag(CN_2)]^-$ complex.

(*c*) During leaching process, gold (Au) is first oxidised by O_2 of the air to Au^+ which then combines with CN^- ions to form the soluble complex, dicyanoaurate (I).

$$4Au\,(s) + 8NaCN\,(aq) + O_2\,(g) + 2H_2O\,(l) \longrightarrow 4Na[Au(CN)_2]\,(aq) + 4NaOH\,(aq)$$

Sodium dicyanidoaurate (I) (Soluble complex)

Gold is then extracted from this complex by displacement method by using a more electropositive zinc metal. In this method, zinc acts as a reducing agent and it reduces Au^+ to Au. Zinc itself gets oxidised to Zn^{2+} ions which combine with CN^- ions to form soluble complex, sodium tetracyanozincate (II).

$$2Na[Au(CN)_2]\,(aq) + Zn\,(s) \longrightarrow 2Au\,(s) + Na_2[Zn(CN)_4]$$

(Sodium tetracyanozincate (II) (Soluble complex)

Thus, extraction of gold by leaching with NaCN involves both oxidation and reduction.

(*d*) Haematite is an ore of iron and contains silica (SiO_2) as the main impurity. The purpose of limestone is to remove SiO_2 as calcium silicate ($CaSiO_3$) slag.

$$\underset{\text{Limestone}}{CaCO_3} \longrightarrow CaO + CO_2$$

$$\underset{\text{Basic flux}}{CaO} + SiO_2 \longrightarrow CaSiO_3$$

add on Conceptual Questions

CONCEPTUAL QA

Q.1. Which method of refining is generally used when a metal of high degree of purity is needed? ***(Pb. S.B. 2016)***

Ans. Zone refining method.

Q.2. Name the metal used as a reducing agent in aluminothermic process. ***(Pb. S.B. 2016)***

Ans. Aluminium.

Q.3. What is basic difference between calcination and roasting ?

Ans. During calcination, the concentrated ore is heated either in the absence or in the limited supply of air. On the other hand, roasting is carried out in excess of air.

Q.4. Which is the cheapest and most abundant reducing agent which is used in the extraction of metals ?

Ans. Carbon in the form of coke.

Q.5. Why does CaO react with SiO_2 to form a slag ?

Ans. CaO is basic oxide whereas SiO_2 is acidic oxide. Their reaction is acid-base reaction as :

$$CaO + SiO_2 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Slag}}{CaSiO_3}$$

Q.6. Why is the formation of sulphate in calcination sometimes advantageous ?

Ans. Sulphates are usually water soluble and the gangue remains insoluble. Therefore, the desired metal is leached away as soluble sulphate from insoluble gangue.

Q.7. Why cannot aluminium be reduced by carbon ? ***(H.P.S.B. 2010)***

Ans. Aluminium is stronger reducing agent than carbon and therefore, cannot be reduced by it.

Q.8. How does NaCN act as a depressant in preventing ZnS from forming the froth ?

Ans. NaCN forms a layer of zinc complex, $Na_2[Zn(CN)_4]$ on the surface of ZnS and thereby prevents it from the formation of froth.

Q.9. Which is better reducing agent at 983 K, C or CO ?

Ans. Carbon.

Q.10. Indicate the temperature at which carbon can be used as a reducing agent for FeO,

Ans. Above 1123 K.

Q.11. Which metals are generally extracted by electrolytic process? Which positions these metals generally occupy in the periodic table ?

Ans. Electrolytic process is used for the extraction of active metals like Na, Ca, Mg, Al, etc. These metals belong to *p*-block elements.

Q.12. What is the composition of copper matte? ***(D.S.B. 2013, Tripura S.B. 2016)***

Ans. Copper matte contains cuprous sulphide (Cu_2S) and iron sulphide (FeS).

Q.13. What is cupellation ?

Ans. Cupellation is a method used for refining of those metals which contain impurities of other metals which form volatile oxides. For example, removal of last traces of lead from silver.

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Q.14. What type of ores are roasted?

Ans. Sulphide ores.

Q.15. How is granular zinc obtained ?

Ans. Granular zinc is obtained by pouring molten zinc in cold water.

Q.16. What is Kroll process ?

Ans. The production of titanium metal at 900K from $TiCl_4$ by reduction with Mg in argon atmosphere.

$$TiCl_4(g) + 2Mg \longrightarrow Ti(s) + 2MgCl_2(l)$$

Q.17. The iron produced in the blast furnace is called .....

Ans. pig iron.

Q.18. What is the role of a stabilizer in froth floatation process ? Give examples.

Ans. In froth floatation process stabilizer stabilizes the froth. For example, aniline, cresol, etc.

Q.19. Name three forms of iron. How do these three forms differ ?

Ans. Three forms of iron are : cast iron, wrought iron and steel. These differ in their carbon content.

Q.20. What is the actual reducing agent of haematite in blast furnace ?

Ans. Carbon monoxide, CO.

Q.21. An ore sample of galena (PbS) is contaminated with zinc blende (ZnS). Name one chemical which can be used to concentrate galena selectively by froth floatation method. ***(CBSE Sample Paper 2007)***

Ans. NaCN (sodium cyanide) is used as depressant.

Q.22. Name the method used for refining of

(*i*) Nickel **(*ii*) Zirconium** ***(CBSE Sample Paper 2007)***

Ans. (*i*) Mond's process (*ii*) Van Arkel method

Q.23. Pine oil is used in froth floatation method. Why ? ***(CBSE Sample Paper 2007)***

Ans. Pine oil is added in froth floatation method because it enhances the non-wettability of the mineral particles.

Q.24. Giving examples differentiate between roasting and calcination. ***(Bihar S.B. 2012, J.K.S.B. 2012)***

Ans.

Calcination	Roasting
1. In calcination, the ore is heated in the absence of air. $Fe_2O_3.xH_2O(s) \xrightarrow{Heat} Fe_2O_3(s) + x\,H_2O(g)$ $ZnCO_3(s) \xrightarrow{Heat} ZnO(s) + CO_2(g)$ $CaCO_3.MgCO_3(s) \xrightarrow{Heat} CaO(s) + MgO(s) + 2CO_2$	In roasting the ore is heated in regular supply of air below the melting point of metal. $2ZnS + 3O_2 \longrightarrow 2ZnO + SO_2$ $2Cu_2S + 3O_2 \longrightarrow 2Cu_2O + 2SO_2$ $2PbS + 3O_2 \longrightarrow 2PbO + 2SO_2$
2. It is used for carbonate and oxide ores.	It is used for sulphide ores.
3. Moisture and organic impurities are removed.	Volatile impurities are removed as oxides, SO_2, P_2O_5, As_2O_5, etc.

Q.25. What is meant by benefaction process ? ***(Hr. S.B. 2017)***

Ans. The process used to concentrate an ore is called benefaction process.

Q.26. Write the overall reaction taking place in the process used for the electrolysis of alumina by Hall-Heroult process. ***(CBSE Sample Paper 2011)***

Ans. $$2Al_2O_3 + 3C \longrightarrow 4Al + 3CO_2$$

Q.27. Why is the froth floatation method selected for the concentration of sulphide ores? ***(CBSE Sample Paper 2011)***

Ans. Froth floatation process is selected for the concentration of sulphide ores because sulphide ore particles are preferentially wetted by oil and the impurities by water.

Q.28. Write a non-exothermic reaction taking place in the blast furnace during extraction of iron. ***(CBSE Sample Paper 2011)***

Ans. $$CaCO_3 \xrightarrow{Heat} CaO + CO_2$$

Q.29. Why can't aluminium be reduced by carbon ? ***(CBSE Sample Paper 2011)***

Ans. Aluminium cannot be reduced by carbon because it is a stronger reducing agent than carbon.

Q.30. What is a flux ? What is the role of flux in the metallurgy of iron and copper ? ***(CBSE Sample Paper 2011)***

Ans. Flux is a substance which combines with gangue which may still be present in the calcined or roasted ore to form an easily fusible material called the slag.

$$\text{Flux} + \text{Gangue} \longrightarrow \text{Slag (fusible)}$$

In the metallurgy of copper, most of the ferrous sulphide present as impurity gets oxidised to ferrous oxide which combines with silica (flux) to form fusible slag.

$$FeO + SiO_2 \longrightarrow FeSiO_3$$

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The slag being lighter floats and forms the upper layer which is removed from the slag hole from time to time. In the blast furnace for metallurgy of iron, lime acts as a flux and combines with silica present as impurity to form slag.

$$CaO + SiO_2 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Slag}}{CaSiO_3}$$

Q.31. Out of C and CO which is a better reducing agent for FeO.
(*i*) In the lower part of blast furnace (Higher temperature)
(*ii*) In the upper part of blast furnace (Lower temperature) ***(CBSE Sample Paper 2011)***

Ans. (*i*) C is better reducing agent at higher temperature (lower part of blast furnace).
(*ii*) CO is better reducing agent at lower temperature (higher part of blast furnace).

Q.32. Name the method of refining of metals such as germanium. ***(D.S.B. 2016)***

Ans. Zone refining.

Q.33. In the extraction of Al, impure Al_2O_3 is dissolved in conc. NaOH to form sodium aluminate and leaving impurities behind. What is the name of the process. ***(D.S.B. 2016)***

Ans. $Al_2O_3 + 2NaOH + 3H_2O \longrightarrow 2Na\,[Al(OH)_4]$
This process is called leaching.

Q.34. Name the method of refining which is based on the principle of adsorption. ***(A.I.S.B. 2016)***

Ans. Chromatography.

Q.35. What is the role of limestone in the extraction of iron from its oxides? ***(A.I.S.B. 2016)***

Ans. Limestone decomposes to form lime (CaO) and carbon dioxide (CO_2). The lime, thus, produced acts as a flux and combines with silica (present as impurity in oxides of iron) to produce slag.

$$\underset{\text{Limestone}}{CaCO_3} \longrightarrow CaO + CO_2$$

$$\underset{\text{Lime}}{CaO} + SiO_2 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Calcium silicate (slag)}}{CaSiO_3}$$

Q.36. What is role of coke in the extraction of iron from its oxides? ***(D.S.B. 2016)***

Ans. The coke serves as a fuel as well as a reducing agent. It burns to produce CO_2 and heat which raises the temperature to about 2200 K (in combustion zone).

$$C + O_2 \longrightarrow CO_2 \qquad \Delta H = -393.4\ kJ$$

It also reduces Fe_2O_3 to iron.

$$Fe_2O_3 + 3C \longrightarrow 2Fe + 3CO + Heat$$

Q.37. Out of PbS and $PbCO_3$ (ores of lead), which one is concentrated by froth floatation process preferably? ***(D.S.B. 2017)***

Ans. PbS.

Q.38. What is the role of collectors in the froth floatation process? Give an example of a collector. ***(A.I.S.B. 2017)***

Ans. The collectors enhance the non-wettability of the mineral particles in the froth floatation process. For example: Pine oil.

Q.39. What is the role of depressants in the froth floatation process? ***(A.I.S.B. 2017)***

Ans. The depressants in the froth floatation process, selectively prevent one of the sulphide ores from forming the froth with air bubbles.



Chapter Summary

Key Terms & Laws

- **Calcination.** It is a process of heating the ore strongly in the absence or limited supply of air.
- **Roasting.** It is a process of heating the ore in the presence of excess air.
- **Ore.** The minerals from which the metals are conveniently and economically extracted.
- **Gangue or matrix.** The unwanted earthy and silicious impurities associated with the ores.
- **Concentration of ore or ore dressing.** The process of removal of gangue or matrix from the ore.
- **Flux.** The substance which combines with gangue which may still be present in the calcined or roasted ore to form easily fusible material.
- **Slag.** The fusible material formed by the combination of flux and gangue.
- **Ore refining.** The process of purifying the crude metal.

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QUICK CHAPTER ROUND UP

ORE

All ores are minerals but all minerals are not ores.

Crushing & grinding

POWDERED ORE

removal of unwanted impurities (gangue or matrix) → Concentration (dressing or benefaction)

Gravity separation or Levigation
- Based on the differences in specific gravities of metallic ores and the gangue particles
- for oxides ores of Fe, Sn and native ores Au, Ag

Electromagnetic separation
- If either ore or gangue is attracted by the magnet
- for chromite ($FeCr_2O_4$), magnetite (Fe_3O_4)

Froth floatation
- Differences in wetting properties of ore and gangue particles with water and oil
- for sulphide ores such as ZnS, $CuFeS_2$, PbS

Leaching
- Ore is treated with certain chemical reagents which can selectively dissolve ore but not impurities
- for bauxite, Ag and Au.

Extraction of Crude Metal

A. Conversion into metal oxide (oxidation)

- **Calcination**. Heating the ore in a limited supply of air or absence of air.
  e.g., $ZnCO_3 \xrightarrow{\text{Calcination}} ZnO + CO_2$
- **Roasting**. Heating the ore in the presence of excess air.
  e.g., $2ZnS + 3O_2 \longrightarrow 2ZnO + 2SO_2$

B. Conversion of oxide into metal (reduction)

- By heating the metal oxide with a suitable reducing agent (C or CO or some other metal)
  e.g., $ZnO + C \longrightarrow Zn + CO$
  $Fe_2O_3 + CO \longrightarrow 2Fe + 3CO_2$
  $NiO + H_2 \longrightarrow Ni + H_2O$
  $Cr_2O_3 + 3Al \longrightarrow 2Cr + Al_2O_3$ (called **aluminothermy** or **Goldschmidt thermite process**)

CRUDE METAL

Purification and refining

Distillation
- For low boiling liquids
- low boiling metals Hg, Zn

Liquation
- For metals of low m. pts.
- tin, lead, bismuth

Electrorefining
- By passing electric current
- Cu
- ❒ impure metal–anode
  pure metal–cathode

Zone refining
- Impurities are more soluble in melt than in solid state
- Si, Ge, Ga

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- Vapour phase refining

$$Ni + 4CO \xrightarrow{330\text{-}350\ K} Ni(CO)_4$$

$$Ni(CO)_4 \xrightarrow{450\text{-}470\ K} Ni + 4CO$$

- Van Arkel method

$$Ti(s) + 2I_2(g) \xrightarrow{523\ K} TiI_4(g) \xrightarrow{1700\ K} \underset{\text{Pure}}{Ti(s)} + 2I_2(g)$$

$$Zr + 2I_2(g) \xrightarrow{870\ K} ZrI_4(g) \xrightarrow{2075\ K} \underset{\text{Pure}}{Zr} + 2I_2(g)$$

- Chromatography — Different components of a mixture are differently adsorbed on a adsorbent

➢ Iron

- Ores are: Haematite (Fe_2O_3), magnetite (Fe_3O_4), iron pyrites (FeS_2)
- Iron is extracted from **haematite**
- Calcined (to remove moisture etc.)
- Reduced with C (smelting) in blast furnace

❒ Fusion Zone

$$CO_2 + C \longrightarrow 2CO;\ \Delta H = 163.2kJ$$

$$Fe_2O_3 + 3C \longrightarrow 2Fe + 3CO + heat$$

❒ Slag formation

$$CaCO_3 \longrightarrow CaO + CO_2$$

$$CaO + SiO_2 \longrightarrow CaSiO_3$$

❒ Reduction zone

$$3Fe_2O_3 + CO \longrightarrow 2Fe_3O_4 + CO_2$$

$$Fe_3O_4 + 4CO \longrightarrow 3Fe + 4CO_2$$

$$Fe_2O_3 + CO \longrightarrow 2FeO + CO_2$$

$$FeO + C \longrightarrow Fe + CO$$

We get pig iron

❒ **Wrought iron is the purest form of iron**

➢ Copper

- Ores are: Copper glance (Cu_2S), copper pyrites ($CuFeS_2$), malachite [$Cu(OH)_2.(CuCO_3)$], cuprite (Cu_2O)
- Copper is extracted from **copper pyrites**

$$2CuFeS_2 + O_2 \longrightarrow Cu_2S + 2FeS + SO_2$$

$$2FeS + 3O_2 \longrightarrow 2FeO + 2SO_2$$

$$2Cu_2S + 3O_2 \longrightarrow 2Cu_2O + 2SO_2$$

FeS is preferentially oxidised

$$2FeS + 3O_2 \longrightarrow 2FeO + 2SO_2$$

$$\underset{\text{Flux}}{FeO} + SiO_2 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Slag}}{FeSiO_3}$$

During roasting if any oxide of copper is formed, it combines with FeS

$$Cu_2O + FeS \longrightarrow Cu_2S + FeO$$

Molten mass contains Cu_2S and FeS (called copper matte)

$$2FeS + 3O_2 \longrightarrow 2FeO + 2SO_2$$

$$FeO + SiO_2 \longrightarrow FeSiO_3\ (Slag)$$

$$2Cu_2S + 3O_2 \longrightarrow 2Cu_2O + 2SO_2$$

$$Cu_2S + 2Cu_2O \longrightarrow \underset{\substack{\text{Blister}\\\text{copper}}}{6Cu} + SO_2$$

Blister copper is purified by **electrolytic refining**

➢ Aluminium

- Ores are: Bauxite ($Al_2O_3.2H_2O$) cryolite (Na_3AlF_6), feldspar. ($KAlSi_3O_8$)
- Aluminium is extracted from **bauxite** by electrolysis

$$2Al_2O_3 + 3C \longrightarrow 4Al + 3CO_2$$

Process is called **Hall-Heroult process**

Cathode: $Al^{3+}(melt) + 3e^- \longrightarrow Al(l)$

Anode: $C(s) + O^{2-} \longrightarrow CO(g) + 2e^-$

$C(s) + 2O^{2-} \longrightarrow CO_2(g) + 4e^-$

Al is liberated at cathode

➢ Zinc

- Ores are. Zinc blende (ZnS), calamine ($ZnCO_3$), Zincite (ZnO), Franklinite ($ZnO.Fe_2O_3$)
- Zinc is extracted from **zinc blende**.
- It is concentrated by froth floatation process

$$2ZnS + 3O_2 \xrightarrow[1200\ K]{\text{Roasted}} 2ZnO + 2SO_2$$

$$ZnO + C \xrightarrow{1673\ K} Zn + CO$$

Zinc vapours are collected and condensed

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NCERT Intext Questions

Q.1. Which types of ores can be concentrated by magnetic separation method ? Give two examples.

Ans. The ores in which one of the components (either the ore or the impurity) is magnetic in nature can be separated from the non-magnetic components by magnetic separation method. For example,

(*i*) Haematite (Fe_2O_3) (*ii*) Magnetite (Fe_3O_4)

Q.2. What is the significance of leaching in the extraction of aluminium ?

Ans. The principal ore of aluminium is bauxite (Al_2O_3). It contains SiO_2, iron oxides and titanium oxide as impurities. The significance of leaching in the extraction of aluminium from bauxite is to remove the impurities from the ore.

Q.3. The reaction :

$Cr_2O_3 + 2Al \longrightarrow Al_2O_3 + 2Cr$; $\Delta G^\circ = -421$ kJ is thermodynamically feasible as is apparent from Gibbs energy value. Why does it not take place at room temperature ?

Ans. The reaction is thermodynamically favourable. Since in the given redox reaction, all the reactants and the products are solids at room temperature, therefore, it does not occur at room temperature. However, at high temperature when chromium melts, the reaction proceeds rapidly. Thus, heating is required for this reaction to start.

Q.4. Is it true that under certain conditions magnesium can reduce SiO_2 and silicon can reduce MgO? What are those conditions ?

Ans. Below the melting point of silicon (1693 K), the $\Delta_f G^\circ$ curve for the formation of SiO_2 lies above the $\Delta_f G^\circ$ curve for MgO. Therefore, below 1693 K, Mg can reduce SiO_2 to Si. However, above 1693 K, the $\Delta_f G^\circ$ curve for MgO lies above $\Delta_f G^\circ$ curve for SiO_2 and therefore, at temperatures above 1693 K, Si can reduce MgO to Mg.

NCERT Textbook Exercises

Q.1. Copper can be extracted by hydrometallurgy but not zinc. Explain.

Ans. *Refer Solved Example 8.* (*Page* 18)

Q.2. What is the role of depressant in froth floatation process ? ***(A.I.S.B. 2016)***

Ans. The depressants are used to prevent certain types of particles from forming the froth with bubbles in froth floatation process. This helps to separate two sulphide ores. For example, in case of an ore containing zinc sulphide (ZnS) and lead sulphide (PbS), sodium cyanide (NaCN) is used as a depressant. It forms a layer of zinc complex $Na_2[Zn(CN)_4]$ with ZnS on the surface of ZnS and therefore, prevents it from forming the froth. Therefore, it acts as a depressant.

$$ZnS + 4NaCN \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Sodium tetracyanidozincate (II)}}{Na_2[Zn(CN)_4]} + Na_2S$$

However, NaCN does not prevent PbS from forming the froth and allows it to come with the froth.

Q.3. Why is the extraction of copper from pyrite difficult than that from its oxide through reduction ?

Ans. The graph of $\Delta_r G^\circ$ vs T in Ellingham diagram for the formation of oxides shows that the copper-copper oxide line is almost at the top. Therefore, it is very easy to reduce oxide ores of copper directly to metal by heating with coke. This is because, ΔG° vs T lines for CO has negative slope at higher temperature and therefore, can easily reduce Cu_2O to copper. However, the Gibbs energies of formation of most sulphides are greater than that for CS_2. In fact, CS_2 is an endothermic compound. Moreover, there is no CS analogous to CO for which ΔG° vs T graphs slope downward. Therefore, extraction of copper from pyrite ore (Cu_2S) is difficult.

Q.4. Explain (*i*) zone refining (*ii*) column chromatography.

Ans. *Refer Text page 21 and 22.*

Q.5. Out of C and CO, which is better reducing agent at 673 K ?

Ans. At 673 K, the ΔG° vs T line for CO, CO_2 is lower than that of C, CO line. Therefore, CO can be used as better reducing agent at 673 K.

Q.6. Name the common elements present in the anode mud in electrolytic refining of copper. Why are they so present?

Ans. The anode mud in the electrolytic refining of copper contains antimony, selenium, tellurium, silver, gold and platinum. These are present as impurities in blister copper. These are less reactive and are not affected by $CuSO_4 - H_2SO_4$ solution and hence settle down under anode as anode mud.

Q.7. Write down the reactions taking place in different zones in the blast furnace during the extraction of iron.

Ans. In blast furnace, reduction of iron oxides takes place in different temperature ranges. The lower part of the blast furnace has high temperature of the order of 2200 K (called combustion zone) and the top of the furnace has low temperature of the order of 500–800 K (called reduction zone). The reduction occurring in the lower temperature range (upper part) is by carbon and in the higher temperature range (lower part) is by carbon monoxide.

At lower temperature range (500–800 K) in upper part of furnace the reactions occurring are :

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$3Fe_2O_3 + CO \longrightarrow 2Fe_3O_4 + CO_2$
$Fe_3O_4 + 4\,CO \longrightarrow 3Fe + 4CO_2$
$Fe_2O_3 + CO \longrightarrow 2FeO + CO_2$

At higher temperature range (900–1500 K) in lower part of furnace the reactions occurring are:

$C + CO_2 \longrightarrow 2CO$
$FeO + CO \longrightarrow Fe + CO_2$

In the middle portion (at about 1270 K), limestone decomposes to give lime (CaO) and CO_2. Lime acts as a flux and combines with silicate impurity to form slag.

$$CaCO_3 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Lime}}{CaO} + CO_2$$

$$\underset{\text{Lime}}{CaO} + \underset{\text{Impurity}}{SiO_2} \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Calcium silicate (slag)}}{CaSiO_3}$$

Slag is in the molten state and separates out from iron.

Q.8. Write chemical reactions taking place in the extraction of zinc from zinc blende.

Ans. (*i*) The concentrated zinc blende ore (ZnS) is roasted in the presence of excess air at about 1200 K to convert it to zinc oxide.

$$\underset{\text{Zinc blende}}{2ZnS} + 3O_2 \xrightarrow{\Delta} \underset{\text{Zinc oxide}}{2ZnO} + 2SO_2$$

(*ii*) Zinc oxide is reduced to zinc by heating with crushed coke at 1673 K.

$$ZnO + C \xrightarrow{1673K} Zn + CO$$

(*iii*) The impure copper is refined by electrorefining method. In this method, the impure zinc is made anode and a plate of pure zinc is made cathode in an electrolytic bath containing zinc sulphate and a small amount of dilute H_2SO_4. On passing current, the following reactions occur:

At anode : $Zn \longrightarrow Zn^{2+} + 2e^-$
At cathode : $Zn^{2+} + 2e^- \longrightarrow Zn$

The zinc gets deposited on cathode and is collected.

Q.9. State the role of silica in the metallurgy of copper.
(Pb. S.B. 2010, Assam S.B. 2012)

Ans. During roasting, the copper pyrites are converted into a mixture of FeO and Cu_2O.

$$\underset{\text{Copper pyrites}}{2CuFeS_2} + O_2 \xrightarrow{\Delta} Cu_2S + 2FeS + SO_2$$

$$2Cu_2S + 3O_2 \xrightarrow{\Delta} 2Cu_2O + 2SO_2$$
$$2FeS + 3O_2 \longrightarrow 2FeO + 2SO_2$$

To remove FeO (basic), the roasted ore is mixed with silica and heated. Silica acts as a flux and combines with ferrous oxide present to form fusible slag of iron silicate.

$$\underset{\text{Flux}}{FeO + SiO_2} \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Slag}}{FeSiO_3}$$

The slag being lighter floats and forms the upper layer and is removed through slag hole. Therefore, silica helps to remove FeO in the metallurgy of copper.

Q.10. What is meant by the term chromatography ?

Ans. Chromatography is a technique for the separation and purification based on the differences in the adsorbing tendencies of the metal and its impurities on a suitable adsorbent. It is based on the principle that different components of a mixture are differently adsorbed on an adsorbent.

Q.11. What criterion is followed for the selection of the stationary phase in chromatography ?

Ans. The stationary phase acts as adsorbent and may have the following characteristics:
(*i*) It should have high and selective adsorption power.
(*ii*) It should be finely divided to offer greater surface area for adsorption.
(*iii*) The mechanical stability of stationary phase must be high to prevent the formation of dust which might be deposited in the channels of packing.
(*iv*) It should not react chemically either with the sample components or with the eluting solvents.
(*v*) It should be pure.

Q.12. Describe a method for refining nickel.

Ans. For refining nickel, nickel is heated in a stream of carbon monoxide forming volatile complex (nickel tetracarbonyl).

$$Ni + 4CO \xrightarrow{330\text{–}350\,K} Ni(CO)_4$$

The carbonyl is subjected to high temperature so that the complex decomposes to give the pure metal.

$$Ni(CO)_4 \xrightarrow{450\text{–}470\,K} Ni + 4CO$$

This process is called Mond process.

Q.13. How can you separate alumina from bauxite ore associated with silica ? Give equations.

Ans. Bauxite, a principal ore of aluminium contains silica, iron oxide and titanium oxide as impurities. The ore is digested with a concentrated solution of NaOH at 473–523 K and 35–36 bar pressure. Al_2O_3 is leached out as sodium aluminate and silica as sodium silicate while impurities are left behind.

$$Al_2O_3\,(s) + 2NaOH\,(aq) + 3H_2O \longrightarrow 2Na[Al(OH)_4]\,(aq)$$

The aluminate in the solution is neutralised by passing CO_2 gas and hydrated Al_2O_3 is precipitated.

$$2Na[Al(OH)_4]\,(aq) + CO_2\,(g) \longrightarrow Al_2O_3.xH_2O + 2NaHCO_3\,(aq)$$

The sodium silicate remains in the solution while hydrated alumina is filtered and dried.

The hydrated alumina thus precipitated is filtered, dried and heated to give back pure alumina.

$$\underset{\text{Hydrated alumina}}{Al_2O_3.xH_2O} \xrightarrow{1473K} \underset{\text{Alumina}}{Al_2O_3\,(s)} + xH_2O$$

Q.14. Giving examples, differentiate between roasting and calcination.

Ans. *Refer Conceptual Questions. Q.24. (Page 35).*

Q.15. How is cast iron different from pig iron?
(Assam S.B. 2012)

Ans. The iron obtained form blast furnace is pig iron. It contains about 4% of carbon and many impurities in smaller amount (*e.g.*, S, P, Si, Mn, etc).

Cast iron is obtained by melting pig iron with scrap iron and coke using hot air blast. It contains slightly lower carbon content (about 3%) and is extremely hard and brittle.

Q.16. Differentiate between "minerals" and "ores".
(H.P. S.B. 2011)

Ans. Minerals are naturally occurring chemical substances in the earth's crust obtainable by mining.

The minerals from which a metal can be economically and conveniently extracted is ore.

For example, Al occurs in the earth's crust in the form of two chemical substances bauxite ($Al_2O_3.2H_2O$) and clay ($Al_2O_3.2SiO_2.2H_2O$). These are called minerals.

However, Al can be conveniently and economically extracted from bauxite. Therefore, bauxite is an ore of Al.

Q.17. Why copper matte is put in silica lined converter?

Ans. The copper matte containing Cu_2S and FeS is put in silica lined convertor. Some silica is also added and hot air blast is blown to convert remaining FeS to FeO, which is removed as slag with silica.

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$$2FeS + 3O_2 \longrightarrow 2FeO + 2SO_2$$
$$FeO + SiO_2 \longrightarrow FeSiO_3$$

Cu_2S or CuO gets converted to copper.

$$2Cu_2S + 3O_2 \longrightarrow 2Cu_2O + 2SO_2$$
$$2Cu_2O + Cu_2S \longrightarrow 6\,Cu + SO_2$$

Q.18. What is the role of cryolite in the metallurgy of aluminium ?(*H.P.S.B. 2010, Assam S.B. 2012, 2016*)

Ans. Cryolite is added to bauxite ore before electrolysis because of the following reasons:

(*i*) It acts as a solvent.

(*ii*) It lowers the melting point of alumina to about 1173 K.

(*iii*) Addition of cryolite to alumina increases the electrical conductivity.

Q.19. How is leaching carried out in case of low grade copper ores ?

Ans. Copper is leached out from low grade copper by using acid in the presence of air when copper goes into the solution as Cu^{2+} ions.

$$Cu\,(s) + 2H^+\,(aq) + \frac{1}{2}\,O_2\,(g) \longrightarrow Cu^{2+}\,(aq) + H_2O\,(l)$$

The solution containing Cu^{2+} ions is treated with scrap iron or H_2.

$$Cu^{2+}\,(aq) + H_2\,(g) \longrightarrow Cu\,(s) + 2H^+\,(aq)$$

Q.20. Why is zinc not extracted from zinc oxide through reduction using CO ?

Ans. In Ellingham diagram, the ΔG_r° vs T plot representing CO, CO_2 lies above ΔG° vs T plot of Zn, ZnO. Therefore, CO connot act as reducing agent for the reduction of ZnO.

Q.21. The value of $\Delta_f G^\circ$ for formation of Cr_2O_3 is –540 kJ mol^{-1} and that of Al_2O_3 is –827 kJ mol^{-1}. Is reduction of Cr_2O_3 possible with Al ?

Ans. *Refer Solved Example 10 (Page 18).*

Q.22. Out of C and CO which is better reducing agent for ZnO ?

Ans. C is better reducing agent for ZnO.

$$ZnO + C \xrightarrow{1673\ K} Zn + CO$$

Q.23. The choice of a reducing agent in a particular case depends on thermodynamic factor. How far do you agree with this statement? Support your opinion with two examples.

Ans. The thermodynamic factor helps us in choosing a suitable reducing agent for the reduction of a particular metal oxide to metal. The feasibility of thermal reduction can be predicted on the basis of $\Delta_f G^\circ$ vs T plots for the formation of oxides, known as Ellingham diagram. From the diagram, it can be predicted that metals for which the standard free energy of formation of their oxides is more negative can reduce those metal oxides for which the standard free energy of formation of their respective oxides is less negative. In other words, a metal will reduce the oxides of other metals which lie above it in Ellingham diagram because the standard free energy change, $(\Delta_r G^\circ)$ of the combined redox reaction will be –ve by an amount equal to the difference in $\Delta_f G^\circ$ of the two metal oxides. For example, both Al and Zn can reduce FeO to Fe but Fe cannot reduce Al_2O_3 to Al or ZnO to Zn. Similarly, C can reduce ZnO to Zn but not CO. Thus, the choice of a particular reducing agent depends on thermodynamic factor. For more details *Refer Text*.

Q.24. Name the processes from which chlorine is obtained as a by product. What will happen if an aqueous solution of NaCl is subjected to electrolysis ?

Ans. (*i*) Chlorine is obtained as a by product during electrolysis of sodium chloride by Down's process for the manufacture of sodium.

$$NaCl(l) \xrightarrow{\text{Electrolysis}} Na^+\,(\text{melt}) + Cl^-\,(\text{melt})$$

At anode : $Cl^-\,(\text{melt}) \longrightarrow Cl(g) + e^-$

$$Cl\,(g) + Cl\,(g) \longrightarrow Cl_2\,(g)$$

At cathode : $Na^+(\text{melt}) + e^- \longrightarrow Na\,(s)$

(*ii*) Electrolysis of brine solution in Castner Kellner cell for manufacturing sodium hydroxide (caustic soda).

Q.25. What is the role of graphite rod in the electrometallurgy of aluminium ?

Ans. The graphite rod is useful in the electrometallurgy of aluminium for reduction of alumina to aluminium.

$$2Al_2O_3 + 3C \longrightarrow 4Al + 3CO_2$$

Q.26. Out line the principles of refining of metals by the following methods:

(*i*) Zone refining (*ii*) Electrolytic refining

(*iii*) Vapour phase refining

Ans. *Refer Text page 21 — 21.*

Q.27. Predict conditions under which Al might be expected to reduce MgO.

Ans. The two equations are :

$$2Mg + O_2 \longrightarrow 2MgO$$
$$\frac{4}{3}\,Al + O_2 \longrightarrow \frac{2}{3}\,Al_2O_3$$

It is clear from Ellingham diagram that ΔG° vs T plot for Mg, MgO is below ΔG° vs T plot for Al. Therefore, Al cannot reduce MgO to Mg. However, at the point of intersection (corresponding to temperature 1600K), the ΔG° for the combined reaction becomes zero. After this point (1600 K), Mg, MgO curve, is higher than that for Al, Al_2O_3 curve. Thus Al can reduce MgO at temperature higher than 1600 K. But there are practical difficulties to attain higher temperatures.



NCERT Exemplar Problems

Subjective Questions

Note: *Objective Questions from Exemplar Problems are given in Competition File, page 56.*

Short Answer Type Questions

1. Why is an external emf of more than 2.2V required for the extraction of Cl_2 from brine ?

Ans. For the reaction of extraction of Cl_2 from brine solution :

$$2Cl^-\,(aq) + 2H_2O\,(l) \longrightarrow 2OH^-\,(aq) + H_2\,(g) + Cl_2\,(g)$$

The value of $\Delta G^\ominus$ is +ve (422 kJ). For this the value of $E^\ominus$ is

$$\Delta G^{\ominus} = -nFE^{\circ}$$

or $$E^{\circ} = -\frac{\Delta G^{\ominus}}{nF} = -\frac{422 \times 10^3 J}{2 \times 96500} = -2.20\ V$$

Therefore, extraction of Cl_2 from brine solution will require an external e.m.f. more than 2.20 V for electrolysis process.

2. At temperatures above 1073K coke can be used to reduce FeO to Fe. How can you justify this reduction with Ellingham diagram?

Ans. From the Ellingham diagram, it is clear that at temperature above 1073 K, ΔG(C, CO) is less than ΔG (Fe, FeO). Therefore, coke can reduce FeO to Fe.

3. Wrought iron is the purest form of iron. Write a reaction used for the preparation of wrought iron from cast iron. How can the impurities of sulphur, silicon and phosphorus be removed from cast iron ?

Ans. The reaction is :

$$Fe_2O_3 + 3C \longrightarrow 2Fe + 3CO$$

Limestone is added as flux and the impurities of sulphur, silicon and phosphorus change to their oxides and pass into slag.

4. How is copper extracted from low grade copper ores ?

Ans. Copper is extracted by hydrometallurgy from low grade ores. It is leached out using acid or bacteria. The solution containing copper ions (Cu^{2+}) is treated with scrap iron, zinc or H_2 as :

$$Cu^{2+}(aq) + H_2(g) \longrightarrow Cu(s) + 2H^+(aq)$$
$$Cu^{2+} + Fe(s) \longrightarrow Cu(s) + Fe^{2+}(aq)$$

In this way, copper is obtained.

5. Write two basic requirements for refining of a metal by Mond process and by Van Arkel Method.

Ans. The basic requirements for refining a metal by Mond process and by Van Arkel method are :

(*i*) The metal should form a volatile compound with an available reagent.

(*ii*) The volatile compound should be easily decomposable, so that metal can be easily recovered.

6. Although carbon and hydrogen are better reducing agents but they are not used to reduce metallic oxides at high temperatures. Why ?

Ans. This is because at high temperature carbon and hydrogen react with metals to form carbides and hydrides respectively.

7. How do we separate two sulphide ores by Froth Floatation Method ? Explain with an example.

Ans. Two sulphide ores can be separated by adjusting proportion of oil to water or by using depressants. For example, in the case of an ore containing ZnS and PbS, the depressant NaCN is used. It forms a layer of zinc complex $Na_2[Zn(CN)_4]$ on the surface of ZnS and therefore, prevents it from forming the froth. Therefore, it acts as a depressant.

8. The purest form of iron is prepared by oxidising impurities from cast iron in a reverberatory furnace. Which iron ore is used to line the furnace ? Explain by giving reaction.

Ans. Haematite (Fe_2O_3) is used. It supplies the oxygen and oxidises carbon, silicon, manganese and phosphorus present in the cast iron to CO, SiO_2, MnO and P_2O_5 respectively.

$$Fe_2O_3 + 3C \xrightarrow{Heat} 2Fe + 3CO$$
$$3Si + 2Fe_2O_3 \longrightarrow 4Fe + 3SiO_2$$
$$3S + 2Fe_2O_3 \longrightarrow 3SO_2 + 4Fe$$

CO and SO_2 escape and MnO and SiO_2 combine to form manganous silicate ($MnSiO_3$) as slag.

$$MnO + SiO_2 \xrightarrow{Heat} \underset{\text{Manganous silicate (Slag)}}{MnSiO_3}$$

9. The mixture of compounds A and B is passed through a column of Al_2O_3 by using alcohol as eluant. Compound A is eluted in preference to compound B. Which of the compounds A or B, is more readily adsorbed on the column ?

Ans. Since compound 'A' comes out before compound 'B', the compound 'B' is more readily adsorbed on column.

10. Why is sulphide ore of copper heated in a furnace after mixing with silica ?

Ans. Iron oxide present as impurity in sulphide ore of copper forms slag which is iron silicate and copper is produced in the form of copper matte.

$$FeO + SiO_2 \longrightarrow FeSiO_3$$

11. Why are sulphide ores converted to oxide before reduction ?

Ans. Sulphides are not reduced easily but oxides are easily reduced.

12. Which method is used for refining Zr and Ti ? Explain with equation.

Ans. Van Arkel method is used for refining Zr and Ti. In this method crude metal is heated with iodine to form volatile unstable compound. The compound is then decomposed to get pure metal.

$$\underset{\text{Impure}}{Zr} + 2I_2 \xrightarrow{870\ K} ZrI_4$$
$$ZrI_4 \xrightarrow{1800\ K} \underset{\text{Pure}}{Zr} + 2I_2$$
$$\underset{\text{Impure}}{Ti} + 2I_2 \xrightarrow{523\ K} Ti\ I_4(g)$$
$$TiI_4 \xrightarrow{1700\ K} \underset{\text{Pure}}{Ti} + 2I_2$$

13. What should be the considerations during the extraction of metals by electrochemical method ?

Ans. During extraction of metals by electrochemical method, the following are considered so that proper precautions can be taken :

(*i*) reactivity of metal produced.

(*ii*) suitability of electrodes.

14. What is the role of flux in metallurgical processes?

Ans. Flux is used for making the molten mass more conducting. Flux combines with impurities to form easily feasible product known as slag.

15. How are metals used as semiconductors refined? What is the principle of the method used?

Ans. Semiconducting metal is produced by zone refining method which is based on the principle that the impurities are more soluble in melt than in the solid state of metals.

16. Write down the reactions taking place in Blast furnace related to the metallurgy of iron in the temperature range 500-800 K.

Ans. The following reactions take place in blast furnance during the metallurgy of iron in the temperature range 500 – 800 K.

$$3Fe_2O_3 + CO \longrightarrow 2Fe_3O_4 + CO_2$$
$$Fe_3O_4 + 4CO \longrightarrow 3Fe + 4CO_2$$
$$Fe_2O_3 + CO \longrightarrow 2FeO + CO_2$$

17. Give two requirements for vapour phase refining.

Ans. (*i*) The metal should form a volatile compound with available reagent.

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(*ii*) The volatile compound should be unstable and easily decomposable so that the recovery is easy.

18. Write the chemical reactions involved in the extraction of gold by cyanide process. Also give the role of zinc in the extraction.

Ans. The following reactions occur :

$$4Au\ (s) + 8CN^-(aq) + 2H_2O\ (aq) + O_2\ (g) \longrightarrow 4\ [Au\ (CN)_2]^-\ (aq) + 4OH^-\ (aq)$$

$$2[Au(CN)_2]^-\ (aq) + Zn(s) \longrightarrow 2Au(s) + [Zn\ (CN)_4]^{2-}\ (aq)$$

In this reaction zinc acts as a reducing agent.



QUICK MEMORY TEST

A. Say True or False

1. Copper is found both in free as well as in combined state in nature.
2. All minerals are ores but all ores cannot be minerals.
3. The minerals siderite, magnetite and haematite contain iron.
4. Flux combines with slag to form gangue.
5. In calcination, the ore is heated with calcium.
6. Silver is extracted by hydrometallurgy.
7. Zone refining method is used for alkali metals.
8. The metals Ag, Au and Hg are extracted by pyrometallurgy.
9. The ΔG versus T line for Al lies below ΔG vs T line for Cr at all temperatures indicating that Al should reduce Cr (III) at all temperatures.
10. For temperature at which C, CO line lie below the metal oxide line, carbon can be used to reduce metal oxide.

B. Complete the missing links

1. The earthly and silicious impurities which generally occur with ores are called .....
2. The most abundant metal in earth's crust is .....
3. The purest form of iron is .....
4. The process involving reduction of metal oxide with coke or carbon monoxide is called .....
5. Zirconium is best refined by ..... method.
6. Above 1073 K, FeO is reduced to Fe by ..... and below 1073 K, Fe_2O_3 is reduced to Fe by .....
7. In the Mond's process, ... is used to purify impure nickel.
8. The naturally occurring chemical substances in the form of which metal occur in the earth alongwith impurities are called .....
9. Copper is extracted by ..... from low grades ores.
10. Red bauxite is purified by ..... method.
11. Sulphide ores are generally concentrated by ..... process.
12. Copper is extracted from copper pyrites by roasting the ore partially and followed by .....

C. Choose the correct alternative

1. Pine oil is added in froth floatation method because it increases the *non-wettability / wettability* of the mineral particles.
2. For the recovery of silver from the complex $[Ag(CN)_2]^-$, *zinc / iron* is used.
3. The iron produced in the Blast furnace is called *pig iron / wrought* iron.
4. The better reducing agent at 983 K is *C / CO*.
5. Carbon can be used for reduction of FeO *above / below*
6. Substances which convert infusible impurities present in ores into fusible substances during smelting are called *slags / fluxes*.
7. In the electro-refining of copper, impure copper is made *anode / cathode*.
8. Na_3AlF_6 is added to Al_2O_3 for extraction of Al to *lower / raise* the melting point.
9. Calcination is the process of converting an ore into its oxide by heating it in the *limited / excess* air.
10. Haematite is Fe_2O_3 / Fe_3O_4.

Answers QUICK MEMORY TEST

A. Say True or False

1. True.
2. **False.** The minerals from which the metal is conveniently and economically extracted is called an ore. Thus, all ores are minerals but all minerals are not ores.
3. True.
4. **False.** Flux combines with gangue to form slag.
5. **False.** In calcination, the ore is heated in the absence or limited supply of air.

6. True **7.** False **8.** True **9.** True **10.** True.

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B. Complete the missing links

1. gangue 2. aluminium 3. wrought iron 4. smelting
5. Van Arkel 6. Coke, CO 7. CO 8. minerals
9. hydrometallurgy 10. Baeyer's
11. froth floatation 12. reduction

C. Choose the correct alternative

1. non-wettability 2. zinc 3. pig iron
4. C 5. above 6. fluxes 7. anode
8. lower 9. limited 10. Fe_2O_3.

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QUESTIONS WITH ANSWERS

Q.1. Metals donot occur in nature as nitrates. Why ?

Ans. Nitrates of all metals are soluble in water. Therefore, if metal nitrates are present in the crust of earth, these would be slowly and gradually washed by rain water into the sea. Therefore, metals usually donot occur as nitrates.

Q.2. Why the graphite rods in the extraction of aluminium from molten Al_2O_3 have to be replaced from time to time ?

Ans. During the reaction, oxygen is evolved at anode which reacts with carbon electrode to form CO and CO_2. This will result in slow corrosion of carbon electrodes and therefore, these have to be replaced from time to time.

Q.3. Why is zinc and not copper used for the recovery of metallic silver from its cyanide complex $[Ag(CN)_2]^-$?

Ans. Zinc is more electropositive than silver and therefore, zinc displaces silver from its solution.

$$2[Ag(CN)_2]^- + Zn \longrightarrow [Zn(CN)_4]^{2-} + 2Ag$$

On the other hand, copper is less electropositive than silver and therefore, cannot displace silver from its solution.

Q.4. Galena (PbS) and cinnabar (HgS) on roasting often give their respective metals but zinc blende (ZnS) does not. Explain.

Ans. On roasting sulphides are partly converted to their respective oxides. Since the oxides of lead and mercury are unstable, these bring about the reduction of their respective sulphides to the corresponding metals.

$$PbS + 2PbO \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} \underset{\text{unstable}}{3Pb} + SO_2$$

$$HgS + 2HgO \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} \underset{\text{unstable}}{3Hg} + SO_2$$

However, zinc oxide is stable and it does not reduce ZnS to Zn.

Q.5. Graphite is commonly used as an anode but not diamond. Give reason.

Ans. Graphite is a good conductor of electricity due to the presence of free electrons within its layers. But in diamond, no free electrons are present and therefore, it is a bad conductor of electricity. Therefore, diamond is not used as an anode.

Q.6. Why is it advantageous to roast a sulphide ore to the oxide before reduction ?

Ans. The standard free energy of formation ($\Delta_f G°$) of most of the sulphides are larger than those of CS_2 and H_2S. Therefore, these sulphides are more stable than those with carbon or hydrogen. Hence, neither carbon nor hydrogen can reduce metal sulphides to metal. In contrast the standard free energies of formation of oxides are much lower than those of SO_2 and therefore oxidation of metal sulphides to metal oxides is thermodynamically favourable. Therefore, it is a common practice to roast sulphide ore to oxide ore before reduction.

Q.7. Thermite process is quite useful for repairing broken parts of machines. Explain.

Ans. In the thermite process, oxides of metals like iron are reduced by aluminium. This reaction is highly exothermic and a large amount of heat is evolved during the reaction. As a result of large heat, the metal will be in the molten state. For example,

$$\underset{\text{Iron oxide}}{Fe_2O_3} + 2Al\,(s) \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} Al_2O_3\,(s) + \underset{\text{Molten}}{2Fe} + \text{Heat}$$

If the molten metal is allowed to fall between the broken parts of a machine, the gaps will be filled up. Therefore, the machine will be repaired.

Q.8. The extraction of gold by leaching with NaCN involves both oxidation and reduction. Justify giving equation.

Ans. During leaching process, (Au) is first oxidised by O_2 of the air to Au^+ which then combines with CN^- ions to form the soluble complex, dicyanidoaurate (I).

$$4Au\,(s) + 8\,NaCN\,(aq) + O_2(g) + 2H_2O\,(l) \longrightarrow \underset{\substack{\text{Sodium dicyanidoaurate (I)}\\ \text{(Soluble complex)}}}{4Na[Au(CN)_2]\,(aq)} + 4NaOH\,(aq)$$

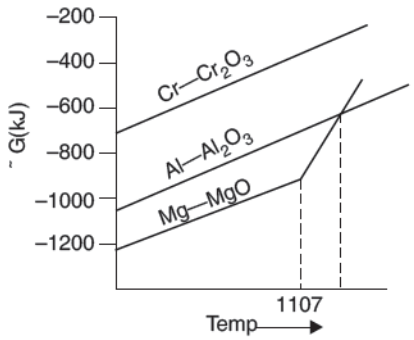
Gold is then extracted from this complex by displacement method by using a more electropositive zinc metal. In this method, zinc acts as a reducing agent and it reduces Au^+ to Au. Zinc itself gets oxidised to Zn^{2+} ions which combine with CN^- ions to form soluble complex, sodium tetracyanido zincate (II).

$$2Na[Au(CN)_2]\,(aq) + Zn\,(s) \longrightarrow 2Au(s) + \underset{\substack{\text{Sodium tetracyanido}\\ \text{zincate(II)}\\ \text{(Soluble complex)}}}{Na_2[Zn(CN)_4]}$$

Thus, extraction of gold by leaching with NaCN involves both oxidation and reduction.

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Q.9. A part of Ellingham diagram is shown below :



(*i*) Will Cr_2O_3 be reduced by Al or not ?

(*ii*) Suggest a condition under which magnesium could reduce aluminium.

Ans. (*i*) Since the ΔG vs T curve for Cr_2O_3 lies above Al curve, Al can reduce Cr_2O_3.

(*ii*) At the point of intersection of Al_2O_3 and MgO curves, ΔG becomes zero for the reaction:

$$\frac{2}{3}Al_2O_3 + 2Mg \longrightarrow 2MgO + \frac{4}{3}Al$$

Therefore, below this point, the curve of magnesium lies below the curve for Al. Hence below this point, magnesium can reduce Al_2O_3 to Al.

Q.10. In the metallurgy of copper partial roasting of sulphide ore is done. Why ?

Ans. Partial roasting of sulphide ore forms some oxide which then reacts with the remaining sulphide ore to form copper metal by self reduction of the oxide and sulphide as :

$$2Cu_2S + 3O_2 \longrightarrow 2Cu_2O + 2SO_2$$

$$2Cu_2S + Cu_2S \longrightarrow 6Cu + SO_2$$

Thus, to bring about self reduction process, sulphide ore of copper is partially roasted to Cu_2O.



Revision Exercises

Very Short Answer Questions *carrying 1 mark*

1. What is a mineral ? How does it differ from an ore ?
2. What are flux and slag ?
3. Give the formula of the ores : haematite and bauxite.
4. Mention two important ores of zinc. *(Pb.S.B. 2015, Jammu S.B. 2015)*
5. Write the names and formulae of two ores of aluminium. *(Pb.S.B. 2015)*
6. What is meant by native ore ? Name two metals which occur in native state.
7. What is a depressant ? Give one example.
8. Define aluminothermy.
9. What is the principle of chromatography ?
10. What types of ores are roasted ?
11. Which method is used when a metal of high degree of purity is needed? *(Pb.S.B. 2016)*
12. Name the sulphide ores of (*i*) zinc (*ii*) lead.
13. Which is better reducing agent at 983 K, C or CO ? *(Pb.S.B. 2016)*
14. Name two ores which are concentrated by froth floatation method.
15. Write reduction reaction occurring in the blast furnace in the metallurgy of iron at 900–1500 K.
16. What are ores? Name one sulphide ore. *(Assam S.B. 2016)*
17. Why aluminium cannot be reduced by carbon ? *(H.P.S.B. 2010)*
18. What is the role of silica in the metallurgy of copper ? *(Pb.S.B.E. 2010)*
19. Write the role of depressant in froth floatation process. *(Pb.S.B. 2010)*
20. What is the principle of zone refining ? *(Pb. S.B. 2012)*
21. What is the role of graphite in the electrometallurgy of aluminium ? *(D.S.B. 2012)*
22. Give an important ore each of zinc and magnesium. *(Pb. S.B. 2013)*
23. What is the composition of copper matte ? *(D.S.B. 2013, Tripura S.B. 2016)*
24. Define calcination. *(Pb. S.B. 2014)*
25. Define roasting. *(Pb S.B. 2014)*
26. What is Blister of copper? *(H.P.S.B. 2016)*
27. State and explain the term flux. *(H.P.S.B. 2016)*
28. Name the metal used as a reducing agent in Aluminothermic process. *(Pb.S.B. 2016)*

CBSE QUESTIONS

29. What is meant by the term pyrometallurgy? *(A.I.S.B. 2009)*
30. Differentiate between mineral and ore. *(A.I.S.B. 2011)*
31. Why is that only sulphide ores are concentrated by froth floatation process ? *(A.I.S.B. 2011)*
32. What type of ores can be concentrated by magnetic separation method ? *(A.I.S.B. 2011)*
33. What is the role of collector and froth stabilizer in froth floatation process ? *(A.I.S.B. 2012)*
34. Name the method used for refining of copper. *(A.I.S.B. 2013)*
35. Name the method that is used for refining of nickel. *(A.I.S.B. 2014)*
36. What is the role of zinc metal in the extraction of silver? *(A.I.S.B. 2014)*

MCQs. from State Boards' Examinations

37. Cinnabar is an ore of
    (*a*) Hg (*b*) Ag
    (*c*) Sn (*d*) Al *(Hr.S.B., H.P.S.B. 2013)*
38. Pyrolusite is an ore of
    (*a*) Ag (*b*) Hg
    (*c*) Sn (*d*) Mn *(Hr.S.B. 2013)*

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39. Malachite is an ore of
(*a*) Hg (*b*) Cu (*c*) Sn (*d*) Mn (*Hr.S.B. 2013*)

40. The process employed for the concentration of sulphide are is
(*a*) Froth floatation (*b*) Roasting
(*c*) Electrolysis (*d*) Calcination (*H.P.S.B. 2013*)

41. Zone-refining is used for the
(*a*) concentration of an ore
(*b*) reduction of metal oxide
(*c*) purification of metal
(*d*) purification of an ore. (*H.P.S.B. 2013*)

42. The metal always found in free state is
(*a*) Gold (*b*) Silver
(*c*) Copper (*d*) Sodium (*H.P.S.B. 2013, 2018*)

43. Bauxite is an ore of
(*a*) aluminium (*b*) calcium
(*c*) Copper (*d*) zinc (*Hr.S.B. 2015*)

44. Most abundant element in earth's crust is
(*a*) O (*b*) Si (*c*) Al (*d*) Fe
(*Hr.S.B. 2015, H.P.S.B. 2018*)

45. Which of the following ore is concentrated by the froth floatation process?
(*a*) Haematite (*b*) Magnetite
(*c*) Copper pyrite (*d*) Bauxite
(*Jharkhand S.B. 2016*)

46. Common impurities present in bauxite ore:
(*a*) CuO (*b*) ZnO
(*c*) Fe_2O_3 (*d*) None of these (*Hr. S.B. 2017*)

47. In which of the following minerals Al is not present?
(*a*) Cryolite (*b*) Mica
(*c*) Feldspar (*d*) Fluorspar (*Hr. S.B. 2017*)

48. In the metallurgy of iron from haematite, limestone is added to act as
(*a*) flux (*b*) slag
(*c*) a reducing agent (*d*) an oxidising agent
(*Manipur S.B. 2017*)

49. (*i*) Purest form of iron is
(*a*) cast iron (*b*) wrought iron
(*c*) steel (*d*) pig iron (*H.P.S.B. 2018*)

Short Answer Questions *carrying 2 or 3 marks*

1. Define metallurgy. Name the important metallurgical operations. (*Manipur S.B. 2017*)

2. What is the function of reduction in the metallurgical operations ? Discuss briefly the carbon reduction process.

3. What is meant by leaching ? Explain leaching of aluminium ore. (*H.P.S.B. 2015*, Jammu S.Z. 2018)

4. What is electrorefining ? Explain with one example.

5. (*a*) Why is zinc not extracted from zinc oxide through reduction with CO ?
(*b*) Is carbon a satisfactory reducing agent for all metal oxides ? Give reasons.

6. (*a*) Discuss gravity separation method for concentration of ore. (*Pb. S.B. 2017*)
(*b*) Discuss froth floatation process for concentration of ores. (*Pb. S.B. 2017, Hr. S. B. 2018*)
(*c*) What is magnetic separation method for concentration of ore? (*Pb. S.B. 2017*)

7. (*a*) What is the role of depressant in froth floatation process? (*Hr. S.B. 2017*)
(*b*) What is the benefaction of the ores? Explain froth floatation process? (*Hr. S.B. 2017*)
(*c*) Write short note on calcination. (*Hr. S.B. 2017*)

8. Name the important ores of iron. Give equations for the chemical reactions occurring in different zones of blast furnace.

9. What is froth floatation process ? Name the ores which are concentrated by froth floatation process. What is meant by a depressant ?

10. List important steps for the extraction of zinc from zinc blende.

11. Explain the basic principles of the following metallurgical operations:
(*i*) Zone refining
(*D.S.B. 2008, 2014, 2017, Hr.S.B. 2015, A.I.S.B. 2017*)
(*ii*) Froth floatation process
(*D.S.B. 2008, 2014, A.I.S.B. 2017*)
(*iii*) Refining by liquation (*D.S.B. 2008*)
(*iv*) Vapour phase refining
(*D.S.B. 2008, 2011, 2014, 2017*)
(*v*) Electrolytic refining
(*D.S.B. 2008, 2011, 2014, Hr.S.B. 2015*)
(*vi*) Chromatography (*D.S.B. 2014, 2017, A.I.S.B. 2017*)

12. Define the following terms :
(a) Roasting (b) Electro metallurgy
(c) Aluminothermy (*Mizoram S.B. 2017*)

13. Describe the role of the following :
(*i*) Depressant in Froth floatation process.
(*ii*) Silica in the extraction of copper from copper pyrites ore.
(*iii*) Cryolite in the metallurgy of aluminium.
(*D.S.B. 2008*)

14. (*a*) Differentiate between ore and mineral.
(*Hr. S.B. 2017*)
(*b*) Differentiate between calcination and roasting.
(*Jharkhand S.B. 2016*)
(*c*) Differentiate between gangue and flux.
(*Pb.S.B. 2009, J.K.S.B 2012*)

15. Describe how the following changes are brought about :
(*i*) Pig iron into steel.
(*ii*) Zinc oxide into metallic zinc.
(*iii*) Impure titanium into pure titanium.
Or
Describe the role of
(*i*) NaCN in the extraction of gold from gold ore.
(*ii*) SiO_2 in the extraction of copper from copper matte.
(*iii*) Iodine in the refining of zirconium. (*Pb.S.B. 2010*)

16. What is the role of graphite rod in the metallurgy of aluminium ? (*Hr. S.B. 2011*)

17. Explain the role of each of the following in the extraction of metals from their ores :
(*i*) CO in the extraction of nickel.
(*ii*) Zinc in the extraction of silver.
(*iii*) Silica in the extraction of copper. (*D.S.B. 2011*)

18. (*a*) Why is reduction of a metal oxide easier if metal formed is in liquid state at the temperature of reduction ?

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(*b*) Explain magnetic separation with the help of diagram. (*Hr. S.B. 2012*)

19. Describe the principle involved in each of the following processes :
(*a*) Mond process for refining of nickel.
(*b*) Column chromatography for purification of rare elements. (*D.S.B. 2012*)

20. Describe the following :
(*a*) The role of cryolite in electrometallurgy of aluminium.
(*b*) The role of carbon monoxide in the refining of crude nickel. (*D.S.B. 2012*)

21. (*a*) Differentiate between roasting and calcination.
(*b*) How is cast iron different from pig iron ? (*Jharkhand S.B. 2016*)
(*c*) Explain magnetic separation method in detail. (*Hr. S.B. 2013*)

22. (*a*) Which solution is used for the leaching of silver metal in the presence of air in the metallurgy of silver?
(*b*) Out of C and CO, which is a better reducing agent at the lower temperature range in the blast furnance to extract iron from the oxide ore ? (*D.S.B. 2013*)

23. (*a*) Give an example of zone refining of metals.
(*b*) What is the role of cryolite in the metallurgy of aluminium ? (*D.S.B. 2013*)

24. In the blast furnace, the reduction of Fe_2O_3 by coke (C) and carbon monoxide (CO) takes place around 1073 K. With the help of Ellingham diagram explain which reducing agent converts Fe_2O_3 to Fe below and above 1073 K ? (*Manipur S.B. 2014*)

25. Draw labelled diagram of Hall-Heroult electrolytic cell for the extraction of aluminium. Write anode and cathode reactions. (*Karnataka S.B. 2014*)

26. (*a*) What are calcination and roasting ? In which type of ores are these processes used ?
(*b*) Which metals are generally extracted by electrolytic processes ? What position do these metals occupy in the periodic table ?

Or

(*c*) What types of metals are likely to exist in native state in nature ? Give examples.
(*d*) Write the chemical reactions involved in the blast furnace during the extraction of iron from haematite. (*Mizoram S.B. 2014*)

27. (*a*) What is the principle of zone refining?
(*b*) What is flux? Give one example each of an acidic flux and a basic flux.
(*c*) Why are metallic ores converted into oxide usually?
(*d*) Discuss the process of leaching with reference to the extraction of aluminium. (*Meghalaya S.B. 2018*)

28. Define the following terms:
(*i*) Ore benefaction (*ii*) Hydrometallurgy
(*iii*) Pyrometallurgy (*Mizoram S.B. 2015*)

29. How can you extract blister copper from copper pyrites ? Give the chemical reactions involved in the process. Write the names and formulae of two ores of copper. How can you obtain pure copper from blister copper? (*Meghalaya S.B. 2015*)

30. Explain with neat diagram the extraction of aluminium metal from molten aluminium?

Or

What type of ores can be concentrated by froth floatation process? Explain how can the process be carried out? (*Nagaland S.B. 2015*)

31. Give the name and formula of two main ores of iron. Describe the method to obtain cast iron from one of its ores. Give chemical reactions also. (*Uttarakhand S.B. 2013, 2015*)

32. (*i*) Indicate the principle behind the method used for the refining of zinc.
(*ii*) What is the role of silica in the extraction of copper?
(*iii*) Which form of the iron is the purest form of commercial iron? (*D.S.B. 2015*)

33. (*a*) Why is zinc blende roasted before carbon reduction? Answer with balanced chemical equation.
(*b*) What is malachite? Write down its formula. (*Kolkata S.B. 2016*)

34. Explain with suitable diagram for the production of steel by Bessemer process.

Or

How is zinc obtained from zinc blende? Give chemical reactions. (*Nagaland S.B. 2016, 2018*)

35. (*a*) Name the ore from which aluminium is extracted and write its composition.
(*b*) How is Ni purified by Mond's process? (*Meghalaya S.B. 2016*)

36. (*a*) Name the role of Na_3AlF_6 in the electrolytic reduction of alumina.
(*b*) How does the FeO impurity present in sulphide ore of copper is removed? (*Assam S.B. 2016*)

37. (*a*) Name the method of refining of metals such as germanium.
(*b*) In the extraction of Al, impure Al_2O_3 is dissolved in conc. NaOH to form sodium aluminate and leaving impurities behind. What is the name of this process?
(*c*) What is the role of coke in the extraction of iron from its oxides? (*D.S.B. 2016*)

38. What are minerals and ores? Comment on the statement, "All the ores are minerals but all the minerals are not ores". (*H.P. S.B. 2017*)

39. (*a*) Name the main ore of iron.
How is cast iron made from pig iron?
(*b*) Mention the type of ore that can be concentrated by froth floatation process. (*Assam S.B. 2017*)

40. Leaching is a process of concentration of ores. Explain the leaching of alumina from bauxite. (*Kerala S.B. 2017*)

41. (*a*) Name one important ore of aluminium. Give its chemical composition.
(*b*) Give the Mond process for refining of nickel.
(*c*) How is copper extracted from low grade ore? (*Assam S.B. 2018*)

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42. (*a*) Write the principle of method used for the refining of germanium.
(*b*) Out of PbS and $PbCO_3$ (ores of lead), which one is concentrated by froth floatation process preferably?
(*c*) What is the significance of leaching in the extraction of aluminium?
(D.S.B. 2017)

43. Describe the role of
(*i*) NaCN in the extraction of gold from its ore.
(*ii*) Cryolite in the extraction of aluminium from pure alumina.
(*iii*) CO in the purification of nickel.
(C.B.S.E. Sample Paper 2017-18, Hr. S.B. 2018)

44. (*a*) Explain Mond's process used for refining of nickel
(Pb.S.B. 2018)
(*b*) Define leaching. Explain leaching of aluminium ore.
(Jammu S.Z. 2018)

45. (*i*) What is calcination?
(*ii*) What is smelting ?
(*iii*) Name the ore of aluminium.
(H.P.S.B. 2018)

46. (*i*) Name a metal refined by Van Arkel method.
(*ii*) Explain the process of obtaining "blister copper" from "copper matte" with equation.
(Karnataka S.B. 2018)

47. (*i*) Explain zone refining method for refining of metals.
(Hr.S.B. 2018)
(*ii*) Explain the van Arkel method for refining of metals.
(Hr.S.B. 2018)

48. Define the following terms:
(*i*) Leaching (*ii*) Levigation (*iii*) Smelting
(Mizoram S.B. 2018)

49. Explain with neat diagram the extraction of aluminium from molten alumina. *(Nagaland S.B. 2018)*

CBSE QUESTIONS

50. What chemical principle is involved in choosing a reducing agent for getting the metal from its oxide ore? Consider the metal oxides, Al_2O_3 and Fe_2O_3 and justify the choice of reducing agent in each case. *(A.I.S.B. 2008)*

51. Describe the underlying principle of each of the following metal refining methods :
(*i*) Electrolytic refining of metals
(*ii*) Vapour phase refining of metals.
(A.I.S.B. 2009)

52. Describe the role of the following :
(*i*) NaCN in the extraction of silver from a silver ore
(*ii*) Iodine in the refining of titanium
(*iii*) Cryolite in the metallurgy of aluminium
Or
Describe the principle involved in each of the following processes of metallurgy :
(*i*) Froth floatation method
(*ii*) Electrolytic refining of metals
(*iii*) Zone refining of metals
(A.I.S.B. 2010)

53. Describe the principle controlling each of the following processes :
(*i*) Vapour phase refining of titanium metal.
(*ii*) Froth floatation method of concentration of a sulphide ore. *(A.I.S.B. 2011)*

54. Which methods are usually employed for purifying the following metals :
(*a*) Nickel (*b*) Germanium
Mention the principle behind each one of them.
(A.I.S.B. 2012)

55. Explain the role of each of the following :
(*a*) NaCN in the extraction of silver.
(*b*) SiO_2 in the extraction of copper.
(A.I.S.B. 2012, 2014)

56. (*a*) Name the method used for removing gangue from sulphide ores.
(*b*) How is wrought iron different from steel?
(A.I.S.B. 2013)

57. Explain the principle of the method of electrolytic refining of metals. Give one example.
(A.I.S.B. 2014)

58. Write the principle behind the froth floatation process. What is the role of collectors in this process?
(A.I.S.B. 2014)

59. (*i*) Name the method used for the refining of zirconium.
(*ii*) What is the role of CO in the extraction of iron?
(*iii*) Reduction of metal oxide to metal becomes easier if the metal obtained is in liquid state. Why?
(A.I.S.B. 2015)

60. (*a*) Name the method of refining which is based on the principle of adsorption.
(*b*) What is the role of depressant in froth floatation process?
(*c*) What is the role of limestone in the extraction of iron from its oxides? *(A.I.S.B. 2016)*

61. Write the principle of the following:
(*a*) Zone refining
(*b*) Froth floatation process
(*c*) Chromatography *(A.I.S.B. 2017)*

62. (*a*) Write the principle of electrolytic refining.
(*b*) Why does copper obtained in the extraction from copper pyrites have a blistered appearance?
(*c*) What is the role of depressants in the froth floatation process? *(A.I.S.B. 2017)*

63. Write the chemical reactions involved in the process of extraction of gold.
Explain the role of dilute NaCN and Zn in this process.
(A.I.S.B. 2018)

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Long Answer Questions carrying 5 marks

1. (*a*) How does iron occur ? Discuss in detail the extraction of iron from haematite ore.

(*b*) What are steel alloys ? Give examples.

2. (*i*) How is pure copper extracted from copper pyrites ?

(*ii*) Give the chemistry of extraction of zinc from its ore.

(*iii*) List important uses of zinc and copper.

3. Write down the chemical reactions taking place in different zones in the blast furnace during extraction of iron.

Or

What is refining ? Outline the principles of refining of metals by the following methods :

(*i*) Zone refining.

(*ii*) Electrolytic refining.

(*Hr. S.B. 2011, 2015*)

4. (*a*) Write the chemical reaction taking place in the extraction of zinc from zinc blende.

(*b*) State the role of silica in the metallurgy of copper.

(*c*) How is copper extracted from low grade copper ores?

(*d*) How is 'pig iron' different from 'cast iron'?

(*Meghalaya S.B. 2017*)

Hints & Answers for Revision Exercises

Very Short Answer Questions

3. Fe_2O_3, $Al_2O_3.2H_2O$

4. Zinc blende (ZnS), Calamine ($ZnCO_3$)

5. Bauxite $Al(OH)_{3-2x}$ ($0 < x < 1$), Kaolinite $Al_2(OH)_4Si_2O_5$

6. Gold, platinum.

10. Generally sulphide ores are roasted.

12. (*i*) Zinc blende (ZnS), (*ii*) Galena (PbS)

13. Carbon

14. ZnS, PbS

15. $C + CO_2 \longrightarrow 2CO$; $FeO + CO \longrightarrow Fe + CO_2$

16. Zinc blende, ZnS

22. zinc blende (ZnS), magnesite ($MgCO_3$)

23. Cuprous sulphide and traces of ferrous sulphide

28. Aluminium

33. (*i*) Collector enhances non-wettability of the mineral particles

(*ii*) Froth stabilizers stabilise the froth.

34. electrolytic refining

35. Mond's process

37. (*a*) **38.** (*d*) **39.** (*b*) **40.** (*a*) **41.** (*c*)

42. (*a*) **43.** (*a*) **44.** (*a*) **45.** (*c*) **46.** (*c*)

47. (*d*) **48.** (*a*) **49.** (*b*)

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Objective Questions

Multiple Choice Questions M. C. Q.

A Topicwise MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS with only one correct answer

Occurrence and Concentration of metals

Select the correct answers :

A1. Which of the following is not an ore of magnesium ?

(*a*) Gypsum (*b*) Dolomite

(*c*) Magnesite (*d*) Carnallite.

A2. A substance which reacts with gangue to form material is called

(*a*) flux (*b*) slag

(*c*) ore (*d*) catalyst.

A3. During smelting an additional substance is added which combines with impurities to form a fusible product which is known as

(*a*) mud (*b*) slag

(*c*) flux (*d*) gangue.

A4. Roasting results in the production of metal in the case of

(*a*) iron pyrites (*b*) galena

(*c*) cinnabar (*d*) bauxite.

Answers

A1. (*a*) **A2.** (*a*) **A3.** (*b*) **A4.** (*c*)

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A5. The method for the purification of impure metals which is based upon the phenomenon of electrolysis is called
(a) Electrorefining (b) Hydrometallurgy
(c) Polling (d) Liquation.

A6. Coke is used in metallurgical process chiefly as
(a) flux (b) reducing agent
(c) slag (d) oxidising agent

A7. Zone refining has been employed for preparing ultra pure samples of
(a) Cu (b) Na (c) Ge (d) Zn.

A8. Titanium can be obtained in a state of high purity by
(a) Van Arkel method (b) Poling
(b) Cupellation (d) Electrorefining.

A9. Copper pyrites are concentrated by
(a) Electromagnetic method
(b) Froth flotation process
(c) Gravity method
(d) All the above.

A10. Electrolytic reduction method is used in extraction of
(a) highly electronegative elements
(b) metalloids (c) transition metals
(d) highly electropositive elements.

A11. The purpose of smelting an ore is to
(a) oxidise it
(b) reduce it
(c) obtain an alloy
(d) separate volatile impurities.

A12. Which of the following metal is obtained by leaching the ore with dilute cyanide solution?
(a) Titanium (b) Silver
(c) Zirconium (d) Vanadium.

A13. The ore having two different metal atoms is
(a) Haematite (b) Copper pyrites
(c) Malachite (d) Magnetite

A14. Rocky impurities present in the mineral are called
(a) flux (b) gangue
(c) matte (d) slag.

A15. Which of the following metal cannot be extracted by carbon reduction process ?
(a) Pb (b) Al (c) Zn (d) Hg.

A16. Van Arkel method of purification of metals involves converting the metal to a
(a) volatile unstable compound
(b) volatile stable compound
(c) non-volatile stable compound
(d) none of the above.

A17. In which of the following, ore does not match with the metal ?
(a) Zinc – Calamine (b) Lead – Gypsum
(c) Copper – Malachite (d) Aluminium – Bauxite

A18. Smelting involves reduction of metal oxide with
(a) Carbon (b) Carbon monoxide
(c) Magnesium (d) Alumimum.

A19. Out of the following metals that cannot be obtained by electrolysis of the aqueous solution of their salt is
(a) Ag (b) Cu
(c) Al (d) Cr.

A20. Which of the following reaction is used in thermite welding?
(a) $TiO_2 + 4Na \longrightarrow Ti + 2Na_2O$
(b) $Cr_2O_3 + 2Al \longrightarrow Al_2O_3 + 2Cr$
(c) $3Mn_3O_4 + 8Al \longrightarrow 4Al_2O_3 + 9Mn$
(d) $2Al + Fe_2O_3 \longrightarrow Al_2O_3 + Fe$

A21. $\Delta_f G^\circ$ vs T plot in Ellingham diagram slopes downward for the reaction:
(a) $2\,Ag + \frac{1}{2}O_2 \longrightarrow Ag_2O$
(b) $CO + \frac{1}{2}O_2 \longrightarrow CO_2$
(c) $C + \frac{1}{2}O_2 \longrightarrow CO$
(d) $Cu + \frac{1}{2}O_2 \longrightarrow CuO$

A22. Which of the following statement is not true ?
(a) The Ellingham diagram show the plots of ΔG vs T.
(b) In froth floatation process depressants are added to enhance the formation of froth.
(c) Extraction of zinc oxide is done by coke.
(d) CO is more effective reducing agent below 983K

A23. From the Ellingham graphs on carbon, which of the following statements is false ?
(a) CO_2 is more stable than CO at less than 983 K
(b) CO reduces Fe_2O_3 to Fe at less than 983 K
(c) CO is less stable than CO_2 at more than 983 K
(d) CO reduces Fe_2O_3 to Fe in the reduction zone of blast furnace. *(Karnataka C.E.T. 2012)*

Answers

A5. (a) **A6.** (b) **A7.** (c) **A8.** (a) **A9.** (b) **A10.** (d) **A11.** (b) **A12.** (b) **A13.** (b) **A14.** (b)
A15. (b) **A16.** (b) **A17.** (b) **A18.** (a) **A19.** (c) **A20.** (d) **A21.** (c) **A22.** (b) **A23.** (c)

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Occurrence & Extraction of Fe, Cu, Zn and Al

A24. During roasting of zinc blende, it converts to
(a) ZnO (b) $ZnSO_4$ (c) $ZnCO_3$ (d) Zn.

A25. Iron obtained from reduction zone of the blast furnace is
(a) Cast iron (b) Spongy iron
(c) Steel (d) Wrought iron.

A26. In blast furnace, iron oxide is reduced to iron by
(a) Carbon (b) Limestone
(c) CO (d) Zinc

A27. The reduction of iron in a blast furnace involves all the steps except
(a) Fusion (b) Reduction
(c) Sublimation (d) Roasting

A28. Heating of iron pyrites in air to remove sulphur is called
(a) calcination (b) fluxing
(c) smelting (d) roasting

A29. In the metallurgy of iron, when limestone is added to the blast furnace, the calcium ions end up in
(a) gangue (b) slag
(c) metallic calcium (d) calcium oxide

A30. In electrorefining, the impure metal is made
(a) anode (b) cathode
(c) anode or cathode (d) electrolyte.

Answers

A24. (a) **A25.** (b) **A26.** (c) **A27.** (c) **A28.** (d) **A29.** (b) **A30.** (a)

B MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS *from competitive examinations*

AIPMT & Other State Boards' Medical Entrance

Select the correct answers :

B1. Which of the following statements, about the advantage of roasting of sulphide ore before reduction is not true ?
(a) The $\Delta_f G°$ of the sulphide is greater than those for CS_2 and H_2S
(b) The $\Delta_f G°$ is negative for roasting of sulphide ore to oxide.
(c) Roasting of the sulphide to the oxide is thermodynamically feasible.
(d) Carbon and hydrogen are suitable reducing agents for metal sulphides (*C.B.S.E.PMT. 2007*)

B2. Which of the following pairs of metals is purified by Van Arkel method ?
(a) Ga and In (b) Zr and Ti
(c) Ag and Au (d) Ni and Fe (*AIPMT 2011*)

B3. Which of the following elements is present as the impurity to the maximum extent in the pig iron ?
(a) Manganese (b) Carbon
(c) Silicon (d) Phosphorus (*AIPMT 2011*)

B4. Identify the alloy containing a non-metal as a constituent in it.
(a) Invar (b) Steel
(c) Bell metal (d) Bronze (*A.I.P.M.T. 2012*)

B5. Aluminium is extracted from alumina (Al_2O_3) by electrolysis of a molten mixture of
(a) $Al_2O_3 + HF + NaAlF_4$
(b) $Al_2O_3 + CaF_2 + NaAlF_4$
(c) $Al_2O_3 + Na_3AlF_6 + CaF_2$
(d) $Al_2O_3 + KF + Na_3AlF_6$ (*A.I.P.M.T. 2012*)

B6. Which one of the following is a mineral of iron ?
(a) Malachite (b) Cassiterite
(c) Pyrolusite (d) Magnetite (*A.I.P.M.T. 2012*)

B7. Roasting of sulphides gives the gas X as a by product. This is a colourless gas with choking smell of burnt sulphur and causes great damage to respiratory organs as a result of acid rain. Its aqueous solution is acidic, acts as a reducing agent and its acid has never been isolated. The gas X is
(a) CO_2 (b) SO_3 (c) H_2S (d) SO_2 (*NEET 2013*)

B8. In the extraction of copper from its sulphide ore, the metal is finally obtained by the reduction of cuprous oxide with
(a) copper (I) sulphide (Cu_2S)
(b) sulphur dioxide (SO_2)
(c) iron sulphide (FeS)
(d) carbon monoxide (CO) (*A.I.P.M.T. 2012, 2015*)

B9. "Metals are usually not found as nitrates in their ores". Out of the following two (A and B) reasons which is/are true for the above observation?
(A) Metal nitrates are highly unstable.
(B) Metal nitrates are highly soluble in water.
(a) A and B are false (b) A is false but B is true
(c) A is true but B is false (d) A and B are true. (*A.I.P.M.T 2015*)

Answers

B1. (d) **B2.** (b) **B3.** (b) **B4.** (b) **B5.** (c) **B6.** (d) **B7.** (d) **B8.** (a) **B9.** (b)

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B10. Match items of Column I with the items of Column II and assign the correct code:

Column I	Column II
(*i*) Cyanide process	(*a*) Ultrapure Ge
(*ii*) Froth floatation process	(*b*) Dressing of ZnS
(*iii*) Electrolytic reduction	(*c*) Extraction of Al
(*iv*) Zone refining	(*d*) Extraction of Au
	(*e*) Purification of Ni

Code:

	A	B	C	D
(*a*)	(*i*)	(*ii*)	(*iii*)	(*iv*)
(*b*)	(*iii*)	(*iv*)	(*v*)	(*i*)
(*c*)	(*iv*)	(*ii*)	(*iii*)	(*i*)
(*d*)	(*ii*)	(*iii*)	(*i*)	(*v*)

(*NEET I 2016*)

B11. Extraction of gold and silver involves leaching with CN^- ion. Silver is later recovered by
(*a*) distillation (*b*) zone refining
(*c*) displacement of Zn (*d*) liquation (*NEET 2017*)

B12. Considering Ellingham diagram, which of the following metals can be used to reduce alumina?
(*a*) Fe (*b*) Zn
(*c*) Mg (*d*) Cu (*NEET 2018*)

B13. Which one of the following ores is concentrated by chemical leaching method ?
(*a*) Galena (*b*) Copper pyrite
(*c*) Cinnabar (*d*) Argentite
(*e*) Copper glance (*Kerala P.M.T. 2009*)

B14. Which of the following methods is used for obtaining aluminium metal?
(*a*) Electrolysing fused Al_2O_3 and cryolite
(*b*) By heating Al_2O_3 with carbon
(*c*) By heating Al_2O_3 in Muffle furnace
(*d*) By a process called pyrometallurgy (*DUMET 2010*)

B15. Which of the following reaction is an example of calcination process?
(*a*) $2\,Ag + 2\,HCl + [O] \longrightarrow 2\,AgCl + H_2O$
(*b*) $2\,Zn + O_2 \longrightarrow 2\,ZnO$
(*c*) $2\,ZnS + 3O_2 \longrightarrow 2\,ZnO + 2\,SO_2$
(*d*) $MgCO_3 \longrightarrow MgO + CO_2$ (*AIIMS 2010*)

B16. Which one of the following is not a sulphide ore ?
(*a*) Magnetite (*b*) Iron pyrites
(*c*) Copper glance (*d*) Sphalerite
(*e*) Galena (*Kerala P.M.T. 2012*)

B17. Principle of paper chromatography is based on
(*a*) solid-liquid partition chromatography
(*b*) liquid-liquid partition chromatography
(*c*) liquid-solid adsorption chromatography
(*d*) liquid-liquid sorption chromatography
(*A.M.U. Med. 2013*)

B18. Sphalerite is concentrated by
(*a*) gravity separation (*b*) froth floatation
(*c*) magnetic separation (*d*) hydraulic washing
(*e*) leaching. (*Kerala PMT 2014*)

B19. The following set of reactions are used in refining zirconium.

$$Zr(impure) + 2I_2 \xrightarrow{523\ K} ZrI_4 \xrightarrow{1800\ K} Zr(pure) + 2I_2$$

This method is known as
(*a*) distillation (*b*) liquation
(*c*) Hall-Heroult method (*d*) Van Arkel method
(*e*) Mond's process. (*Kerala PMT 2014*)

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B20. During the process of electrolytic refining of copper some metals present as impurity settle as "anode mud". These are :
(*a*) Sn and Ag (*b*) Pb and Zn
(*c*) Ag and Au (*d*) Fe and Ni
(*A.I.E.E.E. 2005*)

B21. Heating Cu_2O and Cu_2S will give :
(*a*) $Cu + SO_2$ (*b*) $Cu + SO_3$
(*c*) $CuO + CuS$ (*d*) Cu_2SO_3 (*A.I.E.E.E. 2005*)

B22. In view of the sign of $\Delta_r G°$ for the following reactions :
$PbO_2 + Pb \longrightarrow 2PbO;\ \Delta_r G° < 0$
$SnO_2 + Sn \longrightarrow 2SnO;\ \Delta_r G° > 0$
which oxidation states are more characteristic for lead and tin ?
(*a*) For lead + 2, for tin + 2
(*b*) For lead + 4, for tin + 4
(*c*) For lead + 2, for tin + 4
(*d*) For lead + 4, for tin + 2 (*A.I.E.E.E. 2011*)

B23. Which method of purification is represented by the following equation ?

$$Ti\,(s) + 2I_2\,(g) \xrightarrow{523\ K} TiI_4\,(g) \xrightarrow{1700\ K} Ti(s) + 2I_2\,(g)$$

(*a*) Cupellation (*b*) Poling
(*c*) Van Arkel (*d*) Zone refining
(*A.I.E.E.E. 2012*)

B24. In the context of the Hall-Heroult process for the extraction of Al, which of the following statements is false?
(*a*) Al^{3+} is reduced at the cathode to form Al.
(*b*) Na_3AlF_6 serves as the electrolyte.
(*c*) CO and CO_2 are produced in this process.
(*d*) Al_2O_3 is mixed with CaF_2 which lowers the melting point of the mixture and brings conductivity.
(*JEE Main 2015*)

Answers

B10. (*c*) **B11.** (*c*) **B12.** (*c*) **B13.** (*d*) **B14.** (*a*) **B15.** (*d*) **B16.** (*a*) **B17.** (*b*) **B18.** (*b*)
B19. (*d*) **B20.** (*c*) **B21.** (*a*) **B22.** (*c*) **B23.** (*c*) **B24.** (*b*)

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B25. Which one of the following ore is best concentrated by froth floatation method?
(a) Magnetite (b) Siderite
(c) Galena (d) Malachite
(*JEE Main 2016*)

B26. ΔG° vs T plot in the Ellingham's diagram slopes downward for the reaction
(a) $Mg + \frac{1}{2}O_2 \longrightarrow MgO$ (b) $2Ag + \frac{1}{2}O_2 \longrightarrow Ag_2O$
(c) $C + \frac{1}{2}O_2 \longrightarrow CO$ (d) $CO + \frac{1}{2}O_2 \longrightarrow CO_2$
(*Karnataka CET 2006*)

B27. Identify the reaction that does not take place in a blast furnace :
(a) $2Fe_2O_3 + 3C \longrightarrow 4Fe + 3CO_2$
(b) $CO_2 + C \longrightarrow 2CO$
(c) $CaCO_3 \longrightarrow CaO + CO_2$
(d) $CaO + SiO_2 \longrightarrow CaSiO_3$ (*Karnataka C.E.T. 2008*)

B28. In aluminothermic process, Al is used as
(a) Reducing agent (b) Oxidising agent
(c) Catalyst (d) Electrolyte
(*Orissa J.E.E 2009*)

B29. The temperature of the slag zone in the metallurgy of iron using blast furnace is
(a) 1500–1600°C (b) 400–700°C
(c) 800–1000°C (d) 1200–1500°C
(*Karnataka C.E.T. 2009*)

B30. In the electrolytic refining of zinc, ...
(a) graphite is at the anode
(b) the impure metal is at the cathode
(c) the metal ion gets reduced at the anode
(d) acidified zinc sulphate is the electrolyte
(*Karnataka CET 2010*)

B31. According to Ellingham diagram, the oxidation reaction of carbon to carbon monoxide may be used to reduce which one of the following oxides at the lowest temperature ?
(a) Al_2O_3 (b) Cu_2O (c) MgO
(d) ZnO (e) FeO (*Kerala PET 2010*)

B32. The function of potassium ethyl xanthate in froth floatation process is to make the ore
(a) attracted towards water (b) water repellant
(c) lighter (d) heavier
(*Karnataka C.E.T. 2012*)

B33. The first step in the extraction of copper from copper pyrites is
(a) reduction by carbon (b) electrolysis of ore
(c) roasting of ore in O_2 (d) magnetic separation
(*J.K.C.E.T. 2012*)

B34. The statement that is not correct is
(a) a furnace lined with haematite is used to convert cast iron to wrought iron.
(b) collectors enhance the wettability of mineral particles during froth floatation.
(c) in vapour phase refining the metal should form volatile compound.
(d) copper from its low grade ores is extracted by hydrometallurgy. (*Karnataka CET 2014*)

B35. Roasted copper pyrite on smelting with sand produces
(a) $FeSiO_3$ as fusible slag and Cu_2S as matte
(b) $CaSiO_3$ as infusible slag and Cu_2O as matte
(c) $Ca_3(PO_4)_2$ as fusible slag and Cu_2S as matte
(d) $Fe_3(PO_4)_2$ as infusible slag and Cu_2S as matte
(*WB JEE 2015*)

B36. Name the metal that is purified by placing the impure metal on sloping hearth of a reverberatory furnace and heating that above its melting point in absence of air.
(a) Mercury (b) Galium
(c) Zirconium (d) Copper (*MH-CET 2015*)

B37. How is ore of aluminium concentrated?
(a) roasting (b) leaching
(c) froth floatation (d) using Wilfley table
(*MH-CET 2015*)

B38. Name the reagent that is used in leaching of gold:
(a) Carbon (b) Sodium cyanide
(c) Carbon monoxide (d) Iodine. (*MH-CET 2016*)

B39. Which metal is refined by Mond Process?
(a) Titanium (b) Copper
(c) Nickel (d) Zinc. (*MH-CET 2016*)

B40. The composition of 'copper matte' is
(a) $Cu_2S + FeS$ (b) $Cu_2S + Cu_2O$
(c) $Cu_2S + FeO$ (d) $Cu_2O + FeS$
(*Karnataka CET 2016*)

B41. The complex formed when Al_2O_3 is leached from bauxite using concentrated NaOH solution is
(a) $Na[Al(OH)_4]$ (b) $NaAl_2O_4$
(c) $Na_2[Al(OH)_3]$ (d) Na_2AlO_2
(*Karnataka CET 2016*)

B42. The metal extracted by leaching with cyanide is
(a) Cu (b) Al
(c) Na (d) Ag
(*Karnataka CET 2017*)

B43. Purification of aluminium by electrolytic refining is called
(a) Hall's process (b) Froth floatation process
(c) Baeyers process (d) Hoope's process
(e) Serpeck's process (*Kerala PET 2017*)

B44. Corundum is _____ mineral of aluminium.
(a) silicate (b) oxide
(c) double salt (d) sulphate
(e) nitrate (*Keral PET 2017*)

Answers

B25. (c)	**B26.** (c)	**B27.** (c)	**B28.** (a)	**B29.** (c)	**B30.** (d)	**B31.** (b)	**B32.** (b)	**B33.** (c)
B34. (b)	**B35.** (a)	**B36.** (a)	**B37.** (b)	**B38.** (b)	**B39.** (c)	**B40.** (a)	**B41.** (a)	**B42.** (b)
B43. (d)	**B44.** (b)							

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B45. Electrolytic refining is used to purify which of the following metals?
(*a*) Cu and Zn (*b*) Ge and Si
(*c*) Zr and Ti (*d*) Zn and Hg
(*Karnataka CET 2018*)

B46. The common impurity present in bauxite is
(*a*) CuO (*b*) ZnO
(*c*) Fe_2O_3 (*d*) Cr_2O_3
(*Karnataka CET 2018*)

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B47. In the process of extraction of gold,

$$\text{Roasted gold ore} + CN^- + H_2O \xrightarrow{O_2} [X] + OH^-$$
$$[X] + Zn \longrightarrow [Y] + Au$$

Identify the complexes [X] and [Y]
(*a*) $X = [Au(CN)_2]^-$; $Y = [Zn(CN)_4]^{2-}$
(*b*) $X = [Au(CN)_4]^{3-}$; $Y = [Zn(CN)_4]^{2-}$
(*c*) $X = [Au(CN)_2]^-$; $Y = [Zn(CN)_4]^{4-}$
(*d*) $X = [Au(CN)_4]^-$; $Y = [Zn(CN)_4]^-$ (*I.I.T. 2003*)

B48. Extraction of zinc from zinc blende is achieved by :
(*a*) Electrolytic reduction
(*b*) Roasting followed by reduction with carbon
(*c*) Roasting followed by reduction with another metal
(*d*) Roasting followed by self reduction. (*I.I.T. 2007*)

B49. Oxidation states of the metal in the minerals haematite and magnetite, respectively, are
(*a*) II, III haematite and III in magnetite
(*b*) II, III in haematite and II in magnetite
(*c*) II in haematite and II, III in magnetite
(*d*) III in haematite and II, III in magnetite (*I.I.T. 2011*)

B50. In the cyanide extraction process of silver from argentite ore, the oxidizing and reducing agents used are
(*a*) O_2 and CO respectively
(*b*) O_2 and Zn dust respectively
(*c*) HNO_3 and Zn dust respectively
(*d*) HNO_3 and CO respectively (*I.I.T. J.E.E. 2012*)

B51. Sulphide ores are common for the metals
(*a*) Ag, Cu and Pb (*b*) Ag, Cu and Sn
(*c*) Ag, Mg and Pb (*d*) Al, Cu and Pb
(*J.E.E. Advance 2013*)

Answers

B45. (*a*) **B46.** (*c*) **B47.** (*a*) **B48.** (*b*) **B49.** (*d*) **B50.** (*b*) **B51.** (*a*)

C MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS
with more than one correct answers

Select the correct answers :

C1. Leaching process can be used for concentration of ores of
(*a*) aluminium (*b*) copper (*c*) gold (*d*) iron

C2. Van Arkel method of refining is used for
(*a*) zirconium (*b*) silicon (*c*) germanium (*d*) titanium

C3. Which of the following is/are not example of thermite reaction?
(*a*) $3Mn_3O_4 + 8Al \longrightarrow 4Al_2O_3 + 9Mn$
(*b*) $Cr_2O_3 + 2Al \longrightarrow Al_2O_3 + 2Cr$
(*c*) $2Cu_2O + Cu_2S \longrightarrow 6Cu + SO_2$
(*d*) $2HgO + HgS \longrightarrow 3Hg + SO_2$

C4. Which of the following oxide cannot be reduced to metal by carbon ?
(*a*) ZnO (*b*) Al_2O_3 (*c*) CuO (*d*) MgO

C5. The metals which cannot be obtained by electrolysis of aqueous solution of their salts are
(*a*) Ag (*b*) Mg (*c*) Cu (*d*) Al
(*B.H.U. 2006*)

C6. Extraction of metal from the ore cassiterite involves
(*a*) carbon reduction of an oxide ore
(*b*) self-reduction of a sulphide ore
(*c*) removal of copper impurity
(*d*) removal of iron impurity. (*I.I.T. 2011*)

C7. Upon heating with Cu_2S, the reagent(s) that give copper metal is/are
(*a*) $CuFeS_2$ (*b*) CuO
(*c*) Cu_2O (*d*) $CuSO_4$ (*JEE Advance 2014*)

C8. Copper is purified by electrolytic refining of blister copper. The correct statement(s) about this process is(are)
(*a*) impure Cu strip is used as cathode
(*b*) acidified aqueous $CuSO_4$ is used as electrolyte
(*c*) pure Cu deposits at cathode
(*d*) impurities settle as anode-mud (*JEE Advance 2015*)

C9. Extraction of copper from copper pyrites ($CuFeS_2$) involves
(*a*) crushing followed by concentration of the ore by froth-floatation
(*b*) removal of iron as slag
(*c*) self-reduction step to produce 'blister copper' following evolution of SO_2
(*d*) refining of 'blister copper' by carbon reduction.
(*JEE Advance 2016*)

C10. The role of fluorspar, which is added in small quantities in the electrolytic reduction of alumina dissolved in fused cryolite is
(*a*) as a catalyst
(*b*) to make fused mixture conducting
(*c*) to lower the melting temperature of the mixture
(*d*) to decrease the rate of oxidation of carbon at anode.
(*WB JEE 2017*)

Answers

C1. (*a, c*) **C2.** (*a, d*) **C3.** (*c, d*) **C4.** (*a, c*) **C5.** (*b, d*) **C6.** (*b, d*) **C7.** (*b, c, d*) **C8.** (*b, c, d*) **C9.** (*a, b, c*) **C10.** (*b, c*)

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Assertion Reason Type Questions

The questions given below consist of an Assertion and Reason. Use the following key to choose the appropriate answer.

(*a*) If both assertion and reason are CORRECT and reason is the CORRECT explanation of the assertion.

(*b*) If both assertion and reason are CORRECT but, reason is NOT THE CORRECT explanation of the assertion.

(*c*) If assertion is CORRECT but, reason is INCORRECT.

(*d*) If assertion is INCORRECT but, reason is CORRECT.

(*e*) If both assertion and reason are INCORRECT.

1. Assertion : Oxide and carbonate ores are concentrated by froth floatation process.
Reason : In froth floatation pine oil is used because it preferentially wets the ore particles.

2. Assertion : Gold and platinum occur in native state.
Reason : Gold and platinum are expensive metals.

3. Assertion : Aluminothermy is used for the extraction of Cr from Cr_2O_3.
Reason : Aluminium has a high melting point.

4. Assertion : Titanium can be purified by Van Arkel process.
Reason : Titanium form volatile TiI_4 unstable compound

5. Assertion : In Mond process, nickel is heated in a stream of CO forming a volatile complex.
Reason : This is an electrolytic refining method.

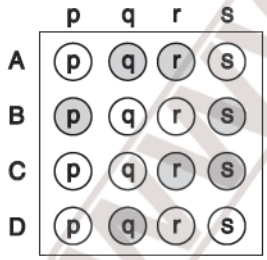
Answers

1. (*d*) **2.** (*c*) **3.** (*b*) **4.** (*a*) **5.** (*c*)

Matrix Match Type Questions

Each question contains statements given in two columns, which have to be matched. Statements in Column I are labelled as A, B, C and D whereas statements in Column II are labelled as *p*, *q*, *r* and *s*. Match the entries of Column I with appropriate entries of Column II. Each entry in Column I may have one or more than one correct option from Column II. The answers to these questions have to be appropriately bubbled as illustrated in the following example.

If the correct matches are A-*q*, A-*r*, B-*p*, B-*s*, C-*r*, C-*s* and D-*q*, then the correctly bubbled matrix will look like the following:



1. Match the metal in Column I with the ores in Column II

Column I	Column II
(A) Aluminium	(*p*) Siderite
(B) Zinc	(*q*) Malachite
(C) Copper	(*r*) Sphalerite
(D) Iron	(*s*) Bauxite

2. Match the extraction process in Column I with the metal in Column II.

Column I	Column II
(A) Carbon reduction	(*p*) Gold
(B) Self reduction	(*q*) Copper
(C) Electrolytic reduction	(*r*) Aluminium
(D) Complex formation followed by displacement by metal	(*s*) Lead

3. Match the anionic species given in Column I that are present in the ore(s) given in Column II.

Column I	Column II
(A) Carbonate	(*p*) Siderite
(B) Sulphide	(*q*) Malachite
(C) Hydroxide	(*r*) Bauxite
(D) Oxide	(*s*) Calamine
	(*t*) Argentite

(*J.E.E. Advance 2015*)

Answers

(1) : (A) – (*s*) (B) – (*r*) (C) – (*q*) (D) – (*p*)
(2) : (A) – (*q*) (*s*) (B) – (*q*) (*s*) (C) – (*r*) (D) – (*p*)
(3) : (A) – (*p*) (*q*) (*s*) (B) – (*t*) (C) – (*q*) (*r*) (D) – (*r*)

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Integer Type or Numerical Value Type Questions

Integer Type: The answer to each of the following question is a **single-digit**-integer ranging from 0 to 9.

1. Amongst the following, total number of metals which occur in native state in the earth's crust are: Pt, Ni, C, Hg, S, Zn, Au, Pb
2. Amongst the following the metals which are roasted to convert them into their corresponding metal oxides are: Zinc blende, iron pyrites, alumina, calamine, copper pyrites, galena, pyrolusite, malachite
3. Amongst the following the oxide ores are:
   pyrolusite, haematite, bauxite, zincite, cinnabar, magnesite, cuprite, azurite, siderite
4. Amongst the following the metals which can be refined by vapour phase refining are:
   Zn, Cu Ti, Ni Co, Al, Zr

Numerical Value Type: Give the correct numerical value (in decimal notation truncated/rounded off to the second decimal place).

5. Galena (an ore) is partially oxidized by passing air through it at high temperature. After some time the passage of air is stopped, but the heating is continued in a closed furnace such that the contents undergo self-reduction. The weight (in kg) of Pb produced per kg of O_2 consumed is_____.
   (Atomic weights in g mol^{-1} : O = 16, S = 32, Pb = 2017)
   (*JEE Advance 2018*)

Answers

1. (2) **2.** (4) **3.** (5) **4.** (3) **5.** 6.47

NCERT Exemplar Problems Objective Questions

Multiple Choice Questions (Type-I)

1. In the extraction of chlorine by electrolysis of brine _____.
   (*a*) oxidation of Cl^- ion to chlorine gas occurs.
   (*b*) reduction of Cl^- ion to chlorine gas occurs.
   (*c*) for overall reaction $\Delta G^\ominus$ has negative value.
   (*d*) a displacement reaction takes place.
2. When copper ore is mixed with silica, in a reverberatory furnace copper matte is produced. The copper matte contains _____.
   (*a*) sulphides of copper (II) and iron (II)
   (*b*) sulphides of copper (II) and iron (III)
   (*c*) sulphides of copper (I) and iron (II)
   (*d*) sulphides of copper (I) and iron (III)
3. Which of the following reactions is an example of auto reduction ?
   (*a*) $Fe_3O_4 + 4CO \longrightarrow 3Fe + 4CO_2$
   (*b*) $Cu_2O + C \longrightarrow 2Cu + CO$
   (*c*) $Cu^{2+}(aq) + Fe(s) \longrightarrow Cu(s) + Fe^{2+}(aq)$
   (*d*) $Cu_2O + \frac{1}{2}Cu_2S \longrightarrow 3Cu + \frac{1}{2}SO_2$
4. A number of elements are available in earth's crust but most abundant elements are _____.
   (*a*) Al and Fe (*b*) Al and Cu
   (*c*) Fe and Cu (*d*) Cu and Ag
5. Zone refining is based on the principle that _____.
   (*a*) impurities of low boiling metals can be separated by distillation.
   (*b*) impurities are more soluble in molten metal than in solid metal.
   (*c*) different components of a mixture are differently adsorbed on an adosrbent.
   (*d*) vapours of volatile compound can be decomposed in pure metal.
6. In the extraction of copper from its sulphide ore, the metal is formed by the reduction of Cu_2O with
   (*a*) FeS (*b*) CO
   (*c*) Cu_2S (*d*) SO_2
7. Brine is electrolysed by using inert electrodes. The reaction at anode is _____.
   (*a*) $Cl^-(aq.) \longrightarrow \frac{1}{2}Cl_2(g) + e^-$; $E^\ominus_{Cell} = 1.36$ V
   (*b*) $2H_2O(l) \longrightarrow O_2(g) + 4H^+ + 4e^-$; $E^\ominus_{Cell} = 1.23$ V
   (*c*) $Na^+(aq.) + e^- \longrightarrow Na(s)$; $E^\ominus_{Cell} = 2.71$ V
   (*d*) $H^+(aq.) + e^- \longrightarrow \frac{1}{2}H_2(g)$; $E^\ominus_{Cell} = 0.00$ V
8. In the metallurgy of aluminium _____.
   (*a*) Al^{3+} is oxidised to Al (s).
   (*b*) graphide anode is oxidised to carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide.
   (*c*) oxidation state of oxygen changes in the reaction at anode.
   (*d*) oxidation state of oxygen changes in the overall reaction involved in the process.
9. Electrolytic refining is used to purify which of the following metals?
   (*a*) Cu and Zn (*b*) Ge and Si
   (*c*) Zr and Ti (*d*) Zn and Hg

Answers

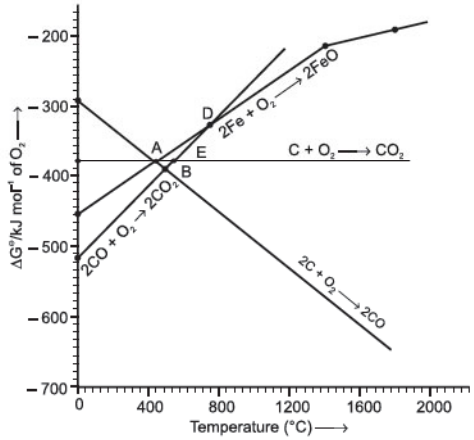
1. (c) **2.** (c) **3.** (d) **4.** (a) **5.** (b) **6.** (c) **7.** (a) **8.** (b) **9.** (a)

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10. Extraction of gold and silver involves leaching the metal with CN^- ion. The metal is recovered by _____.
(*a*) displacement of metal by some other metal from the complex ion.
(*b*) roasting of metal complex.
(*c*) calcination followed by roasting.
(*d*) thermal decomposition of metal complex.

Note : Answer the questions 11-13 on the basis of figure given below :



11. Choose the correct option of temperature at which carbon reduces FeO to iron and produces CO.
(*a*) Below temperature at point A.
(*b*) Approximately at the temperature corresponding to point A.
(*c*) Above temperature at point A but below temperature at point D.
(*d*) Above temperature at point A.

12. Below point 'A' FeO can _____.
(*a*) be reduced by carbon monoxide only.
(*b*) be reduced by both carbon monoxide and carbon.
(*c*) be reduced by carbon only.
(*d*) not be reduced by both carbon and carbon monoxide.

13. For the reduction of FeO at the temperature corresponding to point D, which of the following statements is correct?
(*a*) ΔG value for the overall reduction reaction with carbon monoxide is zero.
(*b*) ΔG value for the overall reduction reaction with a mixture of 1 mol carbon and 1 mol oxygen is positive.
(*c*) ΔG value for the overall reduction reaction with a mixture of 2 mol carbon and 1 mol oxygen will be positive.
(*d*) ΔG value for the overall reduction reaction with carbon monoxide is negative.

Multiple Choice Questions (Type-II)

Note : *In the following questions two or more options may be correct.*

14. At the temperature corresponding to which of the points in the given figure above. FeO will be reduced to Fe by coupling the reaction $2FeO \longrightarrow 2Fe + O_2$ with all of the following reactions ?
(*i*) $C + O_2 \longrightarrow CO_2$ (*ii*) $2C + O_2 \longrightarrow 2CO$ and
(*iii*) $2CO + O_2 \longrightarrow 2CO_2$
(*a*) Point A (*b*) Point B
(*c*) Point D (*d*) Point E

15. Which of the following options are correct ?
(*a*) Cast iron is obtained by remelting pig iron with scrap iron and coke using hot air blast.
(*b*) In extraction of silver, silver is extracted as cationic complex.
(*c*) Nickel is purified by zone refining.
(*d*) Zr and Ti are purified by van Arkel method.

16. In the extraction of aluminium by Hall-Heroult process, purified Al_2O_3 is mixed with CaF_2 to
(*a*) lower the melting point of Al_2O_3.
(*b*) increase the conductivity of molten mixture.
(*c*) reduce Al^{3+} into Al(s).
(*d*) acts as catalyst.

17. Which of the following statements is correct about the role of substances added in the froth floation process ?
(*a*) Collectors enhance the non-wettability of the mineral particles.
(*b*) Collectors enhance the wettability of gangue particles.
(*c*) By using depressants in the process two sulphide ores can be separated.
(*d*) Froth stabilisers decrease wettability of gangue.

18. In the Froth Floatation process, zinc sulphide and lead sulphide can be separated by _____.
(*a*) using collectors.
(*b*) adjusting the proportion of oil to water.
(*c*) using depressant.
(*d*) using froth stabilisers.

19. Common impurities present in bauxite are _____.
(*a*) CuO (*b*) ZnO
(*c*) Fe_2O_3 (*d*) SiO_2

20. Which of the following ores are concentrated by froth floatation ?
(*a*) Haematite (*b*) Galena
(*c*) Copper pyrites (*d*) Magnetite

21. Which of the following reactions occur during calcination?
(*a*) $CaCO_3 \longrightarrow CaO + CO_2$
(*b*) $2FeS_2 + \frac{11}{2} O_2 \longrightarrow Fe_2O_3 + 4SO_2$
(*c*) $Al_2O_3 \cdot xH_2O \longrightarrow Al_2O_3 + xH_2O$
(*d*) $ZnS + \frac{2}{3} O_2 \longrightarrow ZnO + SO_2$

Answers

10. (*a*) **11.** (*d*) **12.** (*a*) **13.** (*a*) **14.** (*b*), (*d*) **15.** (*a*), (*d*) **16.** (*a*), (*b*) **17.** (*a*), (*c*)
18. (*b*), (*c*) **19.** (*c*), (*d*) **20.** (*b*), (*c*) **21.** (*a*), (*c*)

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22. For the metallurgical process of which of the ores calcined ore can be reduced by carbon ?
(*a*) haematite (*b*) calamine
(*c*) iron pyrites (*d*) sphalerite

23. The main reactions occurring in blast furnace during extraction of iron from haematite are _____.
(*a*) $Fe_2O_3 + 3CO \longrightarrow 2Fe + 3CO_2$
(*b*) $FeO + SiO_2 \longrightarrow FeSiO_3$
(*c*) $Fe_2O_3 + 3C \longrightarrow 2Fe + 3CO$
(*d*) $CaO + SiO_2 \longrightarrow CaSiO_3$

24. In which of the following method of purification, metal is converted to its volatile compound which is decomposed to give pure metal ?
(*a*) heating with stream of carbon monoxide.
(*b*) heating with iodine.
(*c*) liquation.
(*d*) distillation.

25. Which of the following statements are correct ?
(*a*) A depressant prevents certain type of particle to come to the froth.
(*b*) Copper matte contains Cu_2S and ZnS.
(*c*) The solidified copper obtained from reverberatory furnace has blistered appearance due to evolution of SO_2 during the extraction.
(*d*) Zinc can be extracted by self-reduction.

26. In the extraction of chlorine from brine _____.
(*a*) $\Delta G^\ominus$ for the overall reaction is negative.
(*b*) $\Delta G^\ominus$ for the overall reaction is positive.
(*c*) $E^\ominus$ for overall reaction has negative value.
(*d*) $E^\ominus$ for overall reaction has positive value.

Matching Type Questions

Note : *Match the items given in Column I and Column II in the following questions.*

27. Match the items of Column I with items of Column II and assign the correct code:

Column I	Column II
(A) Pendulum	(1) Chrome steel
(B) Malachite	(2) Nickel steel
(C) Calamine	(3) Na_3AlF_6
(D) Cryolite	(4) $CuCO_3{\cdot}Cu(OH)_2$
	(5) $ZnCO_3$

Code :
(*a*) A (1) B (2) C (3) D (4) (*b*) A (2) B (4) C (5) D (3)
(*c*) A (2) B (3) C (4) D (5) (*d*) A (4) B (5) C (3) D (2)

28. Match the items of Column I with the items of Column II and assign the correct code :

Column I	Column II
(A) Coloured bands	(1) Zone refining
(B) Impure metal to volatile complex	(2) Fractional distillation
(C) Purification of Ge and Si	(3) Mond Process
(D) Purification of mercury	(4) Chromatography
	(5) Liquation

Code :
(*a*) A (1) B (2) C (4) D (5) (*b*) A (4) B (3) C (1) D (2)
(*c*) A (3) B (4) C (2) D (1) (*d*) A (5) B (4) C (3) D (2)

29. Match items of Column I with the items of Column II and assign the correct code :

Column I	Column II
(A) Cyanide process	(1) Ultrapure Ge
(B) Froth Floatation Process	(2) Dressing of ZnS
(C) Electrolytic reduction	(3) Extraction of Al
(D) Zone refining	(4) Extraction of Au
	(5) Purification of Ni

Code :
(*a*) A (4) B (2) C (3) D (1) (*b*) A (2) B (3) C (1) D (5)
(*c*) A (1) B (2) C (3) D (4) (*d*) A (3) B (4) C (5) D (1)

30. Match the items of Column I with the items of Column II and assign the correct code :

Column I	Column II
(A) Sapphire	(1) Al_2O_3
(B) Sphalerite	(2) NaCN
(C) Depressant	(3) Co
(D) Corundum	(4) ZnS
	(5) Fe_2O_3

Code :
(*a*) A (3) B (4) C (2) D (1)
(*b*) A (5) B (4) C (3) D (2)
(*c*) A (2) B (3) C (4) D (5)
(*d*) A (1) B (2) C (3) D (4)

31. Match the items of Column I with items of Column II and assign the correct code :

Column I	Column II
(A) Blisterred Cu	(1) Aluminium
(B) Blast furnace	(2) $2Cu_2O + Cu_2S \rightarrow 6Cu + SO_2$
(C) Reverberatory furnace	(3) Iron
(D) Hall-Heroult process	(4) $FeO + SiO_2 \rightarrow FeSiO_3$
	(5) $2Cu_2S + 3O_2 \rightarrow 2Cu_2O + 2SO_2$

Code :
(*a*) A (2) B (3) C (4) D (1)
(*b*) A (1) B (2) C (3) D (5)
(*c*) A (5) B (4) C (3) D (2)
(*d*) A (4) B (5) C (3) D (2)

Answers

22. (*a*), (*b*) **23.** (*a*), (*d*) **24.** (*a*), (*b*) **25.** (*a*), (*c*) **26.** (*b*), (*c*) **27.** (*b*) **28.** (*b*) **29.** (*b*) **30.** (*a*) **31** (*a*)

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Assertion and Reason Type Questions

Note : *In the following questions a statement of assertion followed by a statement of reason is given. Choose the correct answer out of the following choices.*

(*a*) Both assertion and reason are true and reason is the correct explanation of assertion.

(*b*) Both assertion and reason are true but reason is not the correct explanation of assertion.

(*c*) Assertion is true but reason is false.

(*d*) Assertion is false but reason is true.

(*e*) Assertion and reason both are wrong.

32. Assertion : Nickel can be purified by Mond process.
Reason : $Ni(CO)_4$ is a volatile compound which decomposes at 460 K to give pure Ni.

33. Assertion : Zirconium can be purificed by Van Arkel method.
Reason : ZrI_4 is volatile and decomposes at 1800 K.

34. Assertion : Sulphide ores are concentrated by Froth Flotation method.
Reason : Cresols stabilise the froth in Froth Flotation method.

35. Assertion : Zone refining method is very useful for producing semiconductors.
Reason : Semiconductors are of high purity.

36. Assertion : Hydrometallurgy involves dissolving the ore in a suitable reagent followed by precipitation by a more electropositive metal.
Reason : Copper is extracted by hydrometallurgy.

Answers

32. (*a*) **33.** (*a*) **34.** (*b*) **35.** (*b*) **36.** (*b*)

Hints & Explanations for *Difficult Objective Type Questions*

B. *mcq from Competitive Examinations*

B4. (*b*) : Steel is an alloy of carbon (non-metal) and iron (metal).

B6. (*d*) : Magnetite is Fe_3O_4.

B7. (*d*) : Roasting of sulphides gives SO_2.

B8. (*a*) : It is an example of autoreduction :
$Cu_2S + 2Cu_2O \longrightarrow 6Cu + SO_2$

B9. (*b*) : Metal nitrates are usually not found as nitrates in their ores because these are highly soluble.

B10. (*c*) : (*a*) Cyanide process–extraction of Au (*iv*)
(*b*) Froth floatation process–dressing of sulphide ores, ZnS (*ii*)
(*c*) Electrolytic reduction–extraction of Al (*iii*)
(*d*) Zone refining–ultrapure Ge (*i*)

B11. (*c*) : Zinc being more reactive than Au and Ag, displaces them from their solutions. It is Mac Arthur or cyanide process.

B13. (*d*) : Ores of gold and silver are concentrated by chemical leaching method.

B15. (*d*) : Conversion of carbonate into its oxide by heating in the absence of air is called calcination.

B16. (*a*) : Magnetite (Fe_3O_4), iron pyrites (FeS_2), copper glance (Cu_2S), sphalerite (sulphide of Zn and Fe), galena (PbS).

B20. (*c*) : Ag and Au donot react with $CuSO_4$ and H_2SO_4 solution.

B21. (*a*) : $Cu_2S + 2Cu_2O \longrightarrow 6Cu + SO_2$

B22. (*c*) : $\Delta G^\circ < 0$ so that $Pb^{4+} \longrightarrow Pb^{2+}$
or Pb^{2+} is more stable than Pb^{4+}
$\Delta G^\circ > 0$ i.e. non-spontaneous
or $Sn^{4+} \longrightarrow Sn^{2+}$
So that Sn^{4+} is more stable than Sn^{2+}.

B23. (*c*) : This represents Van Arkel method.

B24. (*b*) : In Hall-Heroult process for the extraction of aluminium, electrolyte is Al_2O_3 dissolved in Na_3AlF_6 containing a small amount of CaF_2.

B35. (*a*) : The roasted copper pyrites contain Cu_2S and FeO and some unreacted FeS. On smelting, the roasted copper pyrites with sand give fusible ferrous silicate slag, $FeSiO_3$ and Cu_2S as matte.

$$\underset{}{FeO} + \underset{\text{Silica}}{SiO_2} \longrightarrow \underset{\substack{\text{Ferrous silicate}\\(\text{slag})}}{FeSiO_3}$$

B43. (*d*) : Baeyer's process, Hall's process and Serpeck's process are used for the extraction of aluminium. The aluminium obtained is then purified by Hoope's electrolytic refining method.

B44. (*b*) : Corundum is aluminium oxide.

B46. (*c*) : Aluminium is isolated from bauxite ore which is generally contaminated by impurities such as ferric oxide and silica.

B49. (*d*) : In haematite (Fe_2O_3) oxidation number of Fe is
$2x + 3 \times (-2) = 0 \therefore x = 3$
Magnetite (Fe_3O_4) is an equimolar mixture of FeO and Fe_2O_3.
$\therefore$ Oxidation number of iron in FeO is 2 and in Fe_2O_3 is 3.

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B50. (*b*) : Silver ore is oxidised by using oxygen from air :

$4Ag + 8NaCN + 2H_2O + O_2(air) \longrightarrow 4Na[Ag(CN)_2] + 4NaOH$

In this, Ag(0) is oxidised to Ag(+1).

Silver is precipitated from the solution by addition of zinc powder.

$2Na[Ag(CN)_2] + Zn \longrightarrow Na_2[Zn(CN)_4] + 2Ag$

Silver gets reduced from Ag(+1) to Ag(0).

B51. (*a*) : Sulphide ores of Ag (Ag_2S : silver glance), copper ($CuFeS_2$: copper pyrites) and lead (PbS : galena).

C. *mcq with more than one correct answer*

C7. (*b, c, d*) : $CuFeS_2 + Cu_2S \xrightarrow{\Delta}$ No reaction

$2CuO \xrightarrow{\Delta} Cu_2O + \frac{1}{2}O_2$

$2\,Cu_2O + Cu_2S \xrightarrow{\Delta} 6Cu + SO_2$

$Cu_2SO_4 \xrightarrow{\Delta} CuO + SO_2 + \frac{1}{2}O_2$

Both Cu_2O and CuO on heating with Cu_2S give Cu.

C8. (*b, c, d*) : Impure copper is made anode and a thin sheet of pure metal is made cathode. So, statement (*a*) is incorrect and (*b, c, d*) are correct.

Matrix Match Type Questions

3. (A) – (*p*), (*q*), (*s*) : Carbonate ores are
- (*p*) Siderite : $FeCO_3$
- (*q*) Malachite : $CuCO_3.Cu(OH)_2$
- (*s*) Calamine : $ZnCO_3$

(B) – (*t*) : Sulphide ore is argentite : Ag_2S

(C) – (*q*), (*r*) : Hydroxide ion is present
- (*q*) Malachite : $CuCO_3.Cu(OH)_2$
- (*r*) Bauxite : $AlO_x(OH)_{3-2x}$ (where $0 < x < 1$)

(D) – (*r*) : Oxide ore is bauxite, Al_2O_3.

Integer Type or Numerical Value Type Questions

1. (2) : Pt, Au

2. (4) : Zinc blende, iron pyrites, copper pyrites, galena

4. (3) : Ti, Ni, Zr

5. (6.47) : $2PbS + 3O_2 \longrightarrow 2PbO + 2SO_2$

$PbS + 2PbO \longrightarrow 3Pb + SO_2$,

Or $3PbS + 3O_2 \longrightarrow 3Pb + 3SO_2$

Or $PbS + O_2 \longrightarrow Pb + SO_2$

Moles of O_2 consumed – Moles of Pb produced

$$\frac{1000}{92} = \frac{w}{207}$$

$$w = \frac{1000 \times 207}{32} = 6468.75\text{g}$$

or = **6.47kg**

NCERT Exemplar Problems : MCQs Type-I

2. (*c*) : Matte consists of cuprous sulphide and some traces of ferrous sulphide.

5. (*b*) : Zone refining method is based on the principle that impurities are more soluble in molten metal than in the solid state of the metal.

6. (*c*) : $2Cu_2O + Cu_2S \rightarrow 6Cu + SO_2$

7. (*a*) : At anode : $Cl^-(aq) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}Cl_2(g) + e^-$

8. (*b*) : $C(s) + O^{2-}(melt) \rightarrow CO(g) + 2e^-$

: $C(s) + 2O^{2-}(melt) \rightarrow CO_2(g) + 4e^-$

9. (*a*) : Cu and Zn are purified by electrolytic refining.

11. (*d*) : Above point A, $\Delta_f G°$ (CO, CO_2) is always much lower than $\Delta_f G°$ (Fe, FeO) and therefore, above point A, carbon reduces FeO to Fe forming CO.

12. (*a*) : Below point A, $\Delta_f G°$ (CO, CO_2) is always more negative than $\Delta_f G°$ (Fe, FeO) and therefore, below point A, FeO will be reduced by CO only.

13. (*a*) : $\Delta_f G°$ curve for the formation of FeO from Fe and that of CO_2 from CO intersect at point D and therefore $\Delta_r G°$ for the overall reduction of FeO with CO is zero.

NCERT Exemplar Problems : MCQs Type-II

16. (*a, b*): CaF_2 mixed with purified Al_2O_3 helps in lowering the melting point of Al_2O_3 and increases the conductivity of the molten mixture.

17. (*a, c*): Collectors such as pine oil, eucalyptus oil, etc. increase the non-wettability of the mineral particles. Depressants are used to separate the two sulphide ores.

18. (*b, c*): Zinc sulphide and lead sulphide can be separated by adjusting the proportion of oil to water and using depressant.

20. (*b, c*): Sulphide ores (galena, PbS and copper pyrites, $CuFeS_2$).

22. (*a, b*): The oxides of metals can be reduced by carbon.

24. (*a, b*): $\underset{\text{Impure}}{Ni} + 4CO \xrightarrow{300–350K} Ni(CO)_4 \xrightarrow{450–750K} \underset{\text{Pure}}{Ni} + 4CO$

$Ti + 2I_2(g) \xrightarrow{523K} TiI_4(g) \xrightarrow{1700K} \underset{\text{Pure}}{Ti} + 2I_2(g)$

26. (*b, c*) In the extraction of elements by electrolysis, $\Delta G°$ of the overall reaction is +ve while $E°$ of the overall cell reaction is –ve.

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Unit Practice Test

for Board Examination

(Surface Chemistry and General Principles and Processes of Isolation of Elements)

Time allowed : 2 Hrs. *Maximum Marks : 35*

1. Why is pine oil used in froth floatation method? (1)

2. Which is a better reducing agent at 983 K; carbon or carbon monoxide ? (1)

3. Define aluminothermy. (1)

4. How is adsorption of a gas related to its critical temperature ? (1)

5. What causes Brownian movement in a colloidal solution. (1)

6. What is Tyndall effect? Why do colloidal solutions show Tyndall effect? (2)

7. What are enzyme catalysts? Give two examples of enzyme catalysis reactions. (2)

8. Compare lyophilic and lyophobic sols in terms of
(*i*) Stability (*ii*) Reversibility (2)

9. Giving examples differentiate between calcination and roasting. (2)

10. Explain the role of silica in the metallurgy of copper. (2)

11. Describe the role of the following:
(*a*) Iodine in the refining of titanium
(*b*) NaCN in the extraction of silver from a silver ore
(*c*) Cryolitc in thc mctallurgy of aluminium (3)

12. Describe the underlying principle of each of the following metal refining methods:
(*i*) Electrolytic refining
(*ii*) Vapour phase refining
(*iii*) Zone refining (3)

13. Explain what is observed when
(*i*) an electric current is passed through a sol
(*ii*) a beam of light is passed through a sol
(*iii*) an electrolyte (say NaCl) is added to ferric hydroxide sol. (3)

14. Define each of the following terms:
(*i*) Micelles
(*ii*) Peptization
(*iii*) Electophoresis (3)

15. Explain how the phenomenon of adsorption find application in each of the following processes :
(*i*) Production of vacuum
(*ii*) Heterogeneous catalysis
(*iii*) Froth floatation process (3)

16. (*a*) What is Freundlich adsorption isotherm equation? What form will it take at high pressure and low pressure?
(*b*) Explain Hardy Schulze rule.
(*c*) What are emulsions? How are these classified? (5)

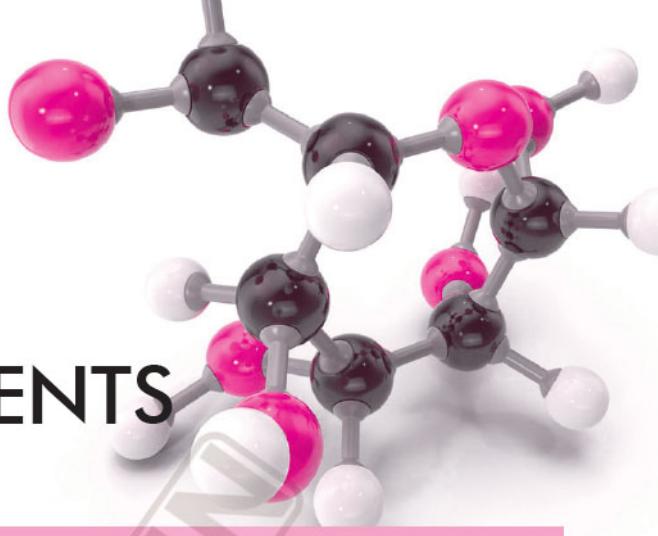
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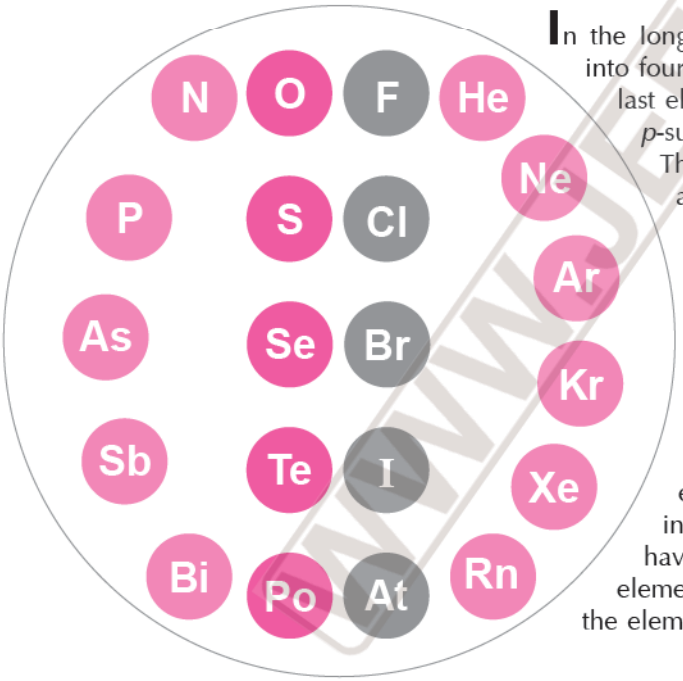
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In the long form of the periodic table, the elements have been classified into four blocks : ***s, p, d*** and **f** depending upon the subshell in which the last electron enters. The elements in which the last electron enters the *p*-subshell of their outermost energy shell are called ***p*-block elements.** The elements belonging to groups 13 to 18 constitute *p*-block elements and have the general configuration ns^2np^{1-6}. The properties of the *p*-block elements, like that of other elements, are greatly influenced by variation in their atomic sizes, ionisation enthalpy, electron gain enthalpy and electronegativity. They follow the systematic gradation in both periods and groups.

Like other elements, the elements of second row also show a number of differences in properties from the other members of their families because of the absence of *d*-orbitals. The importance of *p*-block lies in the fact that it includes all the three types of elements; **metals, non-metals** and **metalloids** which results in interesting diversification in chemistry of elements of this block. We have already discussed the chemistry of groups 13 and 14 of *p*-block elements in the previous class. In the present unit we will learn about the elements of group 15–18 of *p*-block.

GROUP 15 ELEMENTS

It contains five elements namely *nitrogen* (N), *phosphorus* (P), *arsenic* (As), *antimony* (Sb) and *bismuth* (Bi). This group is regarded as **nitrogen family**. Collectively, the group 15 elements are also called **pnicogens** and their compounds as **pniconides**. The name is derived from the Greek word *pnicomigs* meaning *suffocation*.

OCCURRENCE

The elements of group 15, except phosphorus do not occur very abundantly in nature. Though **molecular nitrogen** comprises about 78% by volume of the earth's atmosphere, it is not very abundant in the earth's crust. It is only

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thirty third most abundant element by weight in the earth's crust. Since nitrates are very soluble in water so these are not widespread in the earth's crust. The only major nitrate minerals are $NaNO_3$ (*sodanitre, Chile saltpetre*) and KNO_3 (*nitre, Indian saltpetre*). The major deposits of salt petre (KNO_3) occur in India. Nitrogen is also an important constituent of proteins, amino acids and nucleic acids in plants and animals. The continuous interchange of nitrogen between the atmosphere and biosphere is called **nitrogen cycle**.

Phosphorus is the **eleventh** element in order of abundance in crustal rocks of the earth. It is very reactive element and therefore it does not occur in free state in nature. All its known minerals are orthophosphates. Major amounts of phosphorus occur in a single mineral family known as **apatites**, which have the general formula, $3Ca_3(PO_4)_2 CaX_2$ or $Ca_9(PO_4)_6.CaX_2$ or $Ca_{10}(PO_4)_6X_2$ where X = F, Cl or OH. The common minerals of phosphorus are:

(*i*) *Phosphorite* : $Ca_3(PO_4)_2$

(*ii*) *Fluorapatite* : $Ca_5(PO_4)_3F$ or $3Ca_3(PO_4)_2.CaF_2$

(*iii*) *Chlorapatite* : $Ca_5(PO_4)_3Cl$ or $3Ca_3(PO_4)_2.CaCl_2$

(*iv*) *Hydroxyapatite* : $Ca_5(PO_4)_3OH$ or $3Ca_3(PO_4)_2.Ca(OH)_2$

Large deposits of phosphate rocks are located in North Africa and North America. In India, the phosphate rocks are mainly found in Rajasthan.

Phosphorus is essential for life, as a structural material in both animals and plants. It is present in bones as well as in living cells. About 60% bones and teeth are $Ca_3(PO_4)_2$ or $[3\{Ca_3(PO_4)_2\}.CaF_2]$. It also occurs in nucleic acids (DNA and RNA) which control the hereditary effects in human beings. Phosphorus is also found in ATP (adenosine triphosphate) and ADP (adenosine diphosphate) which are of vital importance for production of energy in the cells. Phospho proteins are present in eggs and milk.

The elements **arsenic**, **antimony and bismuth** are not very abundant. Their important sources are sulphides occurring as traces in other ores e.g., arsenopyrites, FeAsS; stibnite, Sb_2S_3, bismuth glance, Bi_2S_3. These are obtained as metallurgical by-products from roasting sulphide ores.

GROUP 15
N Nitrogen
P Phosphorus
As Arsenic
Sb Antimony
Bi Bismuth

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF GROUP 15 ELEMENTS

A. Electronic Configurations

The atoms of group 15 have five electrons in the outermost shell, two in *s* and three in *p* subshell. The general electronic configuration of this group may be expressed as ns^2np^3.

Table 1. Electronic configuration of group 15 elements.

Element	Symbol	Atomic No.	Electronic configuration
Nitrogen	N	7	[He] $2s^2 2p^3$
Phosphorus	P	15	[Ne] $3s^2 3p^3$
Arsenic	As	33	[Ar] $3d^{10} 4s^2 4p^3$
Antimony	Sb	51	[Kr] $4d^{10} 5s^2 5p^3$
Bismuth	Bi	83	[Xe] $4f^{14} 5d^{10} 6s^2 6p^3$

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B. Atomic and Physical Properties

The important atomic and physical properties of group 15 elements are given in Table 2.

Table 2. Some important atomic and physical properties of group 15 elements.

		N	P	As	Sb	Bi
Atomic number		7	15	33	51	83
Atomic mass (g mol^{-1})		14.01	30.97	74.92	121.75	208.96
Atomic radius covalent (pm)		70	110	121	141	148
Ionic radius (pm)		171 (N^{3-})	212 (P^{3-})	222 (As^{3-})	76 (Sb^{3+})	103 (Bi^{3+})
Ionisation enthalpy (kJ mol^{-1})	IE_1	1402	1012	947	834	703
	IE_2	2856	1903	1798	1595	1610
	IE_3	4577	2910	2736	2443	2466
Electronegativity		3.0	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.9
m.p. (K)		63 (Molecular)	317.1 (White P)	1089 (Grey α-form at 38.6 atm)	904	544.4
b.p. (K)		77.2 (Molecular)	553.5 (White P)	888 (Sublimation temp.)	1860	1837
Density (g cm^{-3}) at 298 K		0.879 (at 63 K)	1.823	5.778 (Grey α-form)	6.697	9.808

The important trends of atomic and physical properties are discussed below:

1. Atomic and ionic radii. *The atomic and ionic radii of group 15 elements are smaller than the atomic radii of the corresponding group 14 elements.* On going down the group, *the atomic radii increase with increase in atomic number.*

Explanation. The nuclear charge in case of elements of group 15 is larger than in the case of elements of group 14. Due to increased nuclear charge, the electrons are strongly attracted by the nucleus and therefore, atomic radii decrease. Thus, the atomic radii of elements of group 15 are less than those of group 14.

On moving down the group, the atomic radii increase due to increase in number of shells because of addition of a new principal shell in each succeeding element. However, from As to Bi, only a small increase in covalent radius is observed. This is due to the presence of completely filled *d* – and or *f*-orbitals in the heavier members.

Atomic radius (pm)	Ionic radius (pm)
N 70	N^{3-} 171
P 110	P^{3-} 212
As 121	As^{3-} 222
Sb 141	Sb^{3+} 76
Bi 148	Bi^{3+} 103

2. Ionisation enthalpies. *The first ionisation enthalpies of the group 15 elements are higher than the corresponding members of the group 14 elements.* On going down the group, *the ionisation enthalpies decrease.*

Explanation. The larger ionisation enthalpy is due to greater nuclear charge, small size and stable configuration of the atoms of group 15 elements. The electronic configuration of atoms of group 15 are half filled, np_x^1, np_y^1, np_z^1 and are stable. Therefore, they have high ionisation enthalpies.

IE_3 (kJ mol^{-1})
N 4577
P 2910
As 2736
Sb 2443
Bi 2466

The decrease in ionisation enthalpy, as we move down the group, is due to increase in atomic size and screening effect which overweigh the effect of increased nuclear charge.

As expected, the successive ionisation enthalpies of these elements (Table 2) increase in the order :

$$\Delta_i H_1 < \Delta_i H_2 < \Delta_i H_3$$

3. Electronegativity. *The electronegativity values of elements of group 15 are higher than the corresponding elements of group 14. On going down the group, the electronegativity value decreases.*

Explanation. The elements of group 15 have smaller size and greater nuclear charge of atoms and therefore, they have higher electronegativity values.

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Electronegativity
N 3.0
P 2.1
As 2.0
Sb 1.9
Bi 1.9

REMEMBER

- Among group 15 elements, bismuth is a metal.
- N and P are non-conductors of heat and electricity.
- As is poor conductor.
- Sb is good conductor whereas Bi is very good conductor of heat and electricity.

REMEMBER

- The element having maximum tendency for catenation in the periodic table is **carbon**.
- Among the elements of group 15, P has maximum tendency for catenation.

The decrease in electronegativity on going down the group is due to increase in size of the atoms and shielding effect of inner electron shells on going down the group. However, amongst the heavier elements, the difference is not that much pronounced.

4. Metallic character. *The elements of group 15 are less metallic.* However, on going down the group, *the metallic character increases from N* to *Bi.* For example, N and P are non-metallic, As and Sb are partly non-metallic while Bi is a metal.

N — P : Non-metals; As — Sb : Metalloids; Bi : Metal

Metallic character increases →

Explanation. Due to increased nuclear charge and higher electronegativity, the elements of group 15 are less metallic than the corresponding elements of group 14. On moving down the group, the atomic size as well as the screening effect of the intervening electrons increases. As a result, the ionization enthalpy decreases and therefore, metallic character increases down the group.

5. Melting and boiling points. *The melting points of group 15 elements first increase from nitrogen to arsenic and then decrease to antimony and bismuth. However, the boiling points increase regularly on going from nitrogen to bismuth.*

Explanation. The melting points increase down the group due to increase in atomic size. However, the unexpected decrease in the melting points of Sb and Bi is because of their tendency to form three covalent bonds instead of five covalent bonds, due to **inert pair effect**. As a result, the attraction among their atoms is weak and hence their melting points are low. Because of large size of atoms, Bi has still weaker interatomic forces than Sb and therefore, has still lower melting point.

The boiling points increase down the group from N to Bi because of increase in their atomic size.

6. Catenation. *The elements of group 15 also show a tendency to form bonds with itself (self linking of atoms) known as* **catenation**. All these elements show this property but to a much smaller extent than carbon. For example, hydrazine (H_2NNH_2) has two N atoms bonded together, hydrazoic acid (N_3H) has three N-atoms, azide ion, N_3^- has also three N atoms bonded together

Hydrazoic acid, HN_3 : $H-\dot{N}=\overset{+}{N}=\dot{N}:^-$

Azide ion, N_3^- : $:\ddot{N}=\overset{+}{N}=\dot{N}:^-$

Among the elements of group 15, phosphorus has the maximum tendency for catenation forming cyclic as well as open chain compounds consisting of many phosphorus atoms.

Diphosphine (P_2H_4) has two phosphorus atoms bonded together.

The lesser tendency of elements of group 15 to show catenation in comparison to carbon is their low (M—M) bond dissociation enthalpies.

Bond	C—C	N—N	P—P	As—As
Bond energy ($kJ\ mol^{-1}$)	353.3	163.8	201.6	147.4

7. Allotropy. Except nitrogen and bismuth, all other elements of this group show allotropy. For example,

phosphorus exists as : white, black or red phosphorus

arsenic exists as : yellow or grey arsenic

antimony exists as : yellow or silvery grey allotropic forms.

C. Oxidation States

The elements of group 15 have five electrons in their valence shell.

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They exhibit various oxidation states from –3 to +5 as discussed below :

(*i*) **Negative oxidation states.** These elements have five electrons in the valence shell (ns^2np^3) and therefore, require three more electrons to acquire the nearest noble gas configuration. But, the gain of three electrons is not energetically favourable because it requires very large amount of energy to gain three electrons and form M^{3-} ions. However, nitrogen being the smallest and most electronegative element of the group forms N^{3-} (nitride) ion and shows an oxidation state of – 3 in nitrides of some highly electropositive metals such as Mg_3N_2, Ca_3N_2, etc. The other elements of this group form covalent compounds even with metals and show an oxidation state of –3 with metals. For example, calcium phosphide (Ca_3P_2), sodium arsenide (Na_3As), zinc antimonide (Zn_3Sb_2), magnesium bismuthide (Mg_3Bi_2). As is evident from the decreasing electronegativities and decreasing ionisation enthalpies, **the tendency of the elements to exhibit –3 oxidation state decreases on moving down from P to Bi** due to increase in size and metallic character. In fact, the last member of the group, Bi hardly forms any compound in –3 oxidation state.

In addition to –3 oxidation state, N and P show oxidation states of –2 in hydrazine (NH_2NH_2) and diphosphine (P_2H_4) respectively. Nitrogen also shows an oxidation state of –1 in hydroxyl amine (NH_2OH) but P does not.

(*ii*) **Positive oxidation states.** All the elements of group 15 also exhibit positive oxidation states of +3 and +5. However, **on moving down the group, the stability of +5 oxidation state decreases while that of +3 oxidation state increases due to inert pair effect**.

Because of energy considerations, these elements cannot lose all the five valence electrons. Therefore, they do not form M^{5+} ions and all the compounds of group 15 elements having +5 oxidation state (*i.e.,* PF_5, PCl_5, SbF_5, BiF_5, etc.) are essentially covalent compounds.

Nitrogen does not form compounds in +5 oxidation state such as NF_5, NCl_5, etc., because it does not have vacant *d*-orbitals in its valence shell which can enable it to extend its octet. The stability of the highest oxidation state (+5) decreases down the group. For example, the +5 oxidation state of Bi is less stable than that of Sb. This is due to inert pair effect. The only well characterised Bi(V) compound is BiF_5.

The elements of group 15 form both covalent (*e.g.,* NCl_3, PCl_3 $AsCl_3$, $SbCl_3$) and ionic compounds (*e.g.,* BiF_3, SbF_3, etc.) in +3 oxidation state. The +3 oxidation state becomes more and more stable on moving down the group.

Nitrogen and phosphorus also show oxidation state of +4 because of the ability of one lone pair on NH_3 and PH_3 to form dative bonds with Lewis acids. However, nitrogen can exist in various oxidation states from –3 to +5 in its hydrides, oxides and oxoacids as shown below :

In the last element of a group, after the removal of electrons from *p*-orbitals, the remaining ns^2 (e.g. $6s^2$) electrons behave like stable noble gas and donot take part in compound formation. *This reluctance of the s-electron pair to take part in chemical combination* is called **inert pair effect**.

REMEMBER

NCl_5 and NF_5 donot exist.
Nitrogen does not form compounds in +5 oxidation state such as NCl_5, NF_5 , etc. because of the absence of *d*-orbitals in its valence shell.

Compound	NH_3 Ammonia	N_2H_4 Hydrazine	NH_2OH Hydroxyl amine	N_2 Nitrogen	N_2O Nitrous oxide	NO Nitric oxide	N_2O_3 Nitrogen trioxide	N_2O_4 Nitrogen tetraoxide	N_2O_5 Nitrogen pentaoxide
Oxidation state	–3	–2	–1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4	+5

Phosphorus also exhibits +1 and +4 oxidation states in some oxoacids.

(*iii*) **Disproportionation :** In case of nitrogen, all oxidation states from +1 to +4 tend to disproportionate in acid solution. For example,

$$\overset{+3}{3HNO_2} \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Nitrous acid}}{} \overset{+5}{HNO_3} + \overset{+2}{2NO} + H_2O$$

Nitric acid, Nitric oxide

Similarly, in case of P nearly all the intermediate oxidation states disproportionate into +5 and –3 both in acid and alkali solutions. For example,

$$\overset{+3}{4H_3PO_3} \longrightarrow \overset{+5}{3H_3PO_4} + \overset{-3}{PH_3}$$

Phosphorous acid, Phosphoric acid, Phosphine

However, +3 oxidation state in As, Sb and Bi becomes increasingly stable with respect to disproportionation because of inert pair effect. Therefore, their tendency to undergo disproportionation decreases.

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(*iv*) **Maximum covalency : The maximum covalency of nitrogen is restricted to four because** it does not have vacant *d*-orbitals in its outermost valence shell (n = 2). Therefore, only four (one 2*s* and three 2*p*) orbitals are available for bonding and it cannot extend its valency beyond four *(e.g.,* $(NH_4^+$, $CH_3)_4N^+$, etc.). That is the reason why nitrogen does not form pentahalides such as NF_5 or NCl_5. On the other hand, phosphorus and all other elements have vacant *d*-orbitals in their valence shells and can use all their valence orbitals to exhibit covalency of five or six *e.g.,* PF_5, PCl_5, AsF_5, PF_6^-, $[SbF_6]^-$, etc.

CHEMICAL PROPERTIES AND TRENDS IN CHEMICAL REACTIVITY

Like first member of other groups, nitrogen differs from rest of members of the group due to its (*i*) smaller size, (*ii*) high electronegativity, (*iii*) high ionisation enthalpy and (*iv*) non-availability of *d*-orbitals in the valence shell.

Nitrogen has unique tendency to form *p*π–*p*π multiple bonds with itself and with other elements having small size and high electronegativity *(e.g.,* C and O). However, the heavier elements of this group do not form *p*π–*p*π bonds because their atomic orbitals are so large and diffused that they cannot have effective overlapping. These differences between nitrogen and other members of the group result into **anomalous properties of nitrogen** as explained below :

- Nitrogen is a colourless gas and exists as a diatomic molecule. The two nitrogen atoms are held together by a triple bond (one σ and two π) between two atoms and have very high bond enthalpy (941.4 kJ mol^{-1}).

:N ⋮⋮ N: or :N≡≡≡N:

Nitrogen molecule is inert and has very low reactivity because it has triple bond and therefore, has very high bond enthalpy (941.4 kJ mol^{-1}).

Due to the presence of triple bond, which has very high bond enthalpy, the nitrogen molecule is inert and has very low reactivity. However, the tendency to form multiple bonds (*p*π–*p*π) is limited only to nitrogen. On the other hand, phosphorus, arsenic and antimony exist in various forms containing single bonds as P—P, As—As and Sb—Sb. For example, phosphorus exists as tetrahedral P_4 molecules as shown in Fig. 1. In this case, four P atoms lie at the corners of a regular tetrahedron. Each P is bonded to three P atoms by single P—P bonds. However, the single N—N bond is weaker than the single P—P bond because of high interelectronic repulsions of non bonding electrons due to small bond length (109 pm). As a result, the catenation tendency is weaker in nitrogen. Therefore, **nitrogen exists as gas while phosphorus exists as solid.**

- Since P—P single bond is much weaker than N≡≡≡N triple bond, therefore, phosphorus is much more reactive than nitrogen. For example, white phosphorus is more reactive than nitrogen. It catches fire when exposed to air and burns to form the oxide, P_4O_{10}. It is stored under water to prevent it from burning. Red P is stable in air at room temperature but reacts on heating.

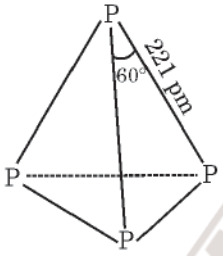


Fig. 1. Structure of P_4 molecule.

The reactivity of other elements **decreases from As to Bi**. Arsenic and antimony both occur in two forms. The most reactive is yellow form which contains M_4 tetrahedral units and resembles white phosphorus. Arsenic is stable in dry air but tarnishes in moist air giving first a bronze and then a black coating on its surface.

Antimony is less reactive and is stable towards water and air at room temperature. On heating in air, it forms Sb_4O_6, Sb_4O_8 or Sb_4O_{10}. Bismuth forms Bi_2O_3 on heating.

Another factor which affects the chemistry of nitrogen is the absence of *d*-orbitals in its valence shell. **Nitrogen cannot form *p*π—*d*π bonds** whereas phosphorus and other heavier members of this group readily form *p*π—*d*π multiple bonds. For example, phosphorus forms compounds containing *p*π—*d*π bonds such as R_3P = O, R_3P = CH_2 (R = alkyl group), POX_3 (X = F, Cl, Br), etc. Phosphorus and arsenic can also form *d*π—*d*π bonds with transition metals where their compounds like $P(C_2H_5)_3$ and $As(C_6H_5)_3$ act as ligands. Recently, a few stable compounds of P, As and Sb containing *p*π—*p*π bonds *(e.g.,* P = C, P = N, P = P, As = As, etc.) have been synthesized.

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Let us discuss some trends in chemical reactivity of group 15 elements and their compounds.

1. Reactivity towards hydrogen (formation of hydrides)

All the elements of group 15 form gaseous trihydrides of the formula EH_3 (where E = N, P, As, Sb or Bi) such as :

NH_3	PH_3	AsH_3	SbH_3	BiH_3
Ammonia	Phosphine	Arsine	Stibine	Bismuthine

The lighter elements also form hydrides of the formula M_2H_4 such as N_2H_4 (hydrazine), P_2H_4 (diphosphine) and As_2H_4 (diarsine). Nitrogen also forms a special hydride of the formula HN_3, known as hydrogen azide or hydrazoic acid.

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HN_3 : **hydrogen azide**
or hydrazoic acid

Preparation. (*i*) By hydrolysis of binary metal compounds. The trihydrides can be easily obtained by the hydrolysis of their binary metal compounds with water or dilute acids :

$$\underset{\text{Magnesium nitride}}{Mg_3N_2} + 6H_2O \longrightarrow 3Mg(OH)_2 + \underset{\text{Ammonia}}{2NH_3}$$

$$\underset{\text{Calcium nitride}}{Ca_3N_2} + 6H_2O \longrightarrow 3Ca(OH)_2 + 2NH_3$$

$$\underset{\text{Calcium phosphide}}{Ca_3P_2} + 6H_2O \longrightarrow 3Ca(OH)_2 + \underset{\text{Phosphine}}{2PH_3}$$

$$\underset{\text{Zinc arsenide}}{Zn_3As_2} + 6HCl \longrightarrow 3ZnCl_2 + \underset{\text{Arsine}}{2AsH_3}$$

$$\underset{\text{Magnesium bismuthide}}{Mg_3Bi_2} + 6HCl \longrightarrow 3MgCl_2 + \underset{\text{Bismuthine}}{2BiH_3}$$

(*ii*) By reduction of trichlorides. The trichlorides of these elements except that of bismuth give the corresponding hydrides on reduction with Zn/acid or $LiAlH_4$.

$$ECl_3 + 3LiAlH_4 \longrightarrow EH_3 + 3LiCl + 3AlH_3 \ (E = N, P, As, Sb)$$

Structure. All these hydrides are covalent in nature and have *pyramidal structure*. These involve sp^3 hybridization of the central atom and one of the tetrahedral position is occupied by a lone pair. The structure of NH_3 molecule is shown in Fig. 2. Due to the presence of lone pair, the bond angle in NH_3 is less than the normal tetrahedral angle. It has been found to be 107.8°. As we go down the group the **bond angle decreases as** :

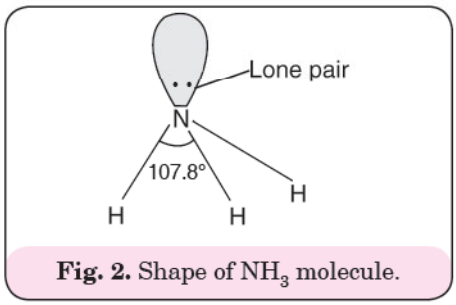


Fig. 2. Shape of NH_3 molecule.

NH_3	PH_3	AsH_3	SbH_3	BiH_3
107.8°	93.6°	91.8°	91.3°	90°

Explanation. In all these hydrides, the central atom is surrounded by four electron pairs, three bond pairs and one lone pair. Now, as we move down the group from N to Bi, the size of the atom goes on increasing and its electronegativity decreases. Consequently, the position of bond pair shifts more and more away from the central atom in moving from NH_3 to BiH_3. For example, the bond pair in NH_3 is close to N in N—H bond than the bond pair in P—H bond in PH_3. As a result, the force of repulsion between the bonded pair of electrons in NH_3 is more than in PH_3. In general, the force of repulsion between bonded pairs of electrons decreases as we move from NH_3 to BiH_3 and therefore, the bond angle also decreases in the same order.

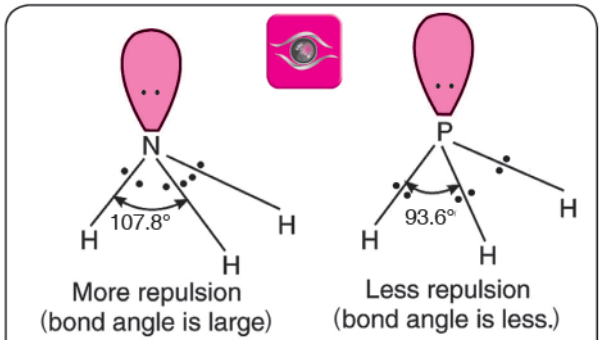
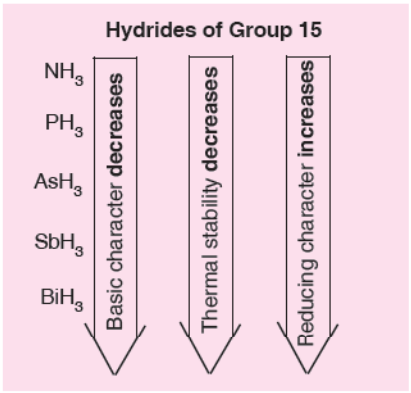


Fig. 3. Repulsions between electron pairs in NH_3 and PH_3.

Characteristics of hydrides. The important characteristics of these hydrides are :

(*i*) Basic strength. All these hydrides have one lone pair of electrons on their central atom. Therefore, *they act as Lewis bases.* They can donate an electron pair to electron deficient species (Lewis acids). **As we go down the group, the basic character of these hydrides decreases.** For example, NH_3 is distinctly basic; PH_3 is weakly basic; AsH_3, SbH_3 and BiH_3 are very weakly basic.

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Explanation. Nitrogen atom has the smallest size among the hydrides. Therefore, the lone pair is concentrated on a small region and electron density on it is the maximum. Consequently, its electron releasing tendency is maximum. As the size of the central atom increases down the family, the electron density also decreases. As a result, the electron donor capacity or the basic strength decreases down the group.

***(ii)* Thermal stability.** *Thermal stability of the hydrides of group 15 elements decreases as we go down the group.* Therefore, NH_3 is most stable and BiH_3 is least stable. The stability of the hydrides of group 15 elements decreases in the order :

$$NH_3 > PH_3 > AsH_3 > SbH_3 > BiH_3$$

Explanation. This is due to the fact that on going down the group, the size of the central atom increases and therefore, its tendency to form stable covalent bond with small hydrogen atom decreases. As a result the M—H bond strength decreases and therefore thermal stability decreases.

***(iii)* Reducing character.** *The reducing character of the hydrides of group 15 elements increases from NH_3 to BiH_3.* Thus, increasing order of reducing character is as follows :

$$NH_3 < PH_3 < AsH_3 < SbH_3 < BiH_3$$

Explanation. The reducing character depends upon the stability of the hydride. The lesser the stability of a hydride, the greater is its reducing character. Since the stability of group 15 hydrides decreases from NH_3 to BiH_3, hence the reducing character increases. For example, NH_3 being most stable among the group 15 hydrides is not a good reducing agent. The other hydrides being unstable act as good reducing agents. However, it may be noted that ammonia at high temperatures reduces copper oxide to copper :

$$3CuO + 2NH_3 \xrightarrow{heat} 3Cu + N_2 + 3H_2O$$

***(iv)* Boiling and melting points.** *Ammonia has a higher boiling point than phosphine and then the boiling point increases down the group because of increase in size.(Fig. 4).*

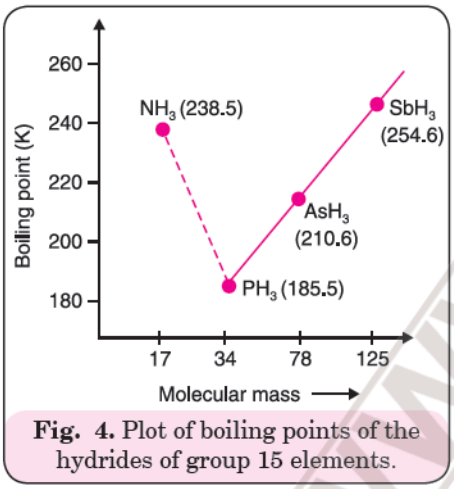
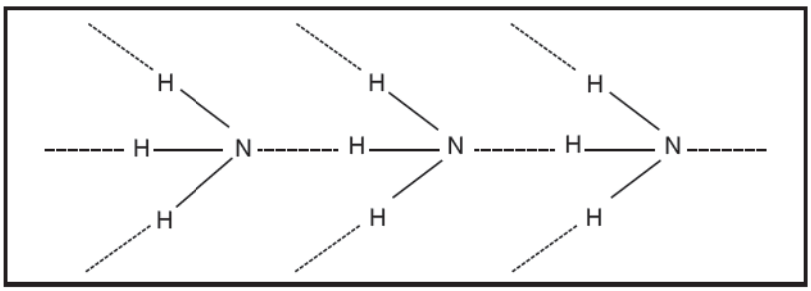


Fig. 4. Plot of boiling points of the hydrides of group 15 elements.

Molecule	NH_3	PH_3	AsH_3	SbH_3	BiH_3
Boiling point (K)	238.5	185.5	210.6	254.6	290
Melting point (K)	195.2	139.5	156.7	185.0	—

Similar behaviour is observed for melting points.

Explanation. The abnormally high boiling point of ammonia is due to its *tendency to form hydrogen bonds*. The electronegativity of N (3.0) is much higher than that of H (2.1). As a result N–H bonds are polar and therefore, NH_3 undergoes intermolecular hydrogen bonding as shown below:



In PH_3 and other hydrides, the intermolecular forces are van der Waals forces. These van der Waals forces increase with increase in molecular size and therefore, boiling points increase on moving from PH_3 to BiH_3.

***(v)* Solubility.** Ammonia forms hydrogen bonding with water molecules while phosphine and other hydrides do not form hydrogen bonding with water. Therefore, NH_3 is soluble in water while PH_3 and other hydrides are insoluble in water.

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The trends in the properties of hydrides of group 15 are given in Table 3.

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Melting point (K)	195.2	139.5	156.7	185	–
Boiling point (K)	238.5	185.5	210.6	254.6	290
(E – H) distance (pm)	101.7	141.9	151.9	170.7	–
HEH angle (°)	107.8	93.6	91.8	91.3	–
$\Delta_f H°$ (kJ mol^{-1})	– 46.1	13.4	66.4	145.1	278
$\Delta_{diss} H°$(E–H) (kJ mol^{-1})	389	322	247	255	–

2. Reactivity towards oxygen (formation of oxides)

The elements of group 15 combine with oxygen directly or indirectly to form two types of oxides, E_2O_3 (trioxides) and E_2O_5 (pentaoxides). However, nitrogen forms a number of oxides with oxidation states ranging from +1 to +5 which have no analogues of P, As, Sb or Bi. This is mainly because of strong tendency of nitrogen to form $p\pi$—$p\pi$ multiple bonds with oxygen. The important oxides of group 15 elements along with their oxidation states are listed in Table 4.

There is an important difference between the oxides of nitrogen and other group congeners in their structures. ***The nitrogen has ability to form $p\pi$–$p\pi$ multiple bonds and this is present in its structures.***

On the other hand, the reluctance of P, As, Sb and Bi to form $p\pi$–$p\pi$ multiple bonds leads to the cage structures for their oxides.

Table 4. Oxides of group 15 elements in different oxidation states.

Element ⟶ Oxidation state	N	P	As	Sb	Bi
+1	N_2O Nitrous oxide				
+2	NO Nitric oxide				
+3	N_2O_3 Dinitrogen trioxide	P_4O_6 Phosphorus trioxide	As_2O_3 Arsenic trioxide	Sb_2O_3 Antimony trioxide	Bi_2O_3 Bismuth trioxide
+4	N_2O_4 Dinitrogen tetraoxide	P_4O_8 Phosphorus tetraoxide			
+5	N_2O_5 Dinitrogen pentoxide	P_4O_{10} Phosphorus pentoxide	As_2O_5 Arsenic pentoxide	Sb_2O_5 Antimony pentoxide	Bi_2O_5 Bismuth pentoxide

ACIDIC CHARACTER DECREASES

The oxides in the higher oxidation state of the elements are more acidic than that of the oxides in the lower oxidation state. The acidic character of the oxides of group 15 elements decreases down the group. All the oxides of nitrogen except N_2O and NO and phosphorus are strongly acidic; oxides of arsenic are weakly acidic; oxides of antimony are amphoteric while those of bismuth are weakly basic.

Acidic character of oxides of elements of group 15

- $N_2O < NO < N_2O_3 < N_2O_4 < N_2O_5$ (N_2O & NO are neutral)
- $N_2O_3 > P_4O_6 > As_4O_6 > Sb_4O_6$ (As_4O_6 & Sb_4O_6 are amphoteric while Bi_2O_3 is basic.)
- $N_2O_5 > P_4O_{10} > As_4O_{10} > Sb_4O_{10}$

The basic nature of oxides increases with increasing atomic number. For example, P (III) and As (III) oxides are acidic, Sb (III) oxide S amphoteric and Bi (III) oxide is distinctly basic. It dissolves in acids to form salts.

$$Bi_2O_3 + 6HNO_3 \longrightarrow 2Bi(NO_3)_3 + 3H_2O$$

The oxides of nitrogen and phosphorus are discussed later.

3. Reactivity towards halogens (formation of halides)

Group 15 elements form two series of halides of the type EX_3 *(trihalides)* and EX_5 *(pentahalides)*. The trihalides are formed by all the elements while

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pentahalides are formed by all the elements except nitrogen. **Nitrogen cannot form pentahalides due to the absence of vacant *d*-orbitals in its outermost shell.** Similarly, the last element, Bi has little tendency to form pentahalides because +5 oxidation state of Bi is less stable than +3 oxidation state due to inert pair effect.

(*a*) Trihalides.

All the elements of group 15 form trihalides of the general formula EX_3. All these trihalides are known (X = F, Cl, Br or I and E = N, P, As, Sb, Bi).

Structure. The valence shell electronic configuration of these elements is $ns^2\ np_x^1\ np_y^1\ np_z^1$ and all these elements undergo sp^3 hybridisation. The three of the four sp^3 hybrid orbitals overlap with p orbital of halogen atom to form three σ bonds with halogen atoms. The fourth sp^3 hybrid orbital contains the lone pair of electrons. Therefore, the geometry of trihalides may be regarded as **pyramidal**.

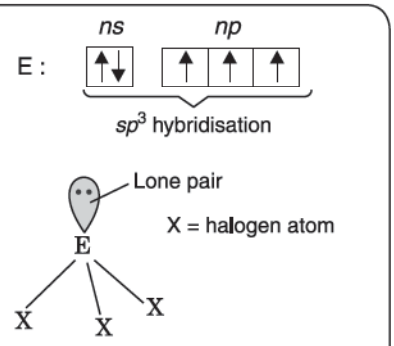


Fig. 5. Pyramidal shape of a trihalide of group 15.

The bond angles of the trihalides of an element increase as the electronegativity of the halogen decreases, i.e.,

PF_3	PCl_3	PBr_3	PI_3
96.3°	100.4°	101°	102°

Properties of trihalides (*i*) The trihalides of group 15 elements are predominantly covalent with the ionic character increasing down the group. For example, BiF_3 is ionic while other halides of Bi, *i.e.,* $BiCl_3$, $BiBr_3$, etc. and SbF_5 are partly covalent and partly ionic.

(*ii*) Out of all the trihalides, the trihalides of nitrogen are the least stable. Though **NF_3 is stable, NCl_3 is explosive**. NBr_3 and NI_3 are known only as their unstable ammoniates *i.e.,* $NBr_3.NH_3$ and $NI_3.NH_3$. Pure NBr_3 also explodes even at 173K. The nitrogen triiodide ammoniate is stable only in the moist state. In the dry state, it explodes with noise when struck liberating vapours of iodine.

$$8NI_3.NH_3 \longrightarrow 5N_2 + 9I_2 + 6NH_4I$$

NCl_3, NBr_3 and NI_3 are unstable because N—X bond is weak due to large difference in the size of N and X atoms. However, NF_3 is stable because of small difference in size of N (75 pm) and F (72 pm) resulting strong N—F bond. As a result NF_3 is an exothermic compound. Because of stability of NF_3 it behaves quite differently from others. It is unreactive and does not hydrolyse with water, dilute acids or alkalies. However, it does react only when sparked with water vapour.

PF_3 is rather less reactive towards water and is more easily handled than the other halides.

(*iii*) The trihalides are easily hydrolysed by water. However, the products are different in hydrolysis of different chlorides.

$$NCl_3 + 3H_2O \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Hypochlorous acid}}{NH_3 + 3HClO}$$

$$PCl_3 + 3H_2O \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Phosphorous acid}}{H_3PO_3} + 3HCl$$

$$2AsCl_3 + 3H_2O \longrightarrow As_2O_3 + 6HCl$$

Antimony and bismuth trichlorides are only partially hydrolysed to form oxychlorides.

$$SbCl_3 + H_2O \rightleftharpoons \underset{\text{Antimony oxychloride}}{SbOCl\ (\text{or } SbO^+Cl^-)} + 2HCl$$

$$BiCl_3 + H_2O \rightleftharpoons \underset{\text{Bismuth oxychloride}}{BiOCl\ (\text{or } BiO^+Cl^-)} + 2HCl$$

It may be noted that in accordance with Le Chatelier principle, the excess of HCl suppresses the hydrolysis by shifting the equilibrium to the left.

REMEMBER

In contrast to trihalides of P, As and Sb, the trihalides of nitrogen behave as **Lewis bases**. This is due to the absence of *d*-orbitals in N and the presence of lone pair of electrons. NF_3 has a little tendency to donate a pair of electrons and hence behaves as very weak Lewis base because of high electronegativity of fluorine. Fluorine is highly electronegative and has strong tendency to withdraw electrons from N. As a result, N-atom acquires partial positive charge and hence the tendency to donate electron pair of electrons decreases. Therefore, the Lewis base strength of trihalides of nitrogen increases as the electronegativity of halogen decreases, *i.e.*,

$NF_3 < NCl_3 < NBr_3 < NI_3$.

▶ The tendency of trihalides to act as Lewis base decreases from N to Bi for a given halide.

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(*iv*) The trihalides of P, As and Sb (especially fluorides and chlorides) act as Lewis acids and combine with Lewis bases :

$$PF_3 + F_2 \longrightarrow PF_5$$
$$SbF_3 + 2F^- \longrightarrow [SbF_5]^{2-}$$
$$SbCl_3 + 2Cl^- \longrightarrow [SbCl_5]^{2-}$$

The Lewis acid strength however, **decreases** in the order :

$PCl_3 > AsCl_3 > SbCl_3$; $PF_3 > PCl_3 > PBr_3 > PI_3$

(*b*) Pentahalides.

P, As and Sb form pentahalides of the general formula EX_5; EF_5 (E = P, As, Sb and Bi), ECl_5 (E = P, As and Sb) and PBr_5 and PI_5. As already studied, nitrogen does not form pentahalides because of the absence of *d*-orbitals in its valence shell.

The pentahalides of group 15 elements are thermally less stable than trihalides. This is due to the following reasons :

(*i*) As we go down the group, the stability of +5 oxidation state decreases while that of +3 oxidation state increases due to *inert pair effect*. Therefore, the ***pentahalides of Bi are not known except for BiF_5.***

(*ii*) As the size of halogen atom increases from F to I, the strength of E—X bond decreases and the steric hindrance increases. As a result, pentabromides and pentaiodides are unstable.

Therefore, the pentahalides of group 15 elements are less in number than trihalides. For example, pentafluorides of P, As, Sb and Bi are known, pentachlorides of only P, As, and Sb are known while bromides and iodides of only P are known.

Preparation. The pentahalides are prepared as :

$$3PCl_3 + 5AsF_3 \longrightarrow 3PF_5 + 5AsCl_3$$
$$PCl_3 + Cl_2\,(\text{in } CCl_4) \longrightarrow PCl_5$$
$$2As_2O_3 + 10F_2 \longrightarrow 4AsF_5 + 3O_2$$
$$2Sb_2O_3 + 10F_2 \longrightarrow 4SbF_5 + 3O_2$$
$$2Bi + 5F_2 \longrightarrow 4BiF_2$$

Structure. The pentahalides of group 15 elements have **trigonal bipyramidal** geometry in which the central atom is sp^3d hybridised. The three halogen atoms occupy equatorial positions while the other two occupy axial positions. This is not a regular structure because all the bond angles are not same. The axial bonds are at 90° while equatorial bonds are at 120° each. The axial positions experience greater repulsion than equatorial positions by bond pair of electrons. As a result, axial bonds are usually larger than the equatorial bonds. The structure of PF_5 is shown in Fig.6 in which P—F axial bond lengths are 158 pm while P—F equatorial bond lengths are 153 pm.

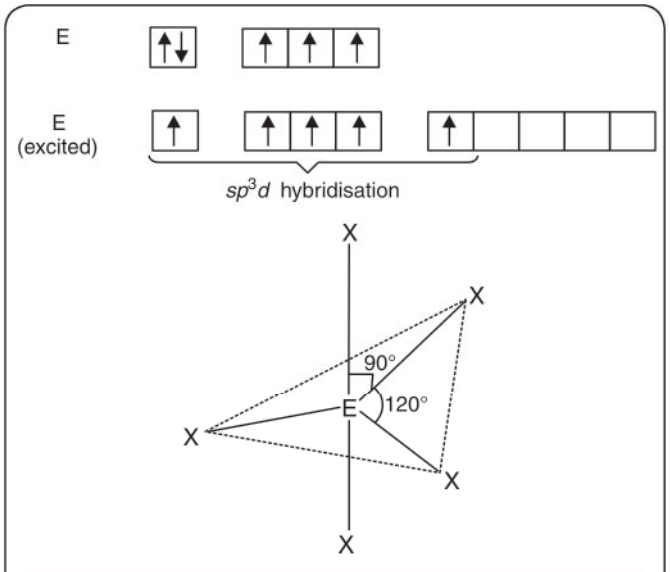


Fig. 6. Trigonal bipyramidal shape of EX_5 molecule.

Properties (*i*) Pentahalides are thermally less stable than their corresponding trihalides. PF_5 is molecular in both the gaseous and solid states. PCl_5 exists as molecules in the gas phase but exists as $[PCl_4]^+$ $[PCl_6]^-$ in the crystalline state. PBr_5 and PI_5 also exist in the ionic form as $[PBr_4]^+$ $[PBr_6]^-$ and $[PI_4]^+I^-$ respectively in the solid state.

(*ii*) All the pentahalides behave as Lewis acids because of the presence of vacant *d*-orbitals. The central atom (except N) can accept a pair of electrons thereby expanding its coordination number to 6.

$$EX_5 + X^- \longrightarrow [EX_6]^-$$

During this the hybridisation of the central atom changes from ***sp^3d*** to ***sp^3d^2***.

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4. Reactivity towards metals

All the elements of group 15 combine with metals to form their binary compounds in which the elements show –3 oxidation state. For example, nitrogen forms **nitrides** (Mg_3N_2 : magnesium nitride, Ca_3P_2 : calcium nitride) arsenic forms **arsenides** (Na_3As : sodium arsenide), antimony forms **antimonides** (Zn_2Sb_3 : zinc antimonide and bismuth forms **bismuthides** (Mg_3Bi_2 : magnesium bismuthides).

ANOMALOUS BEHAVIOUR OF NITROGEN

Nitrogen, the first member of group 15, differs from its rest of family members. This may be due to :

(*i*) its small size.
(*ii*) its high ionisation enthalpy and electronegativity.
(*iii*) absence of *d*-orbitals in its valence shell.

Some of the characteristics in which nitrogen differs from other family members are given below :

(*i*) Nitrogen is a gas at room temperature while the rest of the members of the family are solids.
(*ii*) Nitrogen does not exhibit pentavalency in its compounds while other members show pentavalency.
(*iii*) Nitrogen has a tendency to form $p\pi$-$p\pi$ bonds and exists as N_2 molecule while other elements do not have such tendency. Instead, they prefer to form single bonds as P–P, As–As etc.
(*iv*) Due to the absence of *d*-orbitals in the valence shell, nitrogen cannot form $d\pi$-$p\pi$ bonds and therefore, compounds of the type $R_3N = O$ and $R_3N = CH_2$ are not known. However, P and arsenic form compounds such as $R_3P = O$, $R_3P = CH_2$ containing $d\pi$-$p\pi$ bonds.
(*v*) The hydride of nitrogen (NH_3) is more basic than the hydrides of the other members of the family.
(*vi*) Nitrogen does not form any complex whereas the other members form complexes.
(*vii*) Nitrogen can form hydrogen bonds in its compounds and rest of the members do not form hydrogen bonds due to small electronegativities.
(*viii*) Nitrogen forms a variety of the oxides while the other members form trioxides and pentoxides only.
(*ix*) Except NF_3, the trihalides of nitrogen (NCl_3, NBr_3 and NI_3) are explosive. The trihalides of other elements are, however, stable.

SOLVED EXAMPLES

Example 1.

Nitrogen exists as diatomic molecule and phosphorus exists as tetraatomic molecule, P_4. Explain.

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Solution : The size of nitrogen atom is quite small. As a result, two nitrogen atoms can be linked to each other by three covalent bonds in order to complete the octets of both the nitrogen atoms as : N ≡ N :. However, phosphorus being large in size has less tendency to form three bonds. Therefore, P atom completes its octet by sharing its valence electrons with three other P atoms. As a result, it exists as P_4 molecule.

Example 2.

Though nitrogen exhibits + 5 oxidation state, it does not form pentahalides. Give reason.

N.C.E.R.T. *(A.I.S.B. 2013, D.S.B. 2015, 2017)*

Solution : Nitrogen belongs to second period (n = 2) and has only *s* and *p*-orbitals. It does not have *d*-orbitals in its valence shell and therefore, it cannot extend its octet. That is why nitrogen does not form pentahalides.

Example 3.

Why is N_2 less reactive at room temperature ?
(Pb.S.B. 2013, A.I.S.B. 2015, H.P.S.B. 2015, 2016, Meghalaya S.B. 2017)

Solution : In molecular nitrogen, there is a triple bond between two nitrogen atoms (N ≡ N) and it is non-polar in character. Due to the presence of a triple bond, it has very high bond dissociation energy (941.4 kJ mol^{-1}) and therefore, it does not react with other elements under normal conditions and is very unreactive. However, it may react at higher temperatures.

Example 4.

Phosphine has lower boiling point than ammonia. Give reason.

N.C.E.R.T. *(A.I.S.B. 2008, D.S.B.2013, Mizoram S.B.2013, Uttarakhand S.B. 2014, H.P.S.B. 2015, Hr. S.B. 2017)*

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Solution : Ammonia exists as associated molecule due to its tendency to form hydrogen bonding. Therefore, it has high boiling point. Unlike NH_3, phosphine (PH_3) molecules are not associated through hydrogen bonding in liquid state. This is because of low electronegativity of P than N. As a result, the boiling point of PH_3 is lower than that of NH_3.

❑ **Example 5.**

Unlike phosphorus, nitrogen shows little tendency for catenation.

Solution : Nitrogen has little tendency for catenation because N—N single bond is weak. This is because nitrogen has small size and the lone pairs on two nitrogen atoms repel each other. On the other hand, phosphorus is comparatively large in size so that lone pairs on P atoms donot repel to the same extent. As a result P—P bond is stronger than N—N bond. Therefore, P has a tendency for catenation because of high bond enthalpy of P—P bond.

❑ **Example 6.**

Out of Bi(V) and Sb(V) which may be a stronger oxidising agent and why ? (D.S.B. 2008)

Solution : On moving down the group, the stability of +5 oxidation state decreases while the stability of +3 oxidation state increases due to inert pair effect. Therefore, +5 oxidation state of Bi is less stable than +5 oxidation state of Sb. Thus, Bi(V) is a stronger oxidising agent than Sb(V).

Practice Problems

1. Which of the two : PH_3 or NH_3 is more basic ?
2. Which hydride of group 15 elements has lowest boiling point ?
3. Name three allotropes of phosphorus. Which of these is most reactive ?
4. Which of the two : NH_3 or PH_3 is soluble in water ?
5. Arrange BiH_3, PH_3 and NH_3, in the increasing order of their reducing character.

Answers to Practice Problems

1. NH_3
2. PH_3
3. Red, black, white or yellow. White P is most reactive.
4. NH_3
5. $NH_3 < PH_3 < BiH_3$

CHEMISTRY OF NITROGEN AND ITS COMPOUNDS

DINITROGEN

Nitrogen was discovered *by Daniel Rutherford* in 1772. It is the first member of group 15 of the periodic table. It has the electronic configuration $1s^2\ 2s^2\ 2p^3$ and therefore, has five electrons in its valence shell. In the molecular form, it exists as a diatomic molecule (N_2) having triple bond between nitrogen atoms (N≡≡ N). Therefore, it is also referred to as *dinitrogen*. It is a typical non-metal with high electronegativity next only to fluorine and oxygen.

Preparation of Dinitrogen

In the **laboratory**, dinitrogen is prepared by heating an aqueous solution containing an equivalent amount of ammonium chloride and sodium nitrite.

$$NH_4Cl(aq) + NaNO_2(aq) \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} N_2(g) + 2H_2O(l) + NaCl(aq)$$

During the preparation, small amounts of NO and HNO_3 are also formed in the reaction. These impurities can be removed by bubbling the gas through aqueous sulphuric acid containing a small amount of potassium dichromate.

It can also be prepared by

(*i*) *Thermal decomposition of ammonium dichromate.*

$$(NH_4)_2Cr_2O_7 \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} Cr_2O_3 + N_2 + 4H_2O$$

(*ii*) *By the action of ammonia with cupric oxide or bleaching powder.*

$$2NH_3 + 3CuO \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} 3Cu + N_2 + 3H_2O$$

$$2NH_3 + \underset{\text{Bleaching powder}}{3CaOCl_2} \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} 3CaCl_2 + N_2 + 3H_2O$$

(*iii*) **Very pure nitrogen** can be obtained by the thermal decomposition of sodium or barium azide

$$\underset{\text{Sodium azide}}{2NaN_3} \xrightarrow{573\ K} 2Na + 3N_2$$

$$\underset{\text{Barium azide}}{Ba(N_3)_2} \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} Ba + 3N_2$$

REMEMBER

Thermal decomposition of sodium azide is used to inflate the air bags used for safety devices in some cars.

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R U Curious ...

❑ **How do airbags installed in the dash board of your car work?**

▶ An airbag is a vehicle safety device. Its purpose is to provide protection to the occupants when they strike interior objects such as steering wheel, window, dashboard, etc. during accidents. The airbag is made of a thin nylon fabric and contains sodium azide (NaN_3). When accident occurs, the impact sensors provided in the car detect the collision. These sensors send an electrical signal which overheats and ignites sodium azide (NaN_3) placed in the airbag. Sodium azide is a fast burning fuel and within about 20–30 milliseconds of impact, it decomposes to produce N_2 gas.

$$2NaN_3 \longrightarrow 2Na + 3N_2$$

The N_2 gas produced passes through filters and fills the nylon airbag and inflates it. The airbag then hits the car's occupant and protects him from injury. After hitting, the airbag deflates immediately and the gas escapes through tiny holes in the fabric (or as it is sometimes called the cushion) and cools. Deployment is accompanied by release of dust like particles usually talcum powder or corn starch which are used to lubricate the airbag during deployment. The powder protects the bag from sticking to itself, while it is folded inside the car. The N_2 gas released is absolutely harmless. The only precaution is to open the door and windows for good ventillation to avoid the affect of dust particles. It may be noted that some airbag manufacturers mix sodium azide with other chemicals that will react with sodium and form less toxic compounds.

Calcium cyanamide is used as a fertilizer under the name **nitrolim** ($CaCN_2 + C$).

Commercial Isolation of Dinitrogen from Air

Commercially dinitrogen is prepared by the liquefaction and fractional distillation of air. Air contains dinitrogen *(b.p.* 77.2 K) and dioxygen *(b.p.* 90 K). When the liquid air is allowed to boil, dinitrogen with lesser boiling point gets distilled first leaving behind dioxygen. The dinitrogen obtained from air contains traces of oxygen and some other gases as impurities.

Properties of Dinitrogen

Physical Properties

(*i*) Dinitrogen is a *colourless, odourless* and *tasteless* gas.

(*ii*) It has two stable isotopes ^{14}N and ^{15}N.

(*iii*) It is a non-toxic gas.

(*iv*) It is slightly lighter than air and its vapour density is 14.

(*v*) It has very low solubility in water (about 23.2 cm^3 per litre of water at 1 atmosphere pressure and 273 K).

(*vi*) Its melting and boiling points are low; 63.2 K and 77.2 K respectively.

Chemical Properties

Dinitrogen is chemically *unreactive* at room temperature. It is neither combustible nor it supports combustion. The N—N bond in nitrogen molecule is a triple bond (N ≡ N) with a bond distance of 109.8 pm and bond dissociation enthalpy of 941.4 kJ mol^{-1}. *The low reactivity of nitrogen is due to very small size of the molecule and high bond dissociation enthalpy of the molecule.* However, reactivity increases rapidly with the rise in temperature. At higher temperature dinitrogen combines with some metals to form predominantly ionic nitrides and with non-metals to form covalent nitrides.

1. Action with litmus. Dinitrogen is neutral towards litmus because it has no action on blue or red litmus.

2. Action with metals. It combines with a number of active metals on strong heating to form their respective nitrides. For example,

$$6Li + N_2 \xrightarrow{Heat} \underset{\text{Lithium nitride}}{2Li_3N}$$

$$3Mg + N_2 \xrightarrow{Heat} \underset{\text{Magnesium nitride}}{Mg_3N_2}$$

$$3Ca + N_2 \xrightarrow{Heat} \underset{\text{Calcium nitride}}{Ca_3N_2}$$

$$2Al + N_2 \xrightarrow{Heat} \underset{\text{Aluminium nitride}}{2AlN}$$

3. Combination with non-metals. Dinitrogen combines with non-metals like dioxygen and dihydrogen.

(*i*) Combination with dihydrogen. Dinitrogen reacts with dihydrogen at about 700 K under a pressure of 200 atm in the presence of iron as catalyst (Haber process). A small amount of molybdenum is also used as a promotor.

$$N_2 + 3H_2 \xrightarrow[700\ K,\ 200\ atm\ pressure]{Fe,\ Mo} \underset{\text{Ammonia}}{2NH_3} \quad \Delta_f H^{\ominus} = -46.1\ kJ\ mol^{-1}$$

(*ii*) Combination with dioxygen. Dinitrogen combines with dioxygen during lightning or at high temperature of about 2000 K and form nitric oxide.

$$N_2 + O_2 \xrightarrow{>2000\,K} \underset{\text{Nitric oxide}}{2NO} \qquad \Delta_r H^{\ominus} = 135\ kJ\ mol^{-1}$$

Nitric oxide is a colourless gas but is very unstable. It immediately reacts with more of oxygen to form nitrogen dioxide.

$$2NO + O_2 \longrightarrow 2NO_2$$

4. Combination with compounds. Dinitrogen also combines with certain

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compounds on strong heating. For example,

With calcium carbide

$$\underset{\text{Calcium carbide}}{CaC_2} + N_2 \xrightarrow{1300\ K} \underset{\text{Calcium cyanamide}}{CaCN_2} + \underset{\text{Carbon}}{C}$$

With alumina in the presence of carbon

$$\underset{\text{Aluminium oxide}}{Al_2O_3} + N_2 + 3C \xrightarrow{1273\ K} \underset{\text{Aluminium nitride}}{2AlN} + 3CO$$

Both these compounds are hydrolysed on boiling with water to give ammonia.

$$CaCN_2 + 3H_2O \longrightarrow CaCO_3 + 2NH_3$$
$$AlN + 3H_2O \longrightarrow Al(OH)_3 + NH_3$$

Therefore, *calcium cyanamide is used as a fertilizer under the name* **nitrolim** ($CaCN_2 + C$).

Uses of Dinitrogen

(*i*) Dinitrogen is used in the manufacture of compounds like ammonia, nitric acid, calcium cyanamide, etc.

(*ii*) It is used in providing inert atmosphere in iron and steel industries.

(*iii*) Liquid nitrogen is used as refrigerant to preserve biological specimens, in freezing food stuffs and also in cryosurgery.

(*iv*) It is used in gas-filled thermometers used for measuring high temperatures.

(*v*) Dinitrogen is used in filling electric bulbs to reduce the rate of volatilisation of the tungsten filament.

AMMONIA

Ammonia is the most important compound of nitrogen. It is present in small quantities in air and soil where it is formed by the decay of nitrogenous organic matter *e.g.,* urea.

$$\underset{\text{Urea}}{NH_2CONH_2} + 2H_2O \longrightarrow (NH_4)_2CO_3 \rightleftharpoons 2NH_3 + CO_2 + H_2O$$

Laboratory Preparation

Ammonia is prepared in the laboratory by heating ammonium salt; NH_4Cl or $(NH_4)_2SO_4$ with a strong alkali like NaOH.

$$NH_4Cl + NaOH \longrightarrow NH_3 + H_2O + NaCl$$
$$(NH_4)_2SO_4 + 2NaOH \longrightarrow 2NH_3 + 2H_2O + Na_2SO_4$$

It can also be prepared by heating ammonium chloride with slaked lime.

$$2NH_4Cl + \underset{\text{Slaked lime}}{Ca(OH)_2} \xrightarrow{Heat} CaCl_2 + 2NH_3 + 2H_2O$$

It can also be prepared by the hydrolysis of magnesium nitride.

$$Mg_3N_2 + 6H_2O \longrightarrow 3Mg(OH)_2 + 2NH_3$$

Ammonia can be dried by passing over quicklime (CaO). *However, it cannot be dried with dehydrating agents such as conc. H_2SO_4, P_2O_5 and anhydrous $CaCl_2$ because ammonia reacts with these compounds.*

Manufacture of ammonia

Ammonia can be manufactured by **Haber's process** which involves the reaction :

$$N_2(g) + 3H_2(g) \rightleftharpoons 2NH_3(g);\quad \Delta H^\circ = -92.2\ kJ\ mol^{-1}$$

or

$$\Delta_f H^\circ(NH_3) = -46.1\ kJ\ mol^{-1}$$

This is a reversible exothermic reaction. The favourable conditions for high yield of ammonia can be understood by applying *Le Chatelier's principle.*

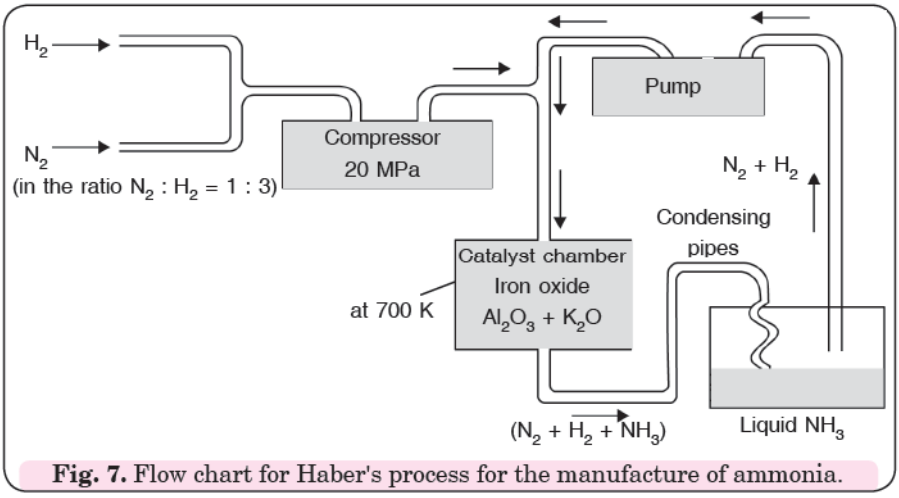


Fig. 7. Flow chart for Haber's process for the manufacture of ammonia.

Fixation of Nitrogen

The process of conversion of atmospheric dinitrogen into useful compounds is called **nitrogen fixation**. Fixation of nitrogen is brought about in the following ways :

- During lightning and thunder storms the energy in lightning allows nitrogen and oxygen to combine to form oxides of nitrogen which are washed into the soil and are taken up by the plants as nitrates. As animals live on plants, they are transferred to the animal bodies where a series of metabolic changes take place.
- The atmospheric nitrogen can be converted into useful compounds (which can be used by plants) by the action of certain *bacteria* and *algae.* All types of bacteria are not able to fix nitrogen. The *symbiotic bacteria* present in the root nodules of leguminous plants (*e.g.*, peas, beans, grams, etc.) catch up the nitrogen from the atmosphere and supplies to the plant, which in turn give food to the bacteria. The non-leguminous plants like *Alnus, Ginkgo* also fix atmospheric nitrogen. Certain blue-green algae found in paddy fields is also able to fix nitrogen. These biochemical processes involve an enzyme called **nitrogenase** in which the active sites contain molybdenum and iron atoms.
- Dinitrogen can be made to take part in different chemical reactions under suitable conditions to prepare useful compounds. This is called **artificial fixation**.

The common examples of industrial fixation of nitrogen is the manufacture of ammonia by Haber's process. In this process, a large amount of atmospheric nitrogen is fixed in the form of NH_3.

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(*i*) Low temperature. Since the forward reaction is exothermic, therefore, low temperature will favour the formation of ammonia. However, *an optimum temperature of about 700 K is necessary.*

(*ii*) High pressure. High pressure of the order of 200 atmospheres or 200×10^5 Pa is required to favour the forward reaction.

(*iii*) Presence of catalyst. The use of catalyst such as iron oxide containing a small amounts of molybdenum or potassium oxide (K_2O) and aluminium oxide (Al_2O_3) as promoter, increases the rate of attainment of equilibrium of ammonia.

Details of the process

The plant required for the manufacture of ammonia is shown in Fig. 7. In this method, a mixture of N_2 and H_2 in the molar ratio of 1 : 3 is compressed to about 200 atmosphere pressure. The compressed gases are then cooled and passed through soda lime tower to free them from moisture and carbon dioxide. Then these are fed into catalyst chamber packed with iron oxide with small amount of K_2O and $A1_2O_3$ or molybdenum. The chamber is heated electrically to a temperature of 700 K when the two gases combine to form ammonia. The reaction being exothermic, the heat evolved maintains the desired temperature and further electrical heating is not required.

The gases which escape from the chamber contain about 15–20% ammonia and the remaining are unreacted N_2 and H_2. These are passed through condensing pipes where ammonia gets liquefied and is collected in the receiver. The unreacted gases are pumped back to the compression pump where they are mixed with fresh gaseous mixture.

Structure of ammonia. Ammonia is expected to have a tetrahedral geometry because the central nitrogen atom involves sp^3 hybridisation as already discussed. It has one position occupied by a lone pair. The lone pair distorts its geometry and the molecule has **pyramidal geometry** with nitrogen atom at the apex. The N—H bond length is 101.7 pm and HNH bond angle is 107.8°.

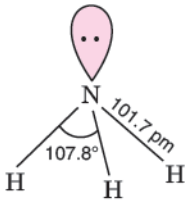


Fig. 8. Structure of ammonia.

Properties of Ammonia

Physical properties (*i*) Ammonia is a *colourless gas* with a *characteristic* pungent smell called ammoniacal smell.

(*ii*) It is lighter than air (density = 0.68 g/cm^3)

(*iii*) It is highly soluble in water; one volume of water can dissolve about 1000 volumes of the gas at 273 K. The high solubility of ammonia in water is due to its tendency to form intermolecular hydrogen bonding.

(*iv*) Ammonia can be easily liquefied under pressure. Liquid ammonia has b.p. 239.7 K and f.p. 198.4 K. Like water, ammonia is also associated in the solid and liquid states through hydrogen bonds. This accounts for its higher melting and boiling points than expected on the basis of its molecular mass.

Chemical properties

1. Basic nature. Ammonia gas is highly soluble in water. Its aqueous solution turns red litmus blue indicating its weakly basic character. The basic character of ammonia is due to the formation of OH^- ions in aqueous solution.

$$NH_3\,(aq) + H_2O\,(aq) \rightleftharpoons NH_4^+\,(aq) + OH^-\,(aq)$$

Being basic ammonia forms salts with both weak and strong acids such as NH_4Cl, $(NH_4)_2SO_4$, $(NH_4)_2CO_3$, etc.

$$NH_3\,(aq) + HCl\,(aq) \longrightarrow NH_4Cl\,(s)$$

$$2NH_3(aq) + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow (NH_4)_2SO_4\,(s)$$

2. As a Lewis base : tendency to form complexes. Ammonia acts as a ***Lewis base*** due to the presence of lone pair of electrons on the nitrogen atom. Therefore, it can form coordinate bond with electron deficient molecules (such as BF_3) or a number of transition metal cations forming *complex compounds.*

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For example,

$$BF_3 + NH_3 \longrightarrow BF_3 \leftarrow NH_3$$

$$Ag^+(aq) + 2NH_3(aq) \longrightarrow [Ag(NH_3)_2]^+(aq)$$
Colourless

$$Cu^{2+}(aq) + 4NH_3(aq) \longrightarrow [Cu(NH_3)_4]^{2+}(aq)$$
Deep blue

$$Cd^{2+} + 4NH_3 \longrightarrow [Cd(NH_3)_4]^{2+}(aq)$$

Since ammonia forms complexes, the white precipitate of silver chloride dissolves in excess of ammonium hydroxide to form a soluble complex.

$$\underset{\text{White ppt.}}{AgCl} + 2NH_4OH \rightleftharpoons \underset{\substack{\text{Diamminesilver (I)}\\ \text{chloride (colourless)}}}{[Ag(NH_3)_2]Cl} + 2H_2O$$

Similarly, copper sulphate dissolves in excess of ammonium hydroxide to form deep blue coloured complex.

$$CuSO_4 + 4NH_4OH \rightleftharpoons \underset{\substack{\text{Tetraamminecopper (II)}\\ \text{sulphate (Blue)}}}{[Cu(NH_3)_4]SO_4} + 4H_2O$$

The formation of such complex compounds finds applications in detection of metal ions (Ag^+, Cu^+, etc.)

3. Action with halogens. (*i*) Chlorine reacts with ammonia in two ways depending upon whether ammonia is in excess or chlorine is in excess.

Excess NH_3 : $8NH_3 + 3Cl_2 \longrightarrow 6NH_4Cl + N_2$

Excess Cl_2 : $NH_3 + 3Cl_2 \longrightarrow NCl_3 + 3HCl$

Bromine also reacts in a similar way.

Excess of ammonia :

$$8NH_3 + Br_2 \longrightarrow 2NH_4Br + 3N_2$$

Excess of bromine :

$$NH_3 + 3Br_2 \longrightarrow NBr_3 + 3HBr$$

(*ii*) Iodine reacts with liquid ammonia to form a dark brown complex.

$$2NH_3 + 3I_2 \longrightarrow \underset{\substack{\text{Nitrogen tri-iodide}\\ \text{ammoniate (brown complex)}}}{NH_3NI_3} + 3HI$$

The complex is very explosive when dry. It explodes violently when rubbed against a hard surface as follows :

$$8NH_3NI_3 \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} 5N_2 + 9I_2 + 6NH_4I$$

4. Oxidation. Ammonia is oxidised to dinitrogen with oxidising agents like CuO, NaClO, $Ca(OCl)_2$ etc. For example, when ammonia is passed over heated copper oxide, it gets oxidised to dinitrogen.

$$3CuO + 2NH_3 \longrightarrow 3Cu + N_2 + 3H_2O$$

Similarly, $4NH_3 + 3Ca(OCl)_2 \longrightarrow 2N_2 + 3CaCl_2 + 6H_2O$

When vapours of NH_3 and O_2 are passed over red hot platinum gauze at 1075 K, it is oxidised to niric oxide.

$$4NH_3 + 5O_2 \xrightarrow[1075\ K]{Pt} \underset{\text{Nitric oxide}}{4NO} + 6H_2O$$

This reaction forms the basis of Ostwald's process for the manufacture of nitric acid.

5. Combustion. Ammonia is neither combustible nor supporter of combustion. However, it burns in the presence of oxygen to form dinitrogen and water.

$$4NH_3 + 3O_2 \longrightarrow 2N_2 + 6H_2O$$

6. Formation of amides. When ammonia is passed over heated sodium or potassium at 575 K, it forms amides with the liberation of dihydrogen.

$$2Na + 2NH_3 \xrightarrow{575K} \underset{\text{Sodamide}}{2NaNH_2} + H_2$$

$$2K + 2NH_3 \xrightarrow{575K} \underset{\text{Potassium amide}}{2KNH_2} + H_2$$

Tests of ammonia

- Ammonia can be tested by its reaction with Nessler's reagent. It gives brown precipitate with Nessler's reagent (an alkaline solution of K_2HgI_4) due to the formation of iodide of Million's base.

$$2K_2HgI_4 + NH_3 + 3KOH \longrightarrow \underset{\text{reagent}}{\text{Nessler's}}$$

$$H_2N-Hg-O-Hg-I + 7KI + 2H_2O$$
Iodide of Million's base (brown ppt).

- With a drop of HCl, it produces dense white fumes of ammonium chloride.
- It turns moist red litmus paper blue and moist turmeric paper brown.
- It gives a yellow precipitate with chloro-platinic acid.

$$\underset{\text{Chloroplatinic acid}}{H_2PtCl_6} + 2NH_3 \longrightarrow \underset{\substack{\text{Ammonium}\\ \text{chloroplatinate}\\ \text{(yellow ppt.)}}}{(NH_4)_2PtCl_6}$$

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7. Precipitation of heavy metal ions from the aqueous solution of their salts. Heavy metal ions such as Fe^{3+}, Cr^{3+}, Al^{3+}, etc. are precipitated from their aqueous salt solutions as hydroxides with ammonia.

$$FeCl_3\,(aq) + 3NH_4OH\,(aq) \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Brown ppt.}}{Fe(OH)_3\,(s)} + 3NH_4Cl\,(aq)$$

$$AlCl_3\,(aq) + 3NH_4OH\,(aq) \longrightarrow \underset{\text{White ppt.}}{Al(OH)_3\,(s)} + 3NH_4Cl\,(aq)$$

$$CrCl_3\,(aq) + 3NH_4OH\,(aq) \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Green ppt.}}{Cr(OH)_3\,(s)} + 3NH_4Cl\,(aq)$$

$$ZnSO_4\,(aq) + 2NH_4OH\,(aq) \longrightarrow \underset{\text{White ppt.}}{Zn(OH)_2\,(s)} + (NH_4)_2SO_4\,(aq)$$

Nitrogen also forms other hydrides such as
N_2H_4 : Hydrazine
HN_3 : Hydrazoic acid

Uses of ammonia

(*i*) It is used in the manufacture of nitric acid and sodium carbonate.
(*ii*) Liquid ammonia is used as a refrigerant.
(*iii*) It is used in the manufacture of rayon.
(*iv*) It is commonly used for preparing various nitrogenous fertilizers such as ammonium nitrate, ammonium sulphate, ammonium phosphate and urea.
(*v*) It is an important reagent and is used as a solvent in the laboratory.

OXIDES OF NITROGEN

Nitrogen combines with oxygen under different conditions to form a number of binary oxides which differ with respect to the oxidation state of the nitrogen atom. They range from N_2O (oxidation state of N +1) through NO (+2), N_2O_3 (+3), N_2O_4 (+4) to N_2O_5 (5). The tendency to form $p\pi$—$p\pi$ multiple bonds dictates the structures of oxides. The important oxides are NO, N_2O_3, NO_2, N_2O_4 and N_2O_5.

The molecular formulae of various oxides of nitrogen are given in Table 5.

Table 5. Oxides of nitrogen.

Oxide	Oxidation state of N	Physical appearance acidic or neutral character	Properties
N_2O Dinitrogen monoxide Nitrous oxide or Nitrogen (I) oxide	+ 1	Colourless gas Neutral	Unreactive gas
NO Nitric oxide or Nitrogen (II) oxide	+ 2	Colourless Neutral	Paramagnetic, reactive and thermodynamically unstable
N_2O_3 Dinitrogen trioxide or Nitrogen (III) oxide	+ 3	Pale blue solid Acidic	Unstable in gaseous phase
N_2O_4 Dinitrogen tetroxide or Nitrogen (IV) oxide	+ 4	Colourless solid or liquid Acidic	Exists in equilibrium with NO_2 both in gaseous and liquid state
NO_2 Nitrogen dioxide or Nitrogen (IV) oxide	+ 4	Brown gas Acidic	Reactive and paramagnetic
N_2O_5 Dinitrogen pentoxide or Nitrogen (V) oxide	+ 5	Colourless solid or gas Acidic	Unstable as gas, in solid state exists as $[NO_2]^+$ $[NO_3]^-$

Nitrous oxide (N_2O) is known as **laughing gas** because it causes hysterical laughter when inhaled in minor quantities.

1. Nitrous oxide (N_2O). It is prepared by heating ammonium nitrate.

$$NH_4NO_3 \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} N_2O + 2H_2O$$

It is a colourless unreactive gas having faint pleasant smell. It is also known as *laughing gas* because it causes *hysterical laughter* when inhaled in minor quantities. It is a neutral oxide and reacts with sodamide to form sodium azide.

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$$N_2O + 2NaNH_2 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Sodamide}}{NaN_3} + NH_3 + NaOH$$
(Sod. azide)

In small amounts, it acts as an anaesthetic for minor operations.

It decomposes into nitrogen and oxygen at 873 K.

$$2N_2O \longrightarrow 2N_2 + O_2$$

Therefore, it supports the combustion acting as a source of oxygen.

The largest use of N_2O is as **propellant** for whipped ice-cream. Because it has no taste, and is non-toxic and therefore, it meets the strict food and health regulations.

2. Nitric oxide (NO). It is prepared by the catalytic oxidation of ammonia at 1100 K in the presence of platinum.

$$4NH_3 + 5O_2 \xrightarrow[Pt]{1100\ K} 4NO + 6H_2O$$

It can also prepared by the reaction of nitric acid on copper as :

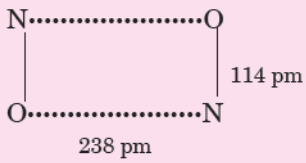
$$3Cu + 8HNO_3 \longrightarrow 3Cu(NO_3)_2 + 2NO + 4H_2O$$

It can also be prepared by the reduction of sodium nitrite with ferrous sulphate in the presence of sulphuric acid.

$$2NaNO_2 + 2FeSO_4 + 3H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow Fe_2(SO_4)_3 + 2NaHSO_4 + 2H_2O + 2NO$$

It is a neutral oxide.

It is a colourless gas. It has odd number of electrons (11 valence electrons) and therefore, it is paramagnetic in the gaseous state. However, in the liquid and solid states, it forms a loose dimer in such a way that the magnetic effects of two unpaired electrons are cancelled out. The molecule is diamagnetic.



Nitric oxide due to the presence of an odd electron, is very reactive. It readily reacts with oxygen to give brown fumes of nitrogen dioxide and with halogens to give nitrosyl halides.

$$2NO\ (g) + O_2\ (g) \longrightarrow 2NO_2\ (g)$$

$$2NO + Cl_2 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Nitrosyl chloride}}{2NOCl}$$

Nitric oxide readily forms complexes with transition metals. For example, Fe^{2+} combines with NO to form the complex $[Fe(H_2O)_5NO]^{2+}$ which is responsible for the colour in *brown ring test for nitrates*.

It is thermodynamically unstable and decomposes into elements at high temperatures (1373 K – 1473 K)

$$2NO\ (g) \xrightarrow{1373-1473\ K} N_2\ (g) + O_2\ (g)$$

3. Dinitrogen trioxide (N_2O_3). It is prepared by cooling equimolar quantities of nitric oxide and nitrogen dioxide to below 253 K.

$$NO(g) + NO_2(g) \underset{}{\overset{253\ K}{\rightleftharpoons}} N_2O_3$$

It can also be prepared by reacting nitric oxide and dinitrogen tetraoxide at 250 K.

$$2NO + N_2O_4 \xrightarrow{250\ K} 2N_2O_3$$

It is a blue solid and is acidic in nature. It is anhydride of nitrous acid (HNO_2).

$$N_2O_3 + H_2O \longrightarrow 2HNO_2$$

It exists in the pure form only in the solid state at very low temperatures. Above its melting point (273 K) it dissociates to NO and NO_2.

$$\underset{\text{Blue}}{N_2O_3} \xrightarrow{\text{Above } 173\ K} \underset{\text{Colourless}}{NO} + \underset{\text{Brown}}{NO_2}$$

4. Nitrogen dioxide (NO_2). It is prepared by heating dried lead nitrate in a steel reaction vessel.

$$2Pb(NO_3)_2 \longrightarrow 2PbO + 4NO_2 + O_2$$

It is also an odd electron molecule and in the gas phase, it exists in equilibrium with N_2O_4 as :

$$\underset{\text{Colourless}}{N_2O_4} \rightleftharpoons \underset{\text{Brown}}{2NO_2}$$

Above 415 K, it contains mainly NO_2 and at 250 K, it consists of mainly N_2O_4.

$$2NO_2 \underset{\text{Heat}}{\overset{\text{Cool}}{\rightleftharpoons}} N_2O_4$$

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Oxides of nitrogen are emitted into the atmosphere during burning of coal and oil in power stations and automobile engines. These are also present in the automobile exhausts. These cause air pollution in major cities and near power stations. These oxides of nitrogen also cause **acid rain** and **photochemical smog** (discussed in class XI in environmental chemistry).

R U Curious ...

- **You will be surprised to note that though nitric oxide (NO) is very reactive and harmful, yet it occurs in biological systems in traces.**
- It acts as a **neuro-transmitter** and plays a significant role in controlling blood pressure by relaxing blood vessels. It also protects from bacterial infections.

5. Dinitrogen pentoxide (N_2O_5). It is prepared by dehydrating the concentrated nitric acid with phosphorus pentoxide.

$$4HNO_3 + \underset{\text{Phosphorus pentoxide}}{P_4O_{10}} \longrightarrow 2N_2O_5 + \underset{\text{Metaphosphoric acid}}{4HPO_3}$$

N_2O_5 exists as colourless solid below 273K. As the temperature rises, the colour changes to yellow due to the partial decomposition of colourless N_2O_5 to brown NO_2.

$$2N_2O_5 \longrightarrow 4NO_2 + O_2$$

At 303 K, the crystals melt giving a yellow liquid which decomposes at 313 K to give NO_2.

N_2O_5 acts as a strong oxidising agent and oxidises iodine to I_2O_5.

The oxides of nitrogen N_2O_3, NO_2, N_2O_5 are acidic and react with water to give oxoacids of nitrogen. For example, N_2O_3 gives nitrous acid (HNO_2) while N_2O_5 give nitric acid (HNO_3).

$$N_2O_3 + H_2O \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Nitrous acid}}{2HNO_2}$$

$$N_2O_5 + H_2O \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Nitric acid}}{2HNO_3}$$

Therefore, N_2O_3 is regarded as anhydride of nitrous acid and N_2O_5 is regarded as anhydride of nitric acid. Nitrogen dioxide (NO_2) reacts with water to give both nitrous acid and nitric acid.

$$2NO_2 + H_2O \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Nitrous acid}}{HNO_2} + \underset{\text{Nitric acid}}{HNO_3}$$

Therefore, NO_2 is a mixed anhydride of nitric acid and nitrous acid.

Out of various oxides, NO and NO_2 are used in the manufacture of nitric acid and nitrate fertilizers. Liquid N_2O_4 is also used as an oxidiser for the rocket fuels in missiles and space vehicles. However, NO causes a pollution problem in atmosphere due to its poisonous nature. Its vapours are emitted in the atmosphere during the burning of oil and coal.

The general methods of preparation of nitrogen oxides are summed up below:

SUM UP

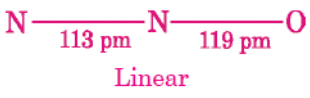
Oxide of nitrogen	Common method of preparation
N_2O	*(i)* $NH_4NO_3 \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} N_2O + 2H_2O$
	(ii) $HNO_2 + NH_2OH\ (aq) \longrightarrow N_2O + 2H_2O$
NO	*(i)* $3Cu + 8HNO_3 \longrightarrow 3Cu(NO_3)_2 + 2NO + 4H_2O$
	(ii) $4NH_3 + 5O_2 \xrightarrow[\text{Pt catalyst}]{1100\ K} 4NO + 6H_2O$
	(iii) $2NaNO_2 + 2FeSO_4 + 3H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow Fe_2(SO_4)_3 + 2NaHSO_4 + +2NO + 2H_2O$
N_2O_3	$NO + NO_2 \longrightarrow N_2O_3$
	$2NO + N_2O_4 \xrightarrow{< 250\ K} 2N_2O_3$
N_2O_4	$2NO_2 \underset{\text{Heat}}{\overset{\text{Cool}}{\rightleftharpoons}} N_2O_4$
NO_2	*(i)* $2Pb(NO_3)_2 \xrightarrow{673\ K} 2PbO + 4NO_2 + O_2$
	(ii) $Cu + 4HNO_3(\text{conc.}) \longrightarrow Cu(NO_3)_2 + 2NO_2 + 2H_2O$
N_2O_5	$P_4O_{10} + 4HNO_3 \longrightarrow 2N_2O_5 + 4HPO_3$

The molecular and Lewis dot resonance structures of oxides of nitrogen are given ahead.

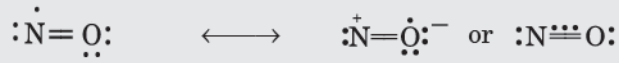
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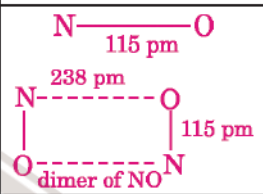
N_2O, Nitrous oxide :



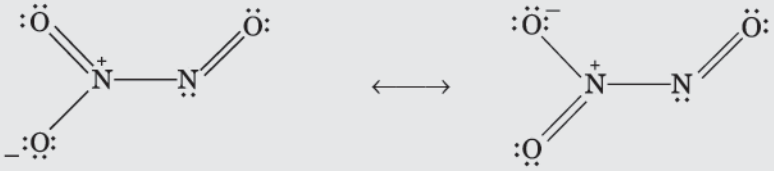


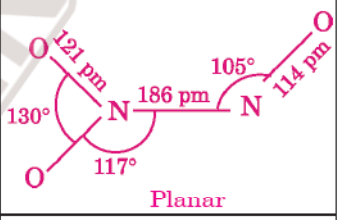
NO, Nitric oxide :





N_2O_3, Dinitrogen trioxide :





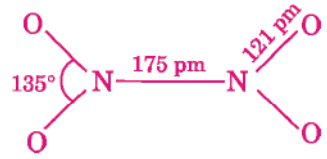
NO_2, Nitrogen dioxide :





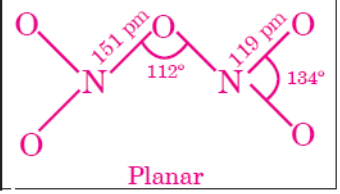
N_2O_4, Dinitrogen tetraoxide :





N_2O_5, Dinitrogen pentoxide :





NITRIC ACID (HNO_3)

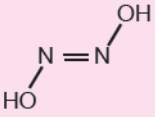
Nitrogen forms numerous oxoacids though several are unstable in the free state and are known only in aqueous solution or as their salts. The common oxoacids of nitrogen are given below :

Table 6. Oxoacids of nitrogen.

Name	Formula	Oxidation State of N	Nature
Hyponitrous acid	$H_2N_2O_2$	+2	weak acid known as its salts
Nitroxylic acid	$H_4N_2O_4$	+2	highly explosive difficult to get in pure state
Nitrous acid	HNO_2	+3	weak acid and unstable
Nitric acid	HNO_3	+5	weak acid and stable
Peroxonitric acid	HNO_4	+5	unstable and explosive

Out of the oxoacids of nitrogen, **nitric acid is the most important**. It is very strong oxidising agent and is quite useful. Nitrogen shown an oxidation state of +5 in nitric acid.

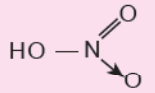
Oxoacids of nitrogen



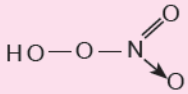
Hyponitrous acid

HO — N = O

Nitrous acid



Nitric acid



Peroxonitric acid

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Laboratory preparation of nitric acid. In the laboratory, nitric acid can be prepared by heating sodium or potassium nitrate with concentrated sulphuric acid to about 423–475 K

$$NaNO_3 + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow NaHSO_4 + HNO_3$$

Anhydrous nitric acid can be obtained by distillation of concentrated aqueous nitric acid with P_4O_{10}.

Manufacture of Nitric Acid

Nitric acid is commonly manufactured by **Ostwald process** in which it is prepared by the catalytic oxidation of ammonia by atmospheric oxygen. The reaction is carried out at about 500 K and 9×10^5 Pa (9 bar) pressure in the presence of Pt or Rh gauge as catalyst.

$$4NH_3(g) + \underset{\text{(from air)}}{5O_2(g)} \xrightarrow[500K,\ 9\ bar]{Pt/Rh\ gauge} 4NO(g) + 6H_2O(g)\ \Delta H = -90.2\ kJ$$

Nitric oxide thus formed combines with oxygen to form nitrogen dioxide.

$$2NO(g) + O_2(g) \longrightarrow 2NO_2(g)$$

Nitrogen dioxide so formed, dissolves in water to give nitric acid.

$$3NO_2(g) + H_2O(l) \longrightarrow 2HNO_3(aq) + NO(g)$$

The NO thus formed is recycled and the aqueous HNO_3 can be concentrated by distillation upto about 68% by mass.

Dilute nitric acid is further concentrated by dehydration with concentrated sulphuric acid to get about 98% acid.

Properties of Nitric acid

Physical Properties

(*i*) Pure nitric acid is a *colourless liquid*.

(*ii*) It has boiling point 355.6 K and freezing point 231.4 K.

(*iii*) Laboratory grade nitric acid contains about 68% of HNO_3 by mass and has a specific gravity of 1.504.

(*iv*) The impure acid is generally yellow due to the presence of nitrogen dioxide as impurity. Nitric acid containing dissolved nitrogen dioxide is known as *fuming nitric acid*.

(*v*) It has a corrosive action on skin and produces painful *blisters*.

Chemical Properties

1. Acidic character. It is one of the strongest acids because it is highly ionised in aqueous solution giving hydronium and nitrate ions.

$$HNO_3(aq) + H_2O(l) \longrightarrow H_3O^+ + NO_3^-(aq)$$

It turns blue litmus red. It forms salts with metallic oxides, hydroxides, carbonates and bicarbonates giving only one series of salts called **nitrates**.

$$NaOH + HNO_3 \longrightarrow NaNO_3 + H_2O$$

$$Na_2CO_3 + 2HNO_3 \longrightarrow 2NaNO_3 + H_2O + CO_2$$

$$NaHCO_3 + HNO_3 \longrightarrow NaNO_3 + H_2O + CO_2$$

$$CaO + 2HNO_3 \longrightarrow Ca(NO_3)_2 + H_2O$$

2. Decomposition. Nitric acid decomposes on heating giving nitrogen dioxide, water and oxygen.

$$4HNO_3(aq) \xrightarrow{Heat} 4NO_2(g) + O_2(g) + 2H_2O(l)$$

3. Action on metals. With the exception of gold and platinum (noble metals), nitric acid attacks all metals forming a variety of products. The product depends upon the *nature of metal, the concentration of acid and temperature*.

A. Metals that are more electropositive than hydrogen (Mg, Al, Mn, Zn, Fe, Pb, etc.). *In this case nascent hydrogen is liberated which further reduces nitric acid.*

$$\underset{\text{(Metal)}}{M} + 2HNO_3 \longrightarrow M(NO_3)_2 + 2H$$

$$HNO_3 + H \longrightarrow \text{Reduction product} + H_2O$$

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In this case, the principal product is NO_2 with conc. HNO_3, N_2O with dil. HNO_3 and ammonium nitrate with very dil. HNO_3. For example, Zn reacts as:

Using concentrated nitric acid (forms nitrogen dioxide)

$$Zn + 2HNO_3 \longrightarrow Zn(NO_3)_2 + 2H$$
$$HNO_3 + H \longrightarrow NO_2 + H_2O] \times 2$$
$$Zn + 4HNO_3 \longrightarrow Zn(NO_3)_2 + 2NO_2 + 2H_2O$$

(Conc. HNO_3; Nitrogen dioxide)

Using dilute nitric acid (forms nitrous oxide)

$$Zn + 2HNO_3 \longrightarrow Zn(NO_3)_2 + 2H] \times 4$$
$$2HNO_3 + 8H \longrightarrow 5H_2O + N_2O$$
$$4Zn + 10HNO_3 \longrightarrow 4Zn(NO_3)_2 + N_2O + 5H_2O$$

(Dilute HNO_3; Nitrous oxide)

Using very dilute nitric acid (forms ammonium nitrate)

$$Zn + 2HNO_3 \longrightarrow Zn(NO_3)_2 + 2H] \times 4$$
$$HNO_3 + 8H \longrightarrow NH_3 + 3H_2O$$
$$NH_3 + HNO_3 \longrightarrow NH_4NO_3$$
$$4Zn + 10HNO_3 \longrightarrow 4Zn(NO_3)_2 + NH_4NO_3 + 3H_2O$$

(V. dilute HNO_3; Ammonium nitrate)

B. Metals which are less electropositive than hydrogen (Cu, Bi, Hg, Ag). In this case *nascent hydrogen is not liberated*.

$$HNO_3 \longrightarrow \text{Reduction product} + H_2O + [O]$$
$$\text{Metal} + (O) + HNO_3 \longrightarrow \text{Metal nitrate} + H_2O$$

The principal product is NO_2 with conc. HNO_3 and NO with dil. HNO_3. For example, Cu reacts as

Using concentrated nitric acid

$$2HNO_3 \longrightarrow 2NO_2 + H_2O + [O]$$
$$Cu + O + 2HNO_3 \longrightarrow Cu(NO_3)_2 + H_2O$$
$$Cu + 4HNO_3 \longrightarrow Cu(NO_3)_2 + 2NO_2 + 2H_2O$$

(Conc. HNO_3; Nitrogen dioxide)

Using dilute nitric acid

$$2HNO_3 \longrightarrow 2NO + H_2O + 3[O]$$
$$Cu + O + 2HNO_3 \longrightarrow Cu(NO_3)_2 + H_2O] \times 3$$
$$3Cu + 8HNO_3 \longrightarrow 3Cu(NO_3)_2 + 2NO + 4H_2O$$

(Dilute HNO_3; Nitric oxide)

Similarly,

$$Hg + \underset{\text{(conc.)}}{4HNO_3} \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Mercuric nitrate}}{Hg(NO_3)_2} + 2NO_2 + 2H_2O$$
$$6Hg + \underset{\text{(dil.)}}{8HNO_3} \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Mercurous nitrate}}{3Hg_2(NO_3)_2} + 2NO + 4H_2O$$
$$Ag + \underset{\text{(conc.)}}{2HNO_3} \longrightarrow AgNO_3 + NO_2 + 2H_2O$$
$$3Ag + 4HNO_3 \longrightarrow 3AgNO_3 + NO + 2H_2O$$

C. Action on noble metals. Noble metals like gold and platinum are not attacked by nitric acid. However, these metals are attacked by *aqua regia* (3 parts conc. HCl and 1 part conc. HNO_3) forming their chlorides.

$$\underbrace{HNO_3 + 3HCl}_{\text{Aqua regia}} \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Nitrosyl chloride}}{NOCl} + 2H_2O + 2Cl$$

It may be noted that some metals such a chromium and aluminium donot dissolve in conc. HNO_3 because of the formation of **a passive film of oxide** on their surfaces.

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The free chlorine attacks gold, platinum, etc.

$$Au + 3Cl \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Gold chloride}}{AuCl_3}$$

$$Pt + 4Cl \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Platinum chloride}}{PtCl_4}$$

Chemical Reaction of Metal and HNO_3

It may be noted that during chemical reactions of metals with HNO_3, it not only acts as acid but also as an oxidising agent. During its reaction, it gives a variety of reduction products. The different stages of reduction of nitric acid are:

$$\overset{+5}{HNO_3} \xrightarrow{+e^-} \overset{+4}{NO_2} \xrightarrow{+2e^-} \overset{+2}{NO} \xrightarrow{+e^-} \overset{+1}{N_2O} \xrightarrow{+4e^-} \overset{-3}{NH_3}$$

The product of the reduction of HNO_3 depends upon the

(*i*) *nature of the metal*

(*ii*) *concentration of nitric acid*

(*iii*) *temperature.*

In general, *the more the dilution, the greater is the extent of reduction.*

The mode of reactions of HNO_3 and metals can be divided into two main categories.

(*a*) Metals lying above hydrogen in electrochemical series react with HNO_3 as:

$$Metal + HNO_3 \longrightarrow \text{Metal nitrate} + H$$

$$HNO_3 + H \longrightarrow \text{Reduction product} + H_2O$$

(*b*) Metals lying below hydrogen in electrochemical series react with HNO_3 as:

$$HNO_3 \longrightarrow \text{Reduction product} + H_2O + [O]$$

$$Metal + HNO_3 + O \longrightarrow \text{Metal nitrate} + H_2O$$

4. Oxidising nature – Oxidation of non-metals and compounds. Nitric acid behaves as a *strong oxidising agent.* It has a tendency to give nascent oxygen as :

$$\underset{\text{(conc.)}}{2HNO_3} \longrightarrow 2NO_2 + H_2O + O$$

$$\underset{\text{(dilute)}}{2HNO_3} \longrightarrow 2NO + H_2O + 3(O)$$

Therefore, nitric acid oxidises many non-metals and compounds.

A. Oxidation of non-metals. Dilute nitric acid has no action on non-metals like carbon, sulphur, phosphorus, etc. However, concentrated nitric acid oxidises many non-metals. For example,

(*i*) *Nitric acid oxidises sulphur to sulphuric acid*

$$2HNO_3 \longrightarrow 2NO_2 + H_2O + O] \times 3$$

$$\tfrac{1}{8}\,S_8 + H_2O + 3O \longrightarrow H_2SO_4$$

$$\tfrac{1}{8}\,S_8 + 6HNO_3 \longrightarrow H_2SO_4 + 6NO_2 + 2H_2O$$

or $$S_8 + 48HNO_3 \longrightarrow 8H_2SO_4 + 48NO_2 + 12H_2O$$

(*ii*) *Nitric acid oxidises carbon to carbonic acid*

$$2HNO_3 \longrightarrow 2NO_2 + H_2O + O] \times 2$$

$$C + H_2O + 2O \longrightarrow H_2CO_3$$

$$C + 4HNO_3 \longrightarrow H_2CO_3 + 4NO_2 + 2H_2O$$

(*iii*) *Nitric acid oxidises phosphorus to phosphoric acid*

$$2HNO_3 \longrightarrow 2NO_2 + H_2O + O] \times 5$$

$$2P + 3H_2O + 5O \longrightarrow 2H_3PO_4$$

$$2P + 10HNO_3 \longrightarrow 2H_3PO_4 + 10NO_2 + 2H_2O$$

or $$P + 5HNO_3 \longrightarrow H_3PO_4 + 5NO_2 + H_2O$$

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or $P_4 + 20\ HNO_3 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Phosphoric acid}}{4H_3PO_4} + 20\ NO_2 + 4H_2O$

(*iv*) *It oxidises iodine to iodic acid.*

$$2HNO_3 \longrightarrow 2NO_2 + H_2O + O] \times 5$$
$$I_2 + H_2O + 5O \longrightarrow 2HIO_3$$
$$I_2 + 10HNO_3 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Iodic acid}}{2HIO_3} + 10NO_2 + 4H_2O$$

(*v*) *Nitric acid oxidises arsenic to arsenic acid.*

$$2HNO_3 \longrightarrow 2NO_2 + H_2O + O] \times 5$$
$$2As + 3H_2O + 5O \longrightarrow 2H_3AsO_4$$
$$2\ As + 10HNO_3 \longrightarrow 10NO_2 + 2H_3AsO_4 + 2H_2O$$

or $As + 5HNO_3 \longrightarrow 5NO_2 + \underset{\text{Arsenic acid}}{H_3AsO_4} + H_2O$

Similarly,

$$Sb + 5HNO_3 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Antimonic acid}}{H_3SbO_4} + H_2O + 5NO_2$$

B. Oxidation of compounds. Dilute as well as concentrated nitric acid oxidises a number of compounds.

(*vi*) *Nitric acid oxidises hydrogen sulphide to sulphur.*

dil HNO_3 :

$$3H_2S + 2HNO_3 \longrightarrow 2NO + 4H_2O + 3S$$

conc. HNO_3 :

$$H_2S + 2HNO_3 \longrightarrow 2NO_2 + 2H_2O + S$$

(*vii*) *Nitric acid oxidises sulphur dioxide to sulphuric acid*

dil HNO_3 :

$$3SO_2 + 2HNO_3 + 2H_2O \longrightarrow 3H_2SO_4 + 2NO$$

conc. HNO_3 :

$$SO_2 + 2HNO_3 \longrightarrow H_2SO_4 + 2NO_2$$

(*viii*) *Nitric acid oxidises ferrous sulphate to ferric sulphate.*

dil HNO_3 :

$$6FeSO_4 + 2HNO_3 + 3H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow 3Fe_2(SO_4)_3 + 2NO + 4H_2O$$

conc. HNO_3 :

$$2FeSO_4 + 2HNO_3 + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow Fe_2(SO_4)_3 + 2NO_2 + 2H_2O$$

5. Action on organic compounds. Nitric acid also reacts with organic compounds. For example, sucrose (cane sugar) is oxidised to oxalic acid by nitric acid.

$$\underset{\text{Sucrose}}{C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}} + 36HNO_3 \longrightarrow 6\ \underset{\text{Oxalic acid}}{\begin{matrix}COOH\\|\\COOH\end{matrix}} + 36NO_2 + 23H_2O$$

In the presence of sulphuric acid, nitric acid reacts with aromatic compounds forming nitro compounds. This process is called **nitration.** For example, it reacts with benzene to form nitrobenzene.

$$\underset{\text{Benzene}}{C_6H_6} + HNO_3 \xrightarrow{H_2SO_4} \underset{\text{Nitrobenzene}}{C_6H_5NO_2} + H_2O$$

Similarly, phenol reacts with nitric acid in the presence of H_2SO_4 to give 2, 4, 6-trinitrophenol (known as picric acid).

Nitric acid attacks proteins giving a yellow nitro compound known as *xantho protein*. Therefore, nitric acid stains skin and renders wool yellow.

Nitrous acid versus nitric acid

Although nitric acid acts only as an oxidising agent, nitrous acid acts both as an oxidising agent as well as reducing agent.

- HNO_2 can be easily oxidised to HNO_3, therefore, it acts as a reducing agent.

e.g., $HNO_2 + I_2 + H_2O \longrightarrow 2HI + HNO_3$

- HNO_2 can be easily reduced to NO, therefore, it acts as an oxidising agent.

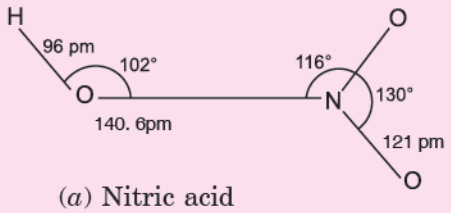
e.g., $H_2S + 2HNO_2 \longrightarrow 2H_2O + 2NO + S$

$2KI + 2HNO_2 \longrightarrow 2KOH + I_2 + 2NO$

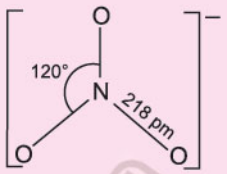
$SO_2 + 2HNO_2 \longrightarrow H_2SO_4 + 2NO$

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Structure. Spectroscopic studies have shown that gaseous nitric acid has planar structure [Fig. 9 (*a*)]. Nitrate ion, NO_3^- has also planar symmetrical structure [Fig. 9 (*b*)].



(*a*) Nitric acid



(*b*) Nitrate ion

The structure of NO_3^- is resonance hybrid of the following structures :

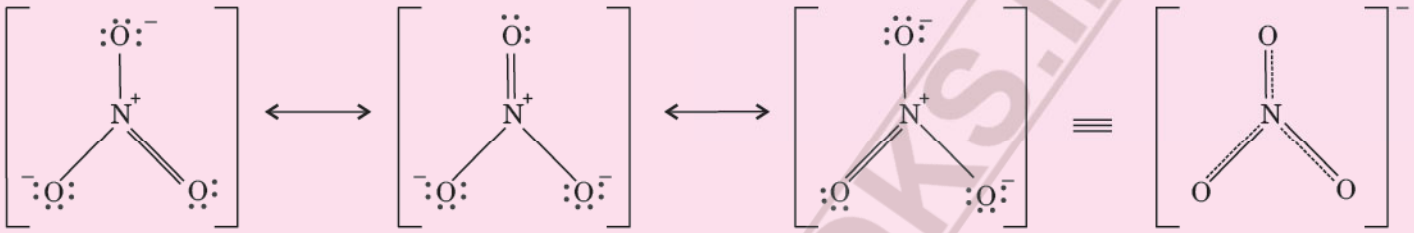


Fig. 9. Structure of nitric acid and nitrate ion

The colour of the complex, $[Fe(H_2O)_5NO]^{2+}$ is due to **charge transfer** *i.e.*, an electron is transferred from NO to Fe^{2+} ion. As a result, this complex formally contains Fe (+1) and NO^+ (nitrosonium ion). The complex is named as pentaaquanitrosonium iron (I) (and not as pentaaquanitrosyl iron (II) ion.

Brown Ring test for NO_3^- ion

Nitrates give brown ring test with Fe^{2+} ions in the presence of conc. H_2SO_4. This is based upon the tendency of Fe^{2+} to reduce nitrates to nitric oxide which reacts with Fe^{2+} to form a brown coloured complex during the qualitative test for nitrates. The test is usually performed by adding dilute $FeSO_4$ solution to an aqueous solution containing NO_3^- ion and then adding conc. H_2SO_4 slowly along the sides of the test tube. A brown ring at the interface between the solution and sulphuric acid indicates the presence of NO_3^- ion.

$$3Fe^{2+} + NO_3^- + 4H^+ \longrightarrow NO + 3Fe^{3+} + 2H_2O$$

$$Fe^{2+} + NO + 5H_2O \longrightarrow [Fe(H_2O)_5\,NO]^{2+}$$

(Brown complex)

Uses of Nitric Acid

(*i*) It is used in the manufacture of ammonium nitrate for fertilizers.
(*ii*) It is used in the manufacture of sulphuric acid by lead chamber process.
(*iii*) It is used in the manufacture of explosives such as trinitro toluene (TNT), nitroglycerine, picric acid, etc.
(*iv*) It is used in the manufacture of dyes, perfumes and silk.
(*v*) It is used for the manufacture of nitrates for use in explosive and pyrotechnics.
(*vi*) It is used in pickling (cleaning) of stainless steel and etching of metals.
(*vii*) It is also used as an oxidizer in rocket fuels.
(*viii*) It is used in the purification of gold and silver as aqua regia.

SOLVED EXAMPLES

Example 7.

Why does NO_2 dimerise ? Explain.

N.C.E.R.T. *(D.S.B. 2010)(A.I.S.B. 2014, Hr. S.B. 2015, Assam S.B. 2017)*

Solution : NO_2 contains odd number of valence electrons. It behaves as a typical molecule. In the liquid and solid state, it dimerises to form stable N_2O_4 molecule, with even number of electrons. Therefore, NO_2 is paramagnetic, while N_2O_4 is diamagnetic in which two unpaired electrons get paired.

Example 8.

Ammonia is a good complexing agent. Explain. *(Pb. S.B. 2013)*

Solution : Ammonia is a good complexing agent because of the presence of lone pair of electrons on nitrogen. This lone pair can easily be donated to electron deficient compounds forming complexes. For example, it reacts with Cu^{2+} ion to form a deep blue complex.

$$Cu^{2+}(aq) + 4NH_3(aq) \longrightarrow [Cu(NH_3)_4]^{2+}$$

Complex (deep blue)

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❑ **Example 9.**

Why does ammonia act as a Lewis base?

N.C.E.R.T. *(A.I.S.B. 2014 Kerala S.B. 2016, Assam S.B. 2017))*

Solution : Nitrogen atom in NH_3 has one lone pair of electrons which is available for donation. Therefore, it acts as a Lewis base.

❑ **Example 10.**

Write the products of the following reactions (give balanced chemical equations) :

(i) $Mg_3N_2 + H_2O \longrightarrow$ *(ii)* $I_2 + HNO_3$ *(conc.)* $\longrightarrow$

(iii) $Cu + HNO_3$ *(conc.)* $\longrightarrow$ *(iv)* $Li + N_2 \longrightarrow$

Solution :

(i) $Mg_3N_2 + 6H_2O \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Ammonia}}{3Mg(OH)_2 + 2NH_3}$

(ii) $I_2 + 10HNO_3$ (conc.) $\longrightarrow \underset{\text{Iodic acid}}{2HIO_3} + \underset{\text{Nitrogen dioxide}}{10NO_2} + 4H_2O$

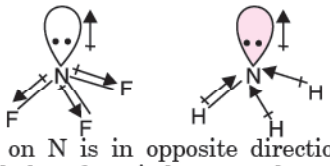
(iii) $Cu + 4HNO_3$ (conc.) $\longrightarrow \underset{\text{Copper nitrate}}{Cu(NO_3)_2} + 2NO_2 + 2H_2O$

(iv) $6Li + N_2 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Lithium nitride}}{2Li_3N}$

❑ **Example 11.**

NF_3 does not have donor properties like ammonia. Explain. *(Pb. S.B. 2015)*

Solution : NF_3 has a pyramidal shape with one lone pair on N atom.



The lone pair on N is in opposite direction to the N–F bond moments and therefore, it has very low dipole moment (about 0.234 D). Thus, it does not show donor properties. But ammonia has high dipole moment because its lone pair is in the same direction as the N—H bond moments. Thus, it has donor properties.

❑ **Example 12.**

Give one reaction in which ammonia acts as a reducing agent.

Solution : When ammonia is passed over heated cupric oxide, copper is formed as :

$$3CuO + 2NH_3 \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} 3Cu + N_2 + 3H_2O$$

❑ **Example 13.**

Complete the reactions :

(i) $NH_4NO_3\ (s) \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}}$

(ii) $N_2O + NaNH_2 \longrightarrow$

(iii) $Cu^{2+}\ (aq) + NH_3\ (aq.) \longrightarrow$

(iv) $CuO + NH_3 \longrightarrow$

Solution :

(i) $NH_4NO_3\ (s) \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} N_2O\ (g) + 2H_2O\ (l)$

(ii) $N_2O + 2NaNH_2 \longrightarrow NaN_3 + NH_3 + NaOH$

(iii) $Cu^{2+}(aq) + 4NH_3\ (aq) \longrightarrow [Cu(NH_3)_4]^{2+}\ (aq)$

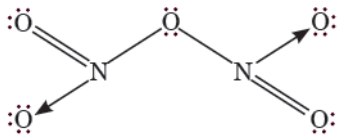
(iv) $3CuO + 2NH_3 \longrightarrow 3Cu + N_2 + 3H_2O$

❑ **Example 14.**

What is the covalence of nitrogen in N_2O_5.

N.C.E.R.T. *(D.S.B. 2013)*

Solution : N_2O_5 has the structure



In this structure, N atom has four shared pair of electrons, two with an oxygen atom to form N = O bond, one with oxygen atom to form N–O bond and one with another oxygen atom to form N → O bond. Thus, the covalency of N in N_2O_5 is **four**. It may be noted that for a coordinate bond, the covalency is also one.

Practice Problems

6. Give an example of compounds in which the oxidation state of nitrogen is *(i)* +3 *(ii)* –3 *(iii)* 0 *(iv)* +5

7. What does the abbreviation T.N.T. stand for ?

8. What is laughing gas ? How is it prepared ?

9. Which plants mostly help in nitrogen fixing ?

10. Write the formula of the compound formed during ring test of nitrate radical. Give its name.

11. Name the oxide of nitrogen
(i) Which is blue solid ?
(ii) Causes pollution problem.

12. Which oxide of nitrogen is produced by heating lead nitrate ?

Answers to Practice Problems

6. *(i)* NF_3 *(ii)* NH_3 *(iii)* N_2 *(iv)* N_2O_5

7. Trinitrotoluene

8. N_2O. It is prepared by heating ammonium nitrate.

9. Leguminous plants

10. $[Fe(H_2O)_5NO]SO_4$. pentaaquanitrosoniumiron(I) sulphate

11. *(i)* N_2O_3 *(ii)* NO

12. NO_2

CHEMISTRY OF PHOSPHORUS AND ITS COMPOUNDS

PHOSPHORUS

We have already learnt that phosphorus is widely distributed in nature. It occurs mainly in the form of phosphate minerals in the crust of earth.

Phosphorus is produced by heating bone ash (containing about 58% of calcium phosphate) or phosphate rock [Phosphorite, $Ca_3(PO_4)_2$] with silica (SiO_2) and coke in an electric furnace at 1775 K.

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The reactions taking place are :

$$2Ca_3(PO_4)_2 + 6SiO_2 \xrightarrow{1775\ K} \underset{\text{Calcium silicate}}{6CaSiO_3} + P_4O_{10}$$

$$P_4O_{10} + 10C \xrightarrow{1775\ K} 10CO + P_4$$

The vapour of phosphorus thus produced upon condensation give white phosphorus, which exists as P_4.

ALLOTROPIC FORMS OF PHOSPHORUS

Phosphorus exists in many allotropic forms. Of these three main allotropic forms are :

(*i*) *White phosphorus*
(*ii*) *Red phosphorus*
(*iii*) *Black phosphorus*

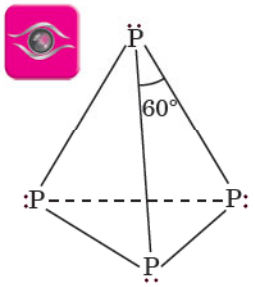


Fig. 10. Structure of white phosphorus

1. White phosphorus. It is the common variety of phosphorus and is obtained from phosphorite rock with coke and sand in an electric furnace at 1775 K as explained above. It consists of P_4 units as shown in Fig. 10. In this case, the four P-atoms lie at the corners of a regular tetrahedron with ∠PPP = 60°. Each phosphorus is bonded to each of the other three P-atoms by covalent bonds, so that each P-atom completes its valence shell.

Properties :

The main characteristics of white phosphorus are :

(*i*) It is soft, translucent white waxy solid with garlic smell.

(*ii*) It can be cut with a knife.

(*iii*) It melts at 317 K and boils at 553 K.

(*iv*) It is insoluble in water but soluble in benzene, carbon disulphide, liquid NH_3.

(*v*) It is very poisonous. The vapours of phosphorus, if continuously inhaled, may prove fatal.

(*vi*) It glows in dark (a property known as *chemiluminescence).*

(vii) White phosphorus, P_4 molecule are stable upto 1070 K even in the vapour phase. When heated above 1070 K, P_4 molecules begin to dissociate into P_2 molecules which have a bond enthalpy of 489.6 kJ mol^{-1}.

$$P_4 \underset{}{\overset{\text{above 1070 K}}{\rightleftharpoons}} 2P_2$$

(*viii*) White phosphorus is less stable and therefore, more reactive than the other solid phases under normal conditions. This is because of angular strain in the P_4 molecules where the angles are only 60°. Its ignition temperature is very low (303 K) and therefore, it catches fire in air to form dense white fumes of P_4O_{10}. Therefore, it cannot be kept in air to form dense white fumes of P_4O_{10}. It is generally stored under water.

$$P_4 + 5O_2 \longrightarrow P_4O_{10}$$

(ix) It combines with metals forming their phosphides such as Na_3P, Mg_3P_2, Ca_3P_2, Ag_3P, Cu_3P_2, etc.

$$12Na + P_4 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Sodium phosphide}}{4Na_3P}$$

$$12Ag + P_4 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Silver phosphide}}{4Ag_3P}$$

$$6Mg + P_4 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Magnesium phosphide}}{2Mg_3P_2}$$

The reaction with sodium or potassium is very vigorous.

(*x*) It is a weak reducing agent and reduces sulphuric acid to sulphur dioxide, nitric acid to nitrogen peroxide, etc.

$$P_4 + 10H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow 10SO_2 + \underset{\text{Phosphoric acid}}{4H_3PO_4} + 4H_2O$$

$$P_4 + 20HNO_3 \longrightarrow 4H_3PO_4 + 20NO_2 + 4H_2O$$

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It also reduces solutions of copper, silver and gold salts to their corresponding metals.

$$P_4 + 3CuSO_4 + 6H_2O \longrightarrow Cu_3P_2 + 2H_3PO_3 + 3H_2SO_4$$

(Copper sulphate)

$$Cu_3P_2 + 5CuSO_4 + 8H_2O \longrightarrow 8Cu + 5H_2SO_4 + 2H_3PO_4$$

or $$P_4 + 8CuSO_4 + 14H_2O \longrightarrow 8Cu + 8H_2SO_4 + 2H_3PO_4 + 2H_3PO_3$$

Similarly,

$$P_4 + 20AgNO_3 + 16H_2O \longrightarrow 20Ag + 4H_3PO_4 + 20HNO_3$$

(*xi*) It readily combines with halogens to form trihalides (PX_3) and on prolonged treatment forms pentahalides (PX_5). For example, white phosphorus catches fire in chlorine forming phosphorus trichloride (PCl_3) and phosphorus pentachloride (PCl_5).

$$P_4 + 6Cl_2 \longrightarrow 4PCl_3$$

$$P_4 + 10Cl_2 \longrightarrow 4PCl_5$$

(excess)

(*xii*) White phosphorus combines with sulphur with explosive violence forming a number of sulphides such as P_2S_3, P_2S_5, P_4S_3, P_4S_7, etc.

$$8P_4 + 3S_8 \longrightarrow 8P_4S_3$$

(Tetraphosphorus trisulphide)

(*xiii*) On heating with caustic soda solution, it forms phosphine.

$$P_4 + 3NaOH + 3H_2O \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Phosphine}}{PH_3} + \underset{\substack{\text{Sodium}\\ \text{hypophosphite}}}{NaH_2PO_2}$$

This is an example of *disproportionation reaction* in which oxidation state of phosphorus decreases from 0 in P_4 to –3 in PH_3, while it increases from 0 in P_4 to +1 in NaH_2PO_4.

2. Red phosphorus. It is obtained by heating white phosphorus in an inert atmosphere (out of contact of air) at 573 K for several days.

$$\underset{\text{White phosphorus}}{P_4(s)} \xrightarrow[\text{inert atmosphere}]{573\ K} \underset{\text{Red phosphorus}}{P_4(s)}$$

Like white phosphorus, red phosphorus also exists as P_4 tetrahedra but have polymeric structure consisting of P_4 tetrahedra linked together as shown in Fig 11.

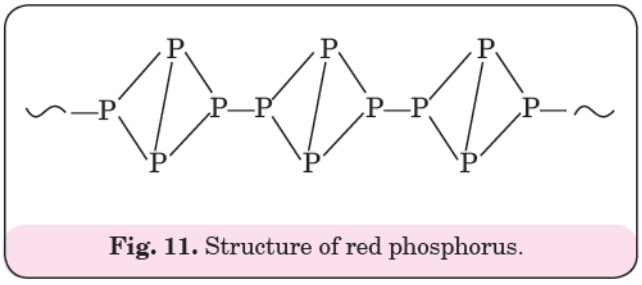


Fig. 11. Structure of red phosphorus.

In this structure, P_4 molecules are linked by covalent bonds. The important **characteristics** of red phosphorus are :

(*i*) It is a hard crystalline solid without any smell. It posesses iron grey lustre.

(*ii*) It is non-poisonous in nature.

(*iii*) It is insoluble in water as well as carbon disulphide.

(*iv*) It is denser than white phosphorus.

(*v*) It does not glow in the dark.

(*vi*) Red phosphorus is quite stable and its ignition temperature is quite high (543 K). It, therefore, does not catch fire easily.

(*vii*) Chemically it is less reactive than white phosphorus.

(*viii*) It is a bad conductor of electricity.

(*ix*) It burns with oxygen at 565 K to form phosphorus pentoxide.

$$P_4(s) + 5O_2(g) \longrightarrow P_4O_{10}(s)$$

Strike anywhere matches

The sulphide, P_4S_3 is used in ***strike anywhere matches***. The matches contain P_4S_3, $KClO_3$, fillers and gelatin as a binder. The frictional heat between the match stick and the sand paper on the side of the match box initiates a violent reaction between P_4S_3 and $KClO_3$. This generates sufficient heat which makes match stick to burst into flames.

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REMEMBER

- White P is most reactive form while
- Black P is the least reactive form.

(*x*) Being less reactive than white phosphorus, it reacts with halogens, sulphur and alkali metals only when heated forming their corresponding salts.

$$P_4 + 6Cl_2 \xrightarrow{Heat} 4PCl_3$$

$$P_4 + 10Cl_2 \xrightarrow{Heat} 4PCl_5$$

$$4P_4 + 3S_8 \xrightarrow{Heat} 8P_2S_3$$

$$P_4 + 12Na \xrightarrow{Heat} 4Na_3P$$

(*xi*) Red phosphorus does not react with caustic alkalies. This property is made use in separating red phosphorus from white phosphorus.

(*xii*) Red phosphorus can be converted into white phosphorus by boiling it in an inert atmosphere and then condensing the vapours of white phosphorus formed under water.

3. Black phosphorus. Black phosphorus has two forms; α-black phosphorus and β-black phosphorus, α-black phosphorus is formed by heating red phosphorus in a sealed tube at 803 K.

$$\text{Red phosphorus} \xrightarrow[\text{sealed tube}]{803\ K} \alpha\text{-Black phosphorus}$$

It can be sublimed in air and has opaque monoclinic or rhombohedral crystals.

β-Black phosphorus is obtained by heating white phosphorus at 473 K under very high pressure (4000–12000 atm) in an inert atmosphere.

$$\text{White phosphorus} \xrightarrow[4000\text{–}1200\ atm.\ pressure]{473\ K} \beta\text{-Black phosphorus}$$

It has a double layered crystal lattice. Each layer is made up of zig-zag chains with P—P—P bond angles of 99° (Fig. 12) and P—P bond distance of 218 pm . Since it is highly polymeric, therefore, it has high density.

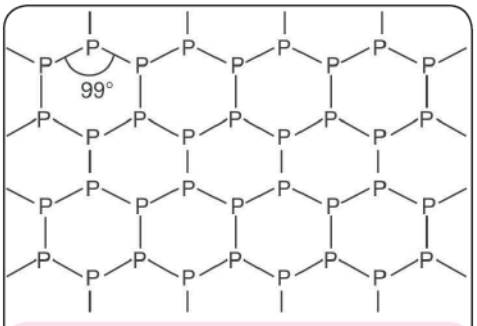


Fig. 12. Structure of black phosphorus.

The important characteristics of black phosphorus are :

(*i*) It has a black metallic lustre.

(*ii*) It has sharp melting point of 860 K. Its specific gravity is 2.69.

(*iii*) It has a highly polymeric layered structure and exists in three crystalline and one amorphous forms. Therefore, it has high density.

(*iv*) It is a moderate conductor of heat and electricity.

(*v*) It is thermodynamically the most stable and inactive form of phosphorus. It does not burn in air upto 673 K.

Thus, the three allotropes of phosphorus differ in their chemical reactivity. **White phosphorus is the most reactive form while black phosphorus is the least reactive form.** Therefore, white phosphorus is stored under water to protect it from air while red and black phosphorus are stable in air.

The main characteristics of three forms of phosphorus are summed up in Table 7.

Table 7. Some physical properties of three forms of phosphorus.

Properties	White phosphorus	Red phosphorus	Black phosphorus
Colour	White but turns yellow on exposure	Dark red	Black
State	Waxy solid	Brittle powder	Crystalline
Density	1.84 g cm^{-3}	2.1 g cm^{-3}	2.69 g cm^{-3}
Ignition temperature	307 K	543 K	673 K
Stability	Less stable at ordinary temperature	More stable at ordinary temperature	Most stable
Chemical reactivity	Very reactive	Less reactive	Least reactive

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PHOSPHINE

It is hydride of phophorus, PH_3.

Preparation

(*i*) **From phosphides.** By the action of water or dilute mineral acid on metallic phosphides (Ca_3P_2, AlP, etc.)

$$\underset{\text{Calcium phosphide}}{Ca_3P_2} + 6H_2O \longrightarrow 3Ca(OH)_2 + 2PH_3$$

$$\underset{\text{Calcium phosphide}}{Ca_3P_2} + 6HCl \longrightarrow 3CaCl_2 + 2PH_3$$

$$\underset{\substack{\text{Aluminium}\\\text{phosphide}}}{AlP} + 3HCl \longrightarrow AlCl_3 + PH_3$$

(*ii*) **From phosphorous acid.** Pure phosphine can be prepared by heating phosphorous acid at 478 – 483 K.

$$\underset{\text{Phosphorous acid}}{4H_3PO_3} \xrightarrow{478-483K} \underset{\text{Phosphoric acid}}{3H_3PO_4} + PH_3$$

(*iii*) **From phosphonium salts.** Pure phosphine can also be obtained by heating phosphonium iodide with caustic soda solution.

$$PH_4I + NaOH \longrightarrow NaI + H_2O + PH_3$$

Phosphonium iodide is obtained from phosphorus.

$$P_4 + 2I_2 + 8H_2O \longrightarrow 2PH_4I + 2HI + 2H_3PO_4$$

(*iv*) **Laboratory preparation.** Phosphine is prepared in the laboratory by heating white phosphorus with concentrated sodium hydroxide solution in an inert atmosphere of carbon dioxide or coal gas.

$$4P + 3NaOH + 3H_2O \longrightarrow \underset{\substack{\text{Sodium}\\\text{hypophosphite}}}{3NaH_2PO_2} + PH_3$$

It may be noted that pure phosphine is not inflammable but the gas may catch fire in air. This may be due to the presence of impurity of P_2H_4 which is spontaneously inflammable. Therefore, a current of carbon dioxide, coal gas is passed through the flask to displace air.

To get pure phosphine, the gas is passed through a U-tube placed in a freezing mixture. The liquid P_2H_4 gets condensed while PH_3 remains unaffected. Impure gas may also be purified by treating it with hydrogen iodide followed by heating with KOH solution.

$$PH_3 + HI \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Phosphonium iodide}}{PH_4I}$$

$$PH_4I + KOH \longrightarrow PH_3 + KI + H_2O$$

The impurity P_2H_4 may also be controlled by using alcoholic solution of potassium hydroxide in place of aqueous solution of caustic soda.

Structure

Like ammonia, phosphine has pyramidal structure. Phosphorus involves sp^3 hybridisation. Three bonds are formed by the overlap of sp^3 hybrid orbitals of phosphorus with 1*s*-orbital of hydrogen. One of the orbital is occupied by a lone pair of electrons. The HPH bond angle in PH_3 is 93.6° and P—H bond distance 142 pm.

PROPERTIES OF PHOSPHINE

Physical properties

(*i*) It is a colourless gas with unpleasant smell of rotten fish or garlic.

(*ii*) It is highly poisonous in nature.

(*iii*) It is heavier than air (vapour density = 17) and is slightly soluble in water.

Phosphatic Fertilizers

To increase the fertility of soil certain chemical compounds known as **fertilizers** are used. These provide the essential nutrients, potassium, nitrogen and phosphorus. The most important phosphatic fertilizer is superphosphate of lime $Ca(H_2PO_4)_2$. This is produced directly from phosphate rocks by treatment with H_2SO_4. This makes insoluble phosphate rock soluble in water to improve the release of phosphorus to the soil for uptake by plants.

$$Ca_3(PO_4)_2 + 2H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow Ca(H_2PO_4)_2 + 2CaSO_4$$

The phosphatic rock generally contains fluorides which react with H_2SO_4 to give HF which in turn forms other side products. The gaseous side products are removed by washing with water in a scrubber. About 90% of phosphate rock mined is used for the production of phosphatic fertilizers and the remaining 10% is used for the production of elemental phosphorus. Treatment of phosphate rock with phosphoric acid gives triple super phosphate, $Ca(H_2PO_4).H_2O$. It is free from calcium sulphate and therefore, contains larger percentage of phosphorus :

$$Ca_5(PO_4)_3F + 7H_3PO_4 + 5H_2O \longrightarrow 5Ca(H_2PO_4)_2.H_2O + HF$$

Phosphate Esters

Phosphate esters are important in life processes. The most important of these biomolecules are DNA, RNA, adenosine *mono*-, *di*- and *tri*-phosphates (AMP, ADP and ATP). These are discussed in Unit 14. These contains P-O-P links, the hydrolysis of these links releases energy which can be put to useful work.

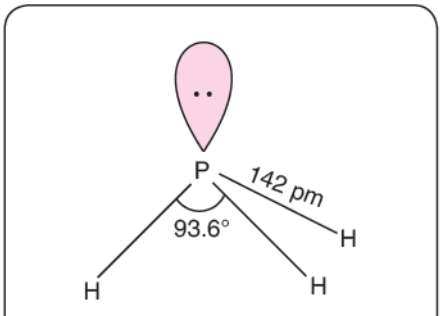


Fig. 13. Structure of phosphine

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(*iv*) On cooling to 185.5 K, phosphine condenses to a liquid and on cooling to 139.5 K, it solidifies.

(*v*) It is slightly soluble in water. The solution of PH_3 in water decomposes in presence of light giving red phosphorus and hydrogen.

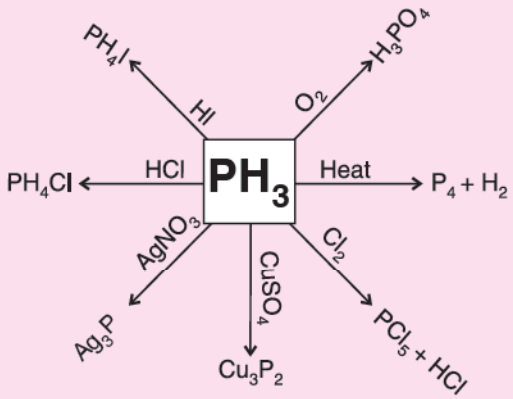
Chemical properties

1. Action towards litmus. It is feebly basic and reacts with halogen acids to form a phosphonium salt (basic nature).

$$PH_3 + HX \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Phosphonium halide}}{PH^+_4X^-} \qquad (X = Cl, Br, I)$$

e.g.
$$PH_3 + HCl \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Phosphonium chloride}}{PH_4Cl}$$
$$PH_3 + HBr \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Phosphonium bromide}}{PH_4Br}$$
$$PH_3 + HI \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Phosphonium iodide}}{PH_4I}$$

Summary of the chemical properties of phosphine



2. Combustibility. Pure phosphine is not combustible. But when heated to 423 K in air or oxygen, it burns forming phosphoric acid.

$$PH_3 + 2O_2 \xrightarrow{423\ K} H_3PO_4$$

3. Decomposition. By heating in the absence of air at 713 K or by passing an electric spark through it, phosphine breaks into its elements.

$$4PH_3 \xrightarrow[\text{absence of air}]{713\ K} P_4 + 6H_2$$

4. Action with chlorine. When heated in the atmosphere of chlorine, phosphine burns forming phosphorus trichloride (PCl_3) or pentachloride (PCl_5).

$$PH_3 + 3Cl_2 \longrightarrow PCl_3 + 3HCl$$
$$PH_3 + 4Cl_2 \longrightarrow PCl_5 + 3HCl$$

5. Action with nitrous oxide. When sparked with nitrous oxide, it reduces the latter to nitrogen.

$$PH_3 + 4N_2O \longrightarrow H_3PO_4 + 4N_2$$

6. Action with nitric oxide. Nitric oxide is reduced to nitrogen.

$$PH_3 + 4NO \longrightarrow H_3PO_4 + 2N_2$$

7. Precipitation reactions. When bubbled through certain metallic salt solutions, phosphides of the metals get precipitated.

$$\underset{\text{Copper sulphate}}{3CuSO_4} + 2PH_3 \longrightarrow \underset{\substack{\text{Cupric phosphide}\\ \text{(Black ppt.)}}}{Cu_3P_2} + 3H_2SO_4$$

$$\underset{\text{Mercuric chloride}}{3HgCl_2} + 2PH_3 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Mercuric phosphide}}{Hg_3P_2} + 6HCl$$

$$\underset{\text{Silver nitrate}}{3AgNO_3} + PH_3 \longrightarrow \underset{\substack{\text{Silver phosphide}\\ \text{(Black ppt.)}}}{Ag_3P} + 3HNO_3$$

Silver phosphide is converted to silver as follows :

$$Ag_3P + 3AgNO_3 + 3H_2O \longrightarrow 6Ag + 3HNO_3 + H_3PO_3$$

REMEMBER

Holme's signals give signals to ships in deep seas and oceans about danger points.

Uses of Phosphine

(*i*) It is used in preparing **Holme's signals** for the ships to know about the position of the rocks in the sea.

A mixture of calcium carbide and calcium phosphide is taken in a vessel. A hole is made in it and the vessel is immersed in the sea water near the rock. While calcium phosphide liberates phosphine and calcium carbide liberates acetylene.

$$Ca_3P_2 + 6H_2O \longrightarrow 3Ca(OH)_2 + 2PH_3$$
$$CaC_2 + 2H_2O \longrightarrow Ca(OH)_2 + C_2H_2$$

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Phosphine catches fire in air and lights up acetylene. This acts as a signal for the approaching ship.

(*ii*) It is used to prepare **Smoke screens** in warfare. **Calcium phosphide** reacts with water to form phosphine which burns in air to form P_4O_{10} which acts as a smoke screen.

Comparision between Phosphine and Ammonia

Both ammonia and phosphine are the hydrides of the **elements N** and **P** respectively which belong to the group 15 of the periodic table.

Thus, these hydrides are expected to have many common characteristics. But they differ also in some of the properties. The comparison between the properties of ammonia and phosphine is given below.

Property	Phosphine	Ammonia
Points of resemblence		
1. Colour	Colourless	Colourless
2. Decomposition by electric spark	Decomposes into elements	Decomposes into elements
3. Action with chlorine	Reacts violently to form PCl_5	Reacts with chlorine to form nitrogen trichloride
4. Actions with halogen acids	Forms phosphonium salts	Forms ammonium salts
5. Combustibility	Burns in air to form phosphoric acid	Burns in air to form nitrogen and water
Points of differences		
1. Smell	Unpleasant smell of rotten fish.	Characteristic ammoniacal smell.
2. Density	Heavier than air.	Lighter than air.
3. Solubility	Sparingly soluble in water.	Highly soluble in water.
4. Nature	Highly poisonous.	Non-poisonous.
5. Action towards	Neutral.	Basic.
6. Stability	Less stable.	More stable.
7. Stability of salts	Less stable.	More stable.

HALIDES OF PHOSPHORUS

Phosphorus forms two types of halides *i.e.*, phosphorus trihalides (covalency of P = 3) PX_3(X = F, Cl, Br, I) and phosphorus pentahalides PX_5(X = F, Cl, Br) (covalency of P = 5). With chlorine it forms :

1. Phosphorus trichloride

2. Phosphorus pentachloride.

1. Phosphorus trichloride, PCl_3

Preparation. It is prepared in the laboratory by passing dry chlorine gas over heated white phosphorus. The vapours of PCl_3 distil over and are collected in a receiver cooled by water.

$$P_4 + 6Cl_2 \longrightarrow 4PCl_3$$

The receiver has a calcium chloride tube attached to it which protects it from the reactions of outside moisture. It can be purified by distilling over white phosphorus to remove the excess of chlorine.

It can also be obtained by the reaction of thionyl chloride with white phosphorus

$$P_4 + \underset{\text{Thionyl chloride}}{8SOCl_2} \longrightarrow 4PCl_3 + 4SO_2 + 2S_2Cl_2$$

Structure

Phosphorus in PCl_3 undergoes sp^3 hybridisation. Three of the sp^3 hybrid orbitals overlap with *p*-orbitals of chlorine to form three P—Cl σ bonds while the fourth sp^3 hybrid orbital contains a lone pair of electrons. Therefore, like PH_3, PCl_3 has pyramidal structure as shown in Fig. 14. The Cl—P—Cl bond

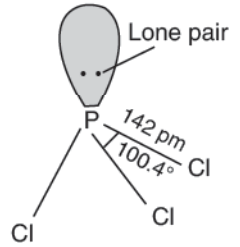


Fig. 14. Structure of phosphorus trichloride.

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angle in PCl_3 is 100.4° which is greater than HPH bond angle in PH_3(93.6°). This is due to stearic crowding of two large Cl atoms in comparison to H atoms. As expected the P—Cl bond is much larger (240 pm) than P—H bond (142 pm) because of larger size of Cl atom.

Properties of Phosphorus Trichloride

Physical Properties

(*i*) It is a colourless oily liquid fuming constantly is the moist air.
(*ii*) Its specific gravity is 1.6.
(*iii*) Its boiling point and freezing point values are 347 K and 161 K respectively.
(*iv*) It has a highly pungent smell.

Chemical properties

1. **Action with water.** It fumes in moist air and reacts with water violently to form phosphorous acid.

$$PCl_3 + 3H_2O \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Phosphorous acid}}{H_3PO_3} + 3HCl$$

2. **Action with atmospheric air or oxygen.** It slowly combines with dry oxygen to form phosphorus oxychloride.

$$2PCl_3 + O_2 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Phosphorous oxychloride}}{2POCl_3}$$

3. **Action with sulphur trioxide.** It reacts with sulphur trioxide to form phosphorus oxychloride.

$$PCl_3 + SO_3 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Phosphorus oxychloride}}{POCl_3} + SO_2$$

4. **Action with chlorine or sulphur.** It combines with chlorine or sulphur to form phosphorus pentachloride or thiophosphorus oxychloride.

$$PCl_3 + Cl_2 \longrightarrow PCl_5$$
$$PCl_3 + S \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Thiophosphorus oxychloride}}{PSCl_3}$$

5. **Action with sulphur monochloride, thionyl chloride and sulphuryl chloride.** It is readily oxidised to phosphorus (V) derivatives, PCl_5, $POCl_3$ and $PSCl_3$.

$$3PCl_3 + \underset{\text{Sulphur monochloride}}{S_2Cl_2} \longrightarrow PCl_5 + 2PSCl_3$$

$$3PCl_3 + \underset{\text{Thionyl chloride}}{SOCl_2} \longrightarrow POCl_3 + PSCl_3 + PCl_5$$

$$PCl_3 + \underset{\text{Sulphuryl chloride}}{SO_2Cl_2} \longrightarrow PCl_5 + SO_2$$

In these reactions, PCl_3 behaves as a reducing agent.

6. **Action with organic compounds.** It reacts with organic compounds containing —OH group such as acetic acid, ethyl alcohol, etc.
(*i*) With organic acid, it forms acid chlorides.

$$\underset{\text{Acetic acid}}{3CH_3COOH} + PCl_3 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Acetyl chloride}}{3CH_3COCl} + \underset{\text{Phosphorous acid}}{H_3PO_3}$$

(*ii*) With alcohols, it forms alkyl chlorides.

$$\underset{\text{Ethy alcohol}}{3C_2H_5OH} + PCl_3 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Ethyl chloride}}{3C_2H_5Cl} + \underset{\text{Phosphorous acid}}{H_3PO_3}$$

7. **Action with finely divided metals.** Finely divided metals react on heating to form metal chlorides.

$$12Ag + 4PCl_3 \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} 12AgCl + P_4$$

$$6Na + PCl_3 \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} 3NaCl + Na_3P$$

8. PCl_3 undergoes many substitution reactions and is main source of organophosphorus compounds.

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Uses

It is mainly employed in the organic chemistry as an important reagent to replace the hydroxyl group (–OH) by chlorine atom in organic reactions.

2. Phosphorus pentachloride, PCl_5

Preparation. Phosphorus pentachloride is prepared by the reaction of white phosphorus with excess of dry chlorine.

$$P_4 + 10Cl_2 \longrightarrow 4PCl_5$$
(Excess)

It can also be obtained by the reaction of dry chlorine on phosphorus trichloride.

$$PCl_3 + Cl_2 \longrightarrow PCl_5$$

Phosphorus pentachloride can also be prepared by the action of SO_2Cl_2 on phosphorus.

$$P_4 + 10SO_2Cl_2 \longrightarrow 4PCl_5 + 10SO_2$$

Structure

In PCl_5, phosphorus undergoes sp^3d hybridisation and has **trigonal bipyramidal structure** as shown in Fig. 15. It has three equatorial P—Cl bonds and two axial P—Cl bonds which are different. Therefore, all the five P—Cl bonds are not equal. The axial bonds are larger than equatorial bonds as :

P—Cl (axial) = 219 pm, P—Cl (equatorial) = 204 pm

It may be noted that in gaseous and liquid phases, PCl_5 has trigonal bipyramidal structure. However, in the solid state, it exists as an ionic solid $[PCl_4]^+ [PCl_6]^-$.

In this, the cation $[PCl_4]^+$ is tetrahedral and the anion $[PCl_6]^-$ is octahedral.

In solution, it exists either molecular or ionically dissociated depending on the nature of the solvent.

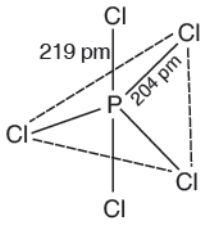


Fig. 15. Structure of PCl_5.

Properties of Phosphorus pentachloride, PCl_5

Physical

(*i*) It is a yellowish white powder having pungent smell.

(*ii*) It fumes in moist air due to its strong affinity for water.

(*iii*) On heating, it sublimes at 433 K and can be melted (m.p. 318 K) only by heating it under pressure.

Chemical properties

1. **Stability.** PCl_5 is thermally less stable than PCl_3. On heating it sublimes but decomposes on stronger heating into trichloride and chlorine.

$$PCl_5 \rightleftharpoons PCl_3 + Cl_2$$

2. **Action with water.** In moist air, it hydrolyses to $POCl_3$ and finally gets converted to phosphoric acid.

$$PCl_5 + H_2O \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Phosphorus oxychloride}}{POCl_3} + 2HCl$$

$$POCl_3 + 3H_2O \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Phosphoric acid}}{H_3PO_4} + 3HCl$$

3. **Action with compounds containing OH group.** It reacts with compounds containing hydroxyl groups (—OH) to give the corresponding chloro compounds in which each —OH group is replaced by a chlorine atom. For example,

(*i*) With organic acid

$$\underset{\text{Acetic acid}}{CH_3COOH} + PCl_5 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Acetyl chloride}}{CH_3COCl} + POCl_3 + HCl$$

(*ii*) With ethyl alcohol

$$\underset{\text{Ethyl alcohol}}{C_2H_5OH} + PCl_5 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Ethyl chloride}}{C_2H_5Cl} + POCl_3 + HCl$$

(*iii*) With sulphuric acid

$$\underset{\text{Sulphuric acid}}{HO—SO_2—OH} + 2PCl_5 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Sulphuryl chloride}}{ClSO_2Cl} + 2POCl_3 + 2HCl$$

4. **Reaction with phosphorus pentoxide and sulphur dioxide.** PCl_5 reacts with P_4O_{10} forming phosphorus oxychloride and with SO_2 forming phosphorus oxychloride and thionyl chloride.

$$6PCl_5 + P_4O_{10} \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Phosphorus oxychloride}}{10POCl_3}$$

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Pentahalides are thermally less stable than trihalides. For example, PCl_5 exists as molecules in the gaseous state but exists as $[PCl_4]^+ [PCl_6]^-$ in the crystalline state. PBr_5 and PI_5 also exist in the ionic forms as $[PBr_4]^+ Br^-$ and $[PI_4]^+I^-$ respectively in the solid state.

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$$PCl_5 + SO_2 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Phosphorus oxychloride}}{POCl_3} + \underset{\text{Thionyl chloride}}{SOCl_2}$$

5. **Reaction with phosphorus pentasulphide.** PCl_5 reacts with phosphorus pentasulphide to form phosphorus thiochloride.

$$6PCl_5 + \underset{\text{Phosphorus penta sulphide}}{P_4S_{10}} \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Phosphorus thiochloride}}{10PSCl_3}$$

6. **Reaction with metals.** PCl_5 reacts with finely divided metals on heating to give corresponding chlorides.

$$2Ag + PCl_5 \longrightarrow 2AgCl + PCl_3$$
$$Sn + 2PCl_5 \longrightarrow SnCl_4 + 2PCl_3$$

7. **Reaction with chloride ion acceptors.** PCl_5 forms addition products with chloride ion acceptors such as boron trichloride containing tetrahedral $[PCl_4]^+$ species.

$$PCl_5 + BCl_3 \longrightarrow [PCl_4]^+ [BCl_4]^-$$
$$PCl_5 + NbCl_4 \longrightarrow [PCl_4]^+ [NbCl_5]^-$$

8. **Reduction.** Phosphorus pentachloride is reduced with hydrogen to form PCl_3.

$$PCl_5 + 2H \longrightarrow PCl_3 + 2HCl$$

9. **Reaction with potassium fluoride.** With KF, PCl_5 forms potassium phosphorus hexafluoride, $K^+[PF_6]^-$.

$$PCl_5 + 6KF \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Potassium phosphorus hexafluoride}}{K^+[PF_6]^-} + 5KCl$$

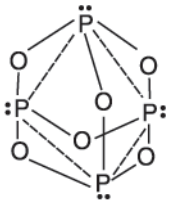


Fig. 16. Structure of P_4O_6.

Uses

It is extremely useful in organic reactions to replace a hydroxyl group (–OH) by chlorine atom such as for the synthesis of C_2H_5Cl, CH_3COCl, etc.

OXIDES OF PHOSPHORUS

Phosphorus forms two common oxides namely (*i*) *phosphorus trioxide* (P_4O_6) and (*ii*) *phosphorus pentaoxide* (P_4O_{10})

1. Phosphorus (III) oxide (P_4O_6)

Preparation

Phosphorus trioxide is formed when phosphorus is burnt in a limited supply of air.

$$P_4 + 3O_2 \text{ (limited)} \longrightarrow P_4O_6$$

Properties

(*i*) Phosphorus (III) oxide is a crystalline solid with garlic odour.

(*ii*) It is soluble in carbon disulphide, ether and chloroform.

(*iii*) **Heating in air.** On heating in air, it forms phosphorus pentaoxide.

$$P_4O_6 + 2O_2 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Phosphorus (V) oxide}}{P_4O_{10}}$$

(*iv*) **Action of water.** It dissolves in cold water to give phosphorous acid.

$$P_4O_6 + 6H_2O \xrightarrow[\text{(cold)}]{} \underset{\text{Orthophosphorous acid}}{4H_3PO_3}$$

It is, therefore, considered as **anhydride of phosphorous acid.**

With hot water, it gives phosphoric acid and inflammable phosphine.

$$P_4O_6 + 6H_2O \text{ (hot)} \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Phosphoric acid}}{3H_3PO_4} + PH_3$$

(*v*) **Action with chlorine.** It reacts vigorously with chlorine to form a mixture of phosphoryl chloride and metaphosphoryl chloride.

$$P_4O_6 + 4Cl_2 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Phosphoryl chloride}}{2POCl_3} + \underset{\text{Metaphosphoryl chloride}}{2PO_2Cl}$$

Phosphorus also forms phosphorus tetraoxide, P_4O_8. It is prepared from P_4O_6 as

$$4P_4O_6 \xrightarrow{440°C} 3P_4O_8 + \underset{\text{Red phosphorus}}{P_4}$$

It is a colourless solid.

Both P_4O_6 and P_4O_{10} are acidic oxides and they react with water to form aqueous solutions of phosphorous acid and phosphoric acid, respectively.

$$P_4O_6\,(s) + 6H_2O\,(l) \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Phosphorous acid}}{H_3PO_3\,(aq)}$$

$$P_4O_{10}\,(s) + 6H_2O\,(l) \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Phosphoric acid}}{H_3PO_4\,(aq)}$$

It readily reacts with water to give phosphorous acid (H_3PO_3) and phosphoric acid (H_3PO_4).

$$P_4O_8 + 6H_2O \longrightarrow \underset{\text{acid}}{2H_3PO_3} + \underset{\text{acid}}{2H_3PO_4}$$

Its structure is similar to P_4O_6 but in addition, two P atoms form coordinate bonds with their lone pairs of electrons to two O atoms. In P_4O_{10}, all the four P atoms form coordinate bonds.

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Structure. Each atom of phosphorus in P_4O_6 is present at the corner of a tetrahedron (just as P_4 units in elemental phosphorus). Each phosphorus atom is covalently bonded to three oxygen atoms and each oxygen atom is bonded to two phosphorus atoms. This is shown in Fig. 16. It is clear from the structure that the six oxygen atoms lie along the edges of the tetrahedron of P atoms.

2. Phosphorus (V) oxide (P_4O_{10})

Preparation

It is prepared by heating white phosphorus in excess of air.

$$P_4 + 5O_2 \text{ (excess)} \longrightarrow P_4O_{10}$$

Properties

(*i*) It is snowy white solid.

(*ii*) **Action with water.** It readily dissolves in cold water forming metaphosphoric acid

$$P_4O_{10} + 2H_2O \xrightarrow[\text{(cold)}]{} \underset{\text{Metaphosphoric acid}}{4HPO_3}$$

With hot water it gives phosphoric acid.

$$P_4O_{10} + 6H_2O \xrightarrow[\text{(hot)}]{} \underset{\text{Phosphoric acid}}{4H_3PO_4}$$

(*iii*) **Dehydrating nature.** Phosphorus pentaoxide has strong affinity for water and therefore, acts as a powerful dehydrating agent. It extracts water from many organic and inorganic compounds including sulphuric acid and nitric acid.

$$H_2SO_4 \xrightarrow[-H_2O]{P_4O_{10}} SO_3$$

$$2HNO_3 \xrightarrow[-H_2O]{P_4O_{10}} N_2O_5$$

$$\underset{\text{Perchloric acid}}{2HClO_4} \xrightarrow[-H_2O]{P_4O_{10}} \underset{\text{Chlorine (VII) oxide}}{Cl_2O_7}$$

$$\underset{\text{Acetamide}}{CH_3CONH_2} \xrightarrow[-H_2O]{P_4O_{10}} \underset{\text{Methyl cyanide}}{CH_3CN}$$

Structure. Its structure is similar to that of P_4O_6. In addition, each phosphorus atom forms a double bond with oxygen atom as shown in Fig. 17.

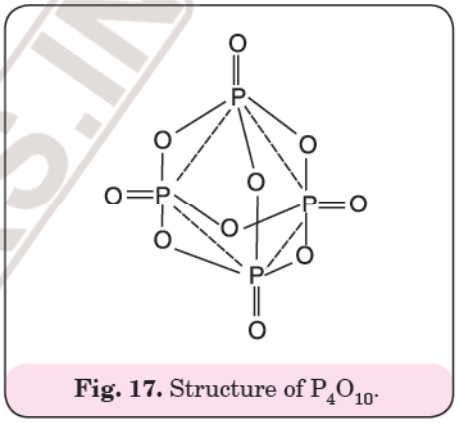


Fig. 17. Structure of P_4O_{10}.

OXOACIDS OF PHOSPHORUS

Phosphorus forms a number of oxoacids as given in Table 8.

Table 8. Oxoacids of phosphorus

Name	Formula	Oxidation state of P
Phosphinic acid (or Hypophosphorous acid)	H_3PO_2	+ 1
Phosphonic acid (or orthophosphorous acid or phosphorous acid)	H_3PO_3	+ 3
Pyrophosphorous acid	$H_4P_2O_5$	+ 3
Hypophosphoric acid	$H_4P_2O_6$	+ 4
Orthophosphoric acid (or phosphoric acid)	H_3PO_4	+ 5
Diphosphoric acid (Pyrophosphoric acid)	$H_4P_2O_7$	+ 5
Metaphosphoric acid	HPO_3	+ 5
Peroxophosphoric acid	H_3PO_5	+ 5

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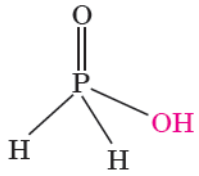
The P—OH group in oxoacids of phosphorus is ionisable and gives proton. Therefore, number of P—OH groups determines the basicity of the oxoacid.

Some important oxoacids of phosphorus are discussed below :

(*i*) Phosphinic acid or Hypophosphorous acid, H_3PO_2

Preparation. It is prepared by heating phosphorus with alkalies like barium hydroxide when precipitate of barium phosphate is formed. The precipitate is separated and heated with a calculated amount of sulphuric acid.

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Phosphinic acid
or Hypophosphorous acid
Basicity = 1

$$3Ba(OH)_2 + 2P_4 + 6H_2O \xrightarrow{Heat} 2PH_3 + \underset{ppt}{3Ba(H_2PO_2)_2}$$

$$Ba(H_2PO_2)_2 + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow BaSO_4 + 2H_3PO_2$$

Barium sulphate is separated by filtration and solution is concentrated when hypophosphorous acid separates out.

It has one P═O, one P—OH and two P—H bonds. Since it has only one P—OH bond, so it has only one ionizable hydrogen atom. Therefore, it behaves as **monobasic acid,** ionising as :

$$H_3PO_2 \rightleftharpoons H^+ + H_2PO_2^-$$

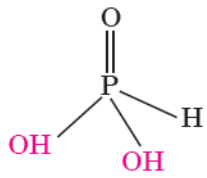
The other two hydrogen atoms directly bonded to P are not ionizable. Due to the presence of two P—H bonds, the acid as well as it salt behave as **strong reducing agents.** Therefore, it is used in organic chemistry to reduce arene diazonium salts to arenes.

On heating to 313 K it decompose to phosphine

$$3H_3PO_2 \xrightarrow{315K} \underset{\text{Phosphine}}{PH_3} + \underset{\text{Phosphorous acid}}{2H_3PO_3}$$

However, on heating above 333K, it decomposes to phosphoric acid and phosphine

$$2H_3PO_2 \xrightarrow{>333K} \underset{\text{Phosphoric acid}}{H_3PO_4} + \underset{\text{Phosphine}}{PH_3}$$



Phosphonic acid or
Orthophosphorous acid
Basicity = 2

(ii) Orthophosphorous acid or Phosphonic acid, H_3PO_3.

Preparation. It is prepared by the hydrolysis of phosphorus trichloride or trioxide.

$$PCl_3 + 3H_2O \longrightarrow H_3PO_3 + 3HCl$$

$$P_4O_6 + 6H_2O \longrightarrow 4H_3PO_3$$

It has one P═O, one P—H and two P—OH bonds. Since it has two P—OH bonds, so it has two ionisable H atoms. Therefore, it behaves as **dibasic** or **diprotic** :

$$H_3PO_3 \rightleftharpoons H^+ + H_2PO_3 \qquad K_{a_1} = 1 \times 10^{-2}$$

$$H_2PO_3^- \rightleftharpoons H^+ + HPO_3^{2-} \qquad K_{a_2} = 2 \times 10^{-7}$$

It gives two series of salts such as NaH_2PO_3 and Na_2HPO_3, known as sodium dihydrogen phosphite and disodium hydrogen phosphite respectively.

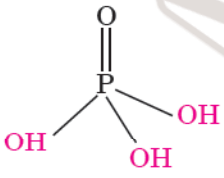
On heating it decomposes into phosphoric acid and phosphine :

$$4H_3PO_3 \xrightarrow{457\,K} 3H_3PO_4 + PH_3$$

It is readily oxidised by air in the presence of a catalyst iodine into phosphoric acid.

$$2H_3PO_3 + O_2 \xrightarrow{Iodine} 2H_3PO_4$$

It is a strong reducing agent.



Orthophosphoric
acid
Basicity = 3

(iii) Orthophosphoric acid, H_3PO_4

Preparation. It is prepared by adding phosphorus pentaoxide to water and boiling the solution.

$$P_4O_{10} + 6H_2O \longrightarrow 4H_3PO_4$$

A small amount of metaphosphoric acid may also be formed but it changes readily into phosphoric acid on boiling.

It can also be prepared by heating phosphorus with conc. HNO_3 or by dissolving PCl_5 in water

$$P_4 + 20HNO_3 \xrightarrow{Heat} 4H_3PO_4 + 20NO_2 + 4H_2O$$

$$PCl_5 + 4H_2O \xrightarrow{Heat} H_3PO_4 + 5HCl$$

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It has one P═O and three P—OH bonds. Since it has three P—OH bonds, so it has three ionisable H atoms. Therefore, it behaves as **tribasic** or **triprotic** and ionises in three stages :

$$H_3PO_4 \rightleftharpoons H^+ + H_2PO_4^- \qquad K_{a_1} = 7.5 \times 10^{-3}$$
$$H_2PO_4^- \rightleftharpoons H^+ + HPO_4^{2-} \qquad K_{a_2} = 6.2 \times 10^{-8}$$
$$HPO_4^{2-} \rightleftharpoons PO_4^{3-} \qquad K_{a_3} = 1.0 \times 10^{-13}$$

Therefore, it forms three series of salts such as NaH_2PO_4 (sodium dihydrogen phosphate), Na_2HPO_4 (disodium hydrogen phosphate) and Na_3PO_4 (sodium phosphate).

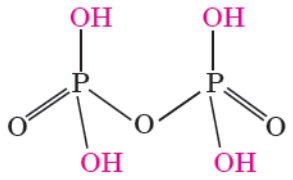
(*iv*) Pyrophosphoric acid, $H_4P_2O_7$

It contains phosphorus in +5 oxidation state.

Preparation. It is prepared by heating orthophosphoric acid to 523K.

$$2H_3PO_4 \xrightarrow{523\ K} \underset{\text{Pyrophosphoric acid}}{H_4P_2O_7} + H_2O$$

The acid is formed by the loss of a molecule of water from two molecules of phosphoric acid and has the structure :



It contains four P—OH bonds, two P═O bonds and one P—O—P bond. Since it contains four OH groups, it is **tetrabasic.** It dissolves in water to form orthophosphoric acid.

$$H_4P_2O_7 + H_2O \xrightarrow{Heat} \underset{\text{Orthophosphoric acid}}{2H_3PO_4}$$

Upon strong heating, it decomposes to form meta phosphoric acid

$$H_4P_2O_7 \xrightarrow{873\ K} \underset{\text{Metaphosphoric acid}}{2HPO_3} + H_2O$$

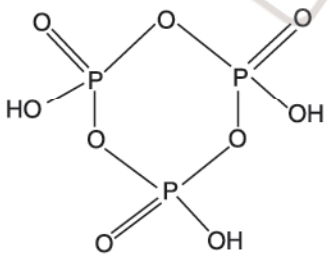
(*v*) Metaphosphoric acid, HPO_3

It has one P—OH bond and therefore, exists as monobasic.

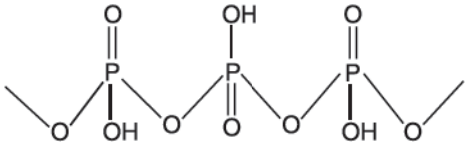
Preparation. It is prepared by heating orthophosphoric acid to 525 K.

$$\underset{\text{Orthophosphoric acid}}{H_3PO_4} \xrightarrow{525\ K} \underset{\text{Metaphosphoric acid}}{HPO_3} + H_2O$$

However, it may be noted that metaphosphoric acid does not exist as simple monomer, rather it exists as cyclometaphosphoric acid or polymetaphosphoric acid.



Trimetaphosphoric acid
$(HPO_3)_3$



Polymetaphosphoric acid
$(HPO_3)_n$

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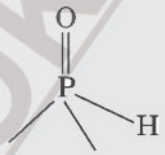
The ***basic structural and characteristic features*** of these phosphorus oxoacids are :

(*i*) All these acids contain phosphorus atom or atoms bonded tetrahedrally to four other atoms or groups.

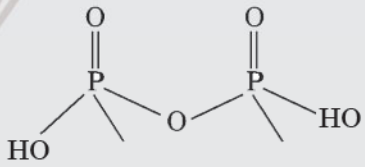
(*ii*) These contain at least one P═O unit and one P—OH group. The P—OH group is ionizable giving proton. The number of P—OH groups determines the basicity of the oxoacid.



(*iii*) Some oxoacids have one (or more) P—H groups and this bond is non-ionisable.



(*iv*) Some oxoacids have P—O—P or P—P bonds obtained by corner sharing of tetrahedra.



(*v*) Peroxo acids have P—O—O—H or P—O—O—P linkages.

(*vi*) The oxoacids in which P has lower oxidation state (less than +5) contain in addition to P—OH and P═O bonds, either P—P (e.g., in $H_4P_2O_6$) or P—H (e.g., in H_3PO_2) bonds but not both. These oxoacids in +3 oxidation state of P tend to disproportionate to higher and lower oxidation states. For example, ortho phosphorous acid (or phosphorous acid) on heating disproportionates to give ortho phosphoric acid (P = +5) and phosphine, PH_3 (P = –3).

$$\underset{\text{Orthophosphorous acid}}{\overset{+3}{4H_3PO_3}} \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Orthophosphoric acid}}{\overset{+5}{3H_3PO_4}} + \underset{\text{Phosphine}}{\overset{-3}{PH_3}}$$

(*vii*) Acids which contain P—H bonds have strong reducing properties. For example, hypophosphorous acid is a good reducing agent because it contains two P—H bonds and therefore, reduces $AgNO_3$ to metallic silver.

$$4AgNO_3 + 2H_2O + H_3PO_2 \longrightarrow H_3PO_4 + 4Ag + 4HNO_3$$

It is used in organic chemistry to reduce arene diazonium salts to arenes.

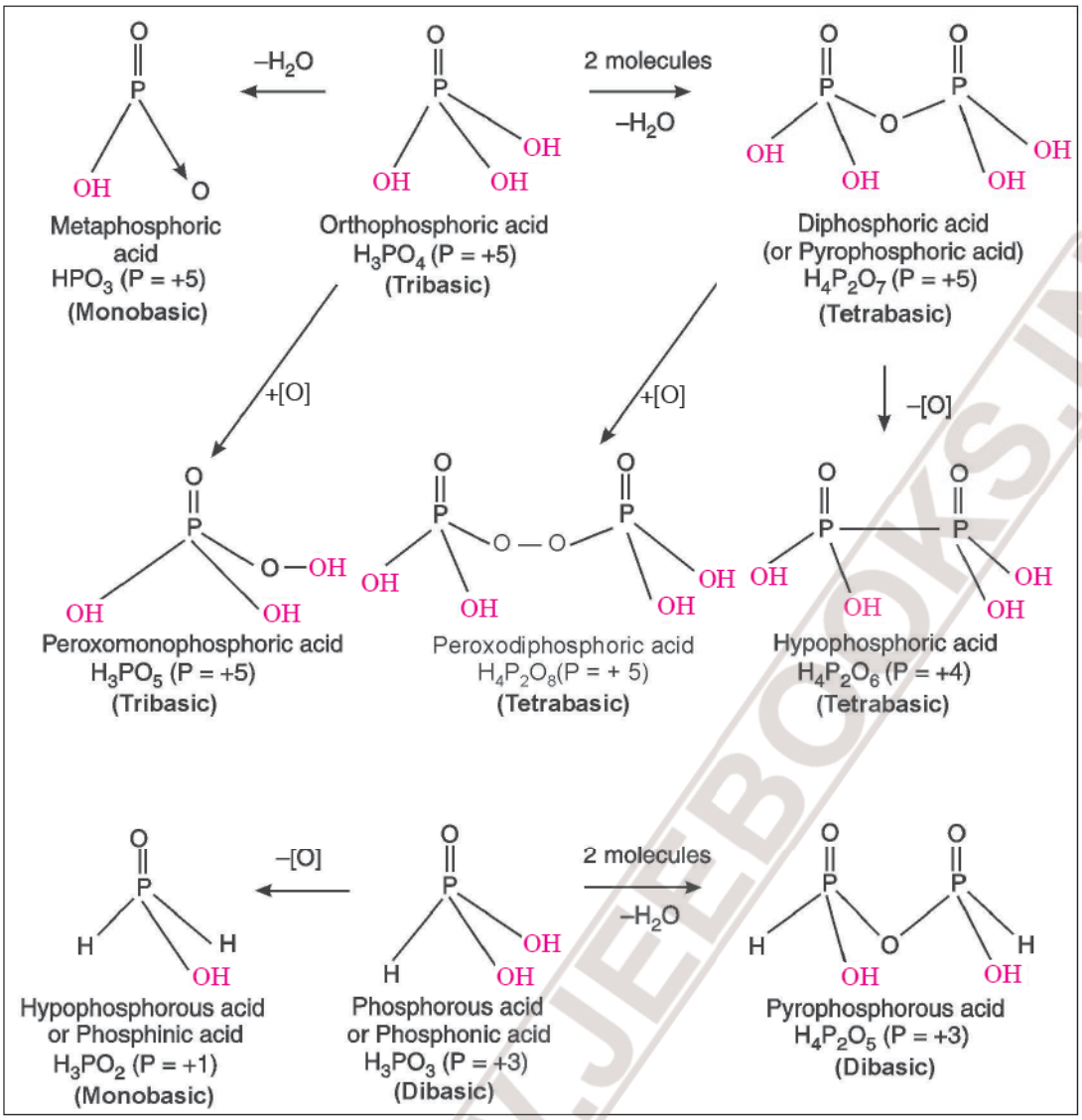
$$\underset{\text{Benzene diazonium chloride}}{C_6H_5N_2Cl} + H_3PO_2 + H_2O \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Benzene}}{C_6H_6} + H_3PO_3 + N_2 + HCl$$

REMEMBER

Peroxomonophosphoric acid (H_3PO_5) and peroxodiphosphoric acid ($H_4P_2O_8$) contain –O–O– linkages.

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The structures of different oxoacids of phosphorus are given below :



The formulae of oxyacids of P can be **remembered** as :

The prefix

- *meta acid* is used for the acid obtained by the loss of one water molecule.
- *pyroacid* is used for the acid obtained by heating two molecules with loss of one water molecule.
- '*hypo*' is generally used for the acid having lower oxygen content than the parent acid.

The main oxoacids of phosphorus acid are summed up below :

SUM UP

Oxoacid	Formula	Characteristic bonds	Method of preparation
Hypophosphorous or Phosphinic	H_3PO_2	One P—OH Two P—H One P=O	$P_4 + 4OH^- + 4H_2O \xrightarrow[NaOH/Ca(OH)_2]{Warm} 4H_2PO_2^- + 2H_2$
Orthophosphorus or Phosphonic	H_3PO_3	Two P—OH One P—H One P=O	$P_4O_6 + 6H_2O \longrightarrow 4H_3PO_3$ $PCl_3 + 3H_2O \longrightarrow H_3PO_3 + 3HCl$
Pyrophosphorus	$H_4P_2O_5$	Two P—OH Two P—H Two P=O One P—O—P	$PCl_3 + 2H_3PO_3 \longrightarrow H_4P_2O_5 + POCl_3$

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Hypophosphoric	$H_4P_2O_6$	Four P—OH Two P═O One P—P	$2P + 2NaClO_2 + 8H_2O \longrightarrow Na_2H_2P_2O_6.6H_2O + 2HCl$ Sod. salt of hypophosphoric acid
Orthophosphoric	H_3PO_4	Three P—OH One P═O	$P_4O_{10} + 6H_2O \longrightarrow 4H_3PO_4$ $P_4 + 20HNO_3 \xrightarrow{Heat} 4H_3PO_4 + 20NO_2 + 4H_2O$ $PCl_5 + 4H_2O \xrightarrow{Heat} H_3PO_4 + 5HCl$
Pyrophosphoric	$H_4P_2O_7$	Four P—OH Two P═O One P—O—P	$2H_3PO_4 \xrightarrow{525\ K} H_4P_2O_7 + H_2O$
Metaphosphoric	HPO_3	Three P—OH Three P═O Three P—O—P for $(HPO_3)_3$	$H_3PO_4 \xrightarrow{525\ K} HPO_3 + H_2O$

SOLVED EXAMPLES

Example 15.

In what way it can be proved that PH_3 is basic in nature. **N.C.E.R.T.**

Solution : PH_3 reacts with acids like HI to form phosphonium iodide, PH_4I.

$$PH_3 + HI \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Phosphonium iodide}}{PH_4I}$$

This shows that PH_3 is basic in nature. This basic nature of PH_3 is due to the presence of lone pair on phosphorus atom and therefore, it acts as a Lewis base.

Example 16.

Write the disproportionation reaction of H_3PO_3. (*Assam S.B. 2013*)

Solution : On heating H_3PO_3 disproportionates to give phosphoric acid and phosphine.

$$4H_3PO_3 \longrightarrow 3H_3PO_4 + PH_3$$

Example 17.

Write balanced equations for the following reactions :

(*a*) $P_4 + NaOH + H_2O \longrightarrow$ (*D.S.B. 2009, Tripura S.B. 2016, Assam S.B. 2016*) (*Assam S.B. 2013*)

(*b*) $As_4 + Cl_2(excess) \longrightarrow$

(*c*) $P_4O_{10} + H_2O \longrightarrow$

(*d*) $Ca_3P_2 + H_2O \longrightarrow$ (*D.S.B. 2008, 2014*)

(*e*) $POCl_3 + H_2O \longrightarrow$

(*f*) $HgCl_2 + PH_3 \longrightarrow$ (*A.I.S.B. 2010*)

(*g*) $Ag + PCl_5 \longrightarrow$ (*A.I.S.B. 2014*)

Solution :

(*a*) $P_4 + 3NaOH + 3H_2O \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Phosphine}}{PH_3} + 3NaH_2PO_2$

(*b*) $As_4 + 10Cl_2 \longrightarrow 4AsCl_5$

(*c*) $P_4O_{10} + 6H_2O \longrightarrow 4H_3PO_4$

(*d*) $Ca_3P_2 + 6H_2O \longrightarrow 2PH_3 + 3Ca(OH)_2$

(*e*) $POCl_3 + 3H_2O \longrightarrow H_3PO_4 + 3HCl$

(*f*) $3HgCl_2 + 2PH_3 \longrightarrow Hg_3P_2 + 6HCl$

(*g*) $2Ag + PCl_5 \longrightarrow 2AgCl + PCl_3$

Example 18.

Why does PCl_3 fume in moisture ? **N.C.E.R.T.** (*Hr.S.B. 2015, 2017, Kerala S.B. 2016*)

Solution : PCl_3 gets hydrolysed in the presence of moisture and gives fumes of HCl.

$$PCl_3 + 3H_2O \longrightarrow H_3PO_3 + 3HCl$$

Example 19.

Calculate the volume of 0.1 M NaOH solution required to neutralize the solution produced by dissolving 1.1 g of P_4O_6 in water.

Solution : P_4O_6 reacts with water to form phosphorous acid (H_3PO_3) as :

$$P_4O_6 + 6H_2O \longrightarrow 4H_3PO_3 \quad ...(i)$$

H_3PO_3 is dibasic and it neutralizes with NaOH as :

$$H_3PO_3 + 2NaOH \longrightarrow Na_2HPO_3 + 2H_2O \quad ...(ii)$$

Multiply eqn. (*ii*) by 4 and add to eqn. (*i*) :

$$\underset{}{P_4O_6} + \underset{4\times31+6\times16 \\ = 220\ g}{8NaOH} \longrightarrow \underset{8(23+16+1) \\ = 320\ g}{4Na_2HPO_3} + 2H_2O$$

Now 220 g of P_4O_6 require NaOH = 320 g

1.1 g of P_4O_6 will require NaOH for neutralization

$$= \frac{320}{220} \times 1.1 = 1.6\ g$$

Wt. of NaOH present in 1000 mL of 0.1 M NaOH = 4 g

$\therefore$ 4g of 0.1 M NaOH is present in = 1000 mL

$\therefore$ 1.6 g of 0.1 M NaOH is present in

$$= \frac{1000 \times 1.6}{4} = \mathbf{400\ mL}$$

Vol. of 0.1 M NaOH required = **400 mL.**

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❑ Example 20.

All the five bonds in PCl_5 are not equivalent. Justify.

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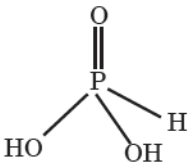
Solution : PCl_5 has trigonal bipyramidal structure in which there are three P—Cl equatorial bonds and two P—Cl axial bonds. The two axial bonds are being repelled by three bond pairs at 90° while the three equatorial bonds are being repelled by two bond pairs at 90°. Therefore, axial bonds are repelled more by bond pairs than equatorial bonds and hence are larger (219 pm) than equatorial bonds (204 pm).

❑ Example 21.

H_3PO_3 is diprotic acid. Explain.

(Hr.S.B. 2005, H.P.S.B. 2015, Pb.S.B. 2013, 2017)

Solution : H_3PO_3 has three H atoms and therefore, it is expected to be tribasic. However, in its structure, two hydrogen atoms are joined through oxygen atoms and are ionisable. The third H atom is linked to P and is non-ionisable.



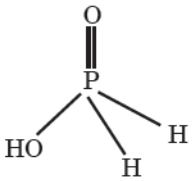
$$H_3PO_3 \rightleftharpoons HPO_3^{2-} + 2H^+$$

❑ Example 22.

How do you account for the reducing behaviour of H_3PO_2 on the basis of its structure.

N.C.E.R.T. *(Assam S.B. 2016)*

Solution : H_3PO_2 has one P==O, one P—OH and two P—H bonds as.



Since two H atoms are bonded directly to P atom which impart reducing character to the acid.

❑ Example 23.

What happens when white phosphorus is heated with concentrated NaOH solution in an inert atmosphere of CO_2 ? **N.C.E.R.T.**

Solution : Phosphine is formed.

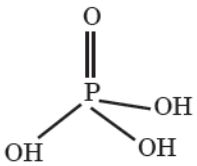
$$P_4 + 3NaOH + 3H_2O \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} \underset{\text{Phosphine}}{PH_3} + \underset{\text{Sodium hypophosphite}}{3NaH_2PO_2}$$

❑ Example 24.

What is the basicity of H_3PO_4?

N.C.E.R.T. *(A.I.S.B. 2014, H.P.S.B. 2017)*

Solution : H_3PO_4 contains three P–OH bonds and therefore, its basicity is three.



❑ Example 25.

What happens when

(i) $(NH_4)_2Cr_2O_7$ is heated?

(ii) PCl_5 is heated? *(H.P.S.B. 2015)*

(iii) H_3PO_3 is heated? Write the equations involved. *(A.I.S.B. 2015, D.S.B. 2008, 2013, 2017)*

Solution :

(i) On heating $(NH_4)_2Cr_2O_7$, nitrogen gas is evolved.

$$(NH_4)_2Cr_2O_7 \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} Cr_2O_3 + N_2 + 4H_2O$$

(ii) On heating, PCl_5 first sublimes and then decomposes on strong heating :

$$PCl_5 \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} PCl_3 + Cl_2$$

(iii) On heating, H_3PO_3 disproportionates to give orthophosphoric acid and phosphine.

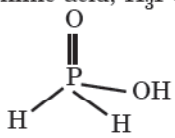
$$\overset{+3}{4H_3PO_3} \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Orthophosphoric acid}}{\overset{+5}{3H_3PO_4}} + \underset{\text{Phosphine}}{\overset{-3}{PH_3}}$$

❑ Example 26.

(i) Draw the structure of phosphinic acid (H_3PO_2).

(ii) Write a chemical reaction for its use as reducing agent. *(C.B.S.E. Sample Paper 2011)*

Solution : *(i)* Phosphinic acid, H_3PO_2.



(ii) H_3PO_2 reduces Ag^+ ion to Ag which shows its reducing nature.

$$H_3PO_2 + 4AgNO_3 + 2H_2O \longrightarrow 4Ag + 4HNO_3 + H_3PO_4$$

❑ Example 27.

(a) Suggest a quantitative method for estimation of the gas which protects us from U.V. rays of the sun.

(b) Nitrogen oxides emitted from the exhaust system of supersonic jet aeroplanes slowly deplete the concentration of ozone layer in upper atmosphere. Comment.

(C.B.S.E. Sample Paper 2011)

Solution : *(a)* The gas which protects us from U.V. rays of the sun is ozone. It reacts with I^- ions to give iodine as :

$$O_3 + 2I^- + H_2O \longrightarrow O_2 + I_2 + 2OH^-$$

I_2 liberated is titrated against sodium thiosulphate solution and amount of O_3 can be estimated.

(b) The release of nitrogen oxides (NO_x) into stratosphere by the exhaust system of supersonic jet aeroplanes deplete the concentration of O_3 because NO reacts with O_3 to give O_2.

$$NO\ (g) + O_3\ (g) \longrightarrow NO_2\ (g) + O_2\ (g)$$

Therefore, NO is slowly depleting the concentration of ozone.

❑ Example 28.

NCl_3 is readily hydrolysed while NF_3 does not. Explain.

Solution : In NCl_3, Cl has vacant *d*-orbitals to accept the lone pair of electrons donated by oxygen atom of H_2O molecules. But in NF_3, F does not have vacant *d*-orbitals. Therefore, NCl_3 undergoes hydrolysis but NF_3 does not.

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$NCl_3 + 3H_2O \longrightarrow NH_3 + 3HOCl$

$NF_3 + H_2O \longrightarrow$ No reaction

❑ **Example 29.**

Among the hydrides of Group 15 elements, which have the

(a) lowest boiling point?

(b) maximum basic character?

(c) highest bond angle?

(d) maximum reducing character? *(A.I.S.B. 2018)*

Solution : (*a*) PH_3

(*b*) NH_3

(*c*) NH_3

(*d*) BiH_3

Practice Problems

13. Give one example each of oxyacid of P having the oxidation state

(*i*) +4 (*ii*) +3

14. What is the chemical formula of laughing gas ? How is it prepared ?

15. Among the hydrides of group 15, predict the hydride having

(*i*) most basic character (*ii*) highest thermal stability

(*iii*) lowest boiling point (*iv*) strongest reducing agent.

16. Name the oxide of nitrogen obtained in the following reactions :

(*i*) $Pb(NO_3)_2 \xrightarrow[673\ K]{Heat}$

(*ii*) $NH_4NO_3 \xrightarrow{Heat}$

(*iii*) $N_2O_4 + NO \xrightarrow{250\ K}$

17. What is the oxidation state of phosphorus in the following :

(*i*) H_3PO_3 (*ii*) PCl_3

(*iii*) Ca_3P_2 (*iv*) Na_3PO_4

(*v*) POF_3

18. Which of the following has maximum P—OH bonds ?

(*i*) Orthophosphoric acid

(*ii*) Pyrophorous acid

(*iii*) Pyrophosphoric acid

19. Name the oxoacid of P which

(*i*) exists as polymeric

(*ii*) has basicity two

20. Name three oxoacids of P having oxidation state of P as +5.

Answers to Practice Problems

13. (*i*) Hypophosphoric
(*ii*) Phosphorus acid

14. N_2O.

15. (*i*) NH_3 (*ii*) NH_3 (*iii*) PH_3 (*iv*) BiH_3.

16. (*i*) Nitrogen dioxide
(*ii*) Nitrous oxide
(*iii*) Dinitrogen trioxide.

17. (*i*) +3 (*ii*) +3 (*iii*) –3 (*iv*) +5 (*v*) +5.

18. (*iii*)

19. (*i*) Metaphosphoric acid
(*ii*) Phosphonic acid

20. orthophosphoric acid, metaphosphoric acid, pyrophosphoric acid

add on Conceptual Questions 1

Q.1. Draw the structure of P_4O_{10} and identify the number of single and double P–O bonds.

Ans. *See text.* Double bonds = 4, single bonds = 12.

Q.2. Nitric oxide becomes brown when released in air.

Ans. When nitric oxide, NO is released in air, it becomes brown due to the formation of NO_2 (nitrogen dioxide), which is a brown gas.

$$2NO\,(g) + O_2\,(g) \longrightarrow \underset{\text{(Brown)}}{2NO_2\,(g)}$$

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Q.3. Solid PCl_5 is ionic in nature. ***(A.I.S.B. 2016)***

Ans. PCl_5 is ionic in the solid state because it exists as $[PCl_4]^+$ $[PCl_6]^-$ in which the cation is tetrahedral and anion is octahedral.

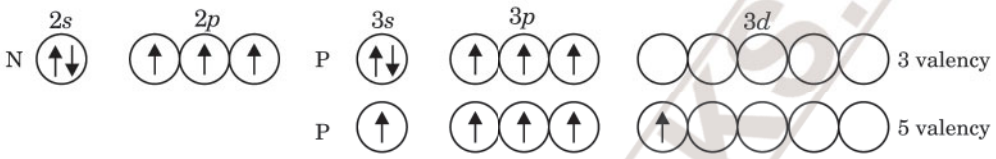
Q.4. Concentrated nitric acid turns yellow on exposure to sunlight. Why ?

Ans. On exposure to sunlight, nitric acid decomposes into NO_2, O_2 and H_2O. The presence of NO_2 in the partially decomposed nitric acid gives it yellow colour.

$$4HNO_3\,(l) \longrightarrow 4NO_2(g) + O_2\,(g) + 2H_2O\,(l)$$

Q.5. Why does not nitrogen form pentahalides like phosphorus ?

Ans. Nitrogen does not have vacant *d*-orbitals in its valence shell. Therefore, it cannot extend its valency beyond 3. Therefore, it can form maximum of four bonds and cannot form pentahalides. On the other hand, phosphorus has vacant 3*d*-orbitals in the valence shell and therefore, one electron can be easily promoted from valence 3*s*-orbital to vacant 3*d*-orbital. Thus, it can exhibit pentavalency in its compounds.



Q.6. Determine the oxidation number of nitrogen in *(i)* N_2O *(ii)* NO_2 *(iii)* HNO_3 *(iv)* NH_3.

Ans. *(i)* N_2O : + 1 *(ii)* NO_2 : + 4 *(iii)* HNO_3 : + 5 *(iv)* NH_3 : − 3

Q.7. How is pyrophosphoric acid related to orthophosphoric acid?

Ans. Pyrophosphoric acid ($H_4P_2O_7$) is the anhydride of orthophosphoric acid (H_3PO_4) and is obtained by the removal of a molecule of water from two molecules of H_3PO_4 as shown below:

$$\underset{\text{Orthophosphoric acid}}{2H_3PO_4} \xrightarrow{527\ K} \underset{\text{Pyrophosphoric acid}}{H_4P_2O_7} + H_2O$$

Q.8. N_2O supports combustion more vigorously than air. Explain.

Ans. N_2O decomposes to give O_2 which is about 1/3 of the volume of gases produced ($2N_2 + O_2$).

$$2N_2O \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} 2N_2 + O_2$$

On the other hand, air contains 1/5th part of O_2 of its volume. Due to larger content of O_2, N_2O supports combustion more vigorously than air.

Q.9. On being slowly passed through water, PH_3 forms bubbles but NH_3 dissolves. Why?

Ans. N—H bond in ammonia is more polar than P—H bond in phosphine. Therefore, NH_3 forms hydrogen bonds with water molecules and hence dissolves in it. On the other hand, PH_3 does not dissolve and hence forms bubbles.

Q.10. Write the reaction of thermal decomposition of sodium azide.

Ans. Thermal decomposition of sodium azide gives nitrogen gas.

$$\underset{\text{Sodium azide}}{2NaN_3} \longrightarrow 2Na + 3N_2$$

Q.11. Phosphoric acid has high viscosity and high melting point. Why ?

Ans. Phosphoric acid has a tendency to form hydrogen bonding in concentrated solutions. Therefore, it has high viscosity and is a syrupy liquid and has high boiling point.

Q.12. PCl_5 exists as $[PCl_6]^-$ $[PCl_4]^+$ but PBr_5 exists as $[PBr_4]^+$ $[Br]^-$. Explain.

Ans. Both PCl_5 and PBr_5 have trigonal bipyramidal geometry. This is not a regular structure and is not very stable. Therefore, PCl_5 splits up into more stable octahedral and tetrahedral structures, which are stable than trigonal bipyramidal.

$$PCl_5 \rightleftharpoons [PCl_6]^-\,[PCl_4]^+$$

On the other hand, PBr_5 splits up into stable tetrahedral structure as

$$[PBr_5] \rightleftharpoons [PBr_4]^+\,[Br]^-$$

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This splitting is different from PCl_5 because Br atoms are large and six atoms of Br cannot be easily accommodated around smaller P atom.

Q.13. PCl_5 is known but PI_5 is not known. Why ?

Ans. Due to small size of Cl atom, five Cl atoms can be accommodated around P atom. But I is of large size and therefore, five I atoms cannot be accommodated around P atom. As a result, P–I bonds are weak and prefer to form PI_3 rather than PI_5. Therefore, PI_5 is unstable.

Q.14. Write the structural difference between white P and red P. ***(D.S.B. 2014)***

Ans. White P consists of P_4 units in which four P atoms lie at the corners of a regular tetrahedron with $\angle PPP = 60°$.

Red P also consists of P_4 tetrahedra units but it has polymeric structure consisting of P_4 tetrahedra linked together by covalent bonds.

Q.15. What is liquid nitrogen used for ?

Ans. Liquid nitrogen is used as a refrigerant to preserve biological specimens. It is also used to provide low temperature.

Q.16. Why does iron become passive when dipped in conc. HNO_3 ?

Ans. Iron becomes passive when dipped in conc. HNO_3 due to the formation of a thin protective layer of the metal oxide on its surface. This protective layer corresponds to ferrosoferric oxide, $FeO.Fe_2O_3$ and prevents further action of the metal.

Q.17. What is calcium cyanamide ? Why is it used as a fertilizer ?

Ans. Calcium cyanamide is $CaCN_2$. It reacts with water to form ammonia.

$$CaCN_2 + 3H_2O \longrightarrow CaCO_3 + 2NH_3$$

So, it can provide nitrogen nutrient to the soil and plants. Therefore, it is used as a fertilizer under the name **nitrolim** ($CaCN_2 + C$).

Q.18. In the ring test of nitrates, what chemical compound is formed ?

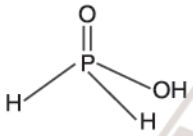
Ans. $[Fe(H_2O)_5\,NO]SO_4$.

Q.19. What is azote ?

Ans. Azote is the name given to nitrogen by Lavoisier.

Q.20. What is the basicity of H_3PO_2 acid and why ? ***(A.I.S.B. 2012)***

Ans. H_3PO_2 has the structure :



It has only one ionisable hydrogen and therefore, its basicity is one.

Q.21. Write down the balanced chemical equation representing action of HNO_3 on sulphur and iodine.

Ans. (*i*) Action of HNO_3 on S

$$\frac{1}{8}S_8(s) + 6HNO_3 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Sulphuric acid}}{H_2SO_4} + 6NO_2 + 2H_2O$$

(*ii*) Action of HNO_3 on I

$$I_2(s) + 10HNO_3 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Iodic acid}}{2HIO_3} + 10NO_2 + 4H_2O$$

Q.22. Give examples of oxide of nitrogen

(*a*) blue liquid below 253 K **(*b*) known as laughing gas**

(*c*) brown gas **(*d*) colourless gas having oxidation state of N equal to 5**

(*e*) prepared by heating lead nitrate.

Ans. (*a*) N_2O_3 (*b*) N_2O (*c*) NO_2 (*d*) N_2O_5 (*e*) NO_2.

Q.23. How would you prepare a sample of deuterated ammonia, ND_3 ?

Ans. It is prepared by the action of heavy water on magnesium nitride.

$$Mg_3N_2 + 6D_2O \longrightarrow 3Mg(OD)_2 + \underset{\text{Deuterated ammonia}}{2ND_3}$$

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Q.25. Name the promoter used in Haber's process. ***(C.B.S.E. Sample Paper 2017-18)***

Ans. Molybdenum.

Q.26. Which one of PCl_4^+ and PCl_4^- is not likely to exist and why ? ***(D.S.B. 2012)***

Ans. PCl_4^- is not likely to exist because lone pair on P in PCl_3 can be donated to Cl^+ and not to Cl^-.

Q.27. Which is a stronger reducing agent, SbH_3 or BiH_3 and why ? ***(A.I.S.B. 2012)***

Ans. BiH_3 is a stronger reducing agent than SbH_3. This is because BiH_3 is less stable than SbH_3 because of larger size of Bi than Sb.

Q.28. NF_3 is an exothermic compound whereas NCl_3 is not. Explain. ***(A.I.S.B. 2011, 2012)***

Ans. NF_3 is an exothermic compound while NCl_3 is not because :

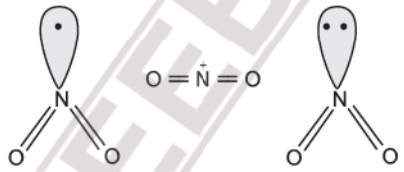
(*i*) The bond dissociation enthalpy of F_2 is lower than that of Cl_2.

(*ii*) Size of F is small as compared to Cl and therefore F forms stronger bonds with nitrogen releasing large amount of energy.

Therefore, overall energy is released during the formation of NF_3 and energy is absorbed during the formation of NCl_3.

Q.29. The bond angles (O—N—O) are not of the same value in NO_2^- and NO_2^+. ***(D.S.B. 2012)***

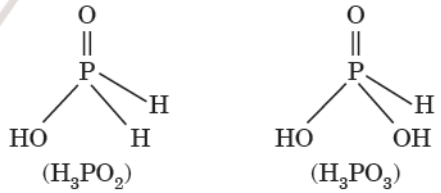
Ans. In NO_2 there is one electron on N. Therefore, in NO_2^+, there is no electron on N atom and there is a lone pair of electrons on N atom in NO_2^-.



NO_2^+ is linear and has bond angle of 180°. Because of repulsions by a lone air of electrons in NO_2^-, the molecule has angular shape and bond angle has been found to be 115°. Hence, the bond angles in NO_2^+ and NO_2^- are different.

Q.30. H_3PO_2 is a stronger reducing agent than H_3PO_3. ***(A.I.S.B. 2014, 2016)***

Ans. The reducing character of the acid is due to H atoms bonded directly to P atom. In H_3PO_2, there are two P–H bonds whereas in H_3PO_3, there is one P–H bond. Therefore, H_3PO_2 is a stronger reducing agent than H_3PO_3.



(H_3PO_2) (H_3PO_3)

Q.31. Bi(V) is a stronger oxidizing agent than Sb(V). ***(D.S.B. 2014)***

Ans. On moving down the group, the stability of +5 oxidation state decreases while the stability of +3 oxidation state increases due to inert pair effect. Therefore, +5 oxidation state of Bi is less stable than +5 oxidation state of Sb. Thus, Bi(V) is a stronger oxidising agent than Sb(V).

Q.32. N—N single bond is weaker than P—P single bond. ***(D.S.B. 2014)***

Ans. N—N single bond is weaker than P—P single bond because of high interelectronic repulsions of non-bonding electrons due to small bond length.

Q.33. What happens when orthophosphorous acid is heated? ***(C.B.S.E Sample Paper 2017-18)***

Ans. Phosphoric acid and phosphine are formed.

$$4H_3PO_3 \xrightarrow[475\ K]{\text{Heat}} 3H_3PO_4 + PH_3$$

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GROUP 16
O Oxygen
S Sulphur
Se Selenium
Te Tellurium
Po Polonium

- **Oxygen** is most abundant of all elements.
- **Sulphur** is 16th most abundant element.

GROUP 16 ELEMENTS

The elements *oxygen* (O), *sulphur* (S), *selenium* (Se), *tellurium* (Te) and *polonium* (Po) constitute group 16 elements of the periodic table. These are named as *oxygen family* after the name of the first member of the group. The first four elements of this group are collectively known as **chalcogens** (meaning ore forming elements) *because many metal ores occur as oxides and sulphides.* The name is derived from the Greek word for brass and indicates the association of sulphur and its congeners with copper. Most copper minerals contain either oxygen or sulphur and frequently the other members of the group.

All these are non-metallic in character. The metallic character increases down the group. The last element of the family, polonium has metallic character.

OCCURRENCE

Oxygen is the most abundant of all the elements. It occurs in free form as O_2 and makes up 20.946% by volume of the atmosphere. Most of it has been produced by the photosynthesis, in which the green colouring matter of plants, chlorophyll, absorbs energy from the sun and converts carbon dioxide and water of the atmosphere into glucose and dioxygen.

$$6CO_2 + 6H_2O \xrightarrow[\text{Sunlight}]{\text{Chlorophyll}} \underset{\text{Glucose}}{C_6H_{12}O_6} + 6O_2$$

Oxygen makes up 46.6% by mass of the earth's crust and is the major constituent of silicate minerals. As water, it comprises 89% by mass of the oceans. Oxygen occurs as ozone (O_3), an allotrope of oxygen in the upper atmosphere and is of great importance.

Sulphur is the *sixteenth most abundant element* and constitutes 0.03–0.1% by mass of the earth's crust. It occurs in the combined form as sulphide ores and sulphate ores. The common sulphide minerals are *galena* PbS, *zinc blende* ZnS, copper pyrites $CuFeS_2$ and sulphate minerals are *gypsum* $CaSO_4.2H_2O$, *epsom salt* $MgSO_4.7H_2O$, *baryte* $BaSO_4$, etc. Native sulphur can be obtained from volcanic sources in many places. It can also be present as H_2S in natural gas and crude oil and organo sulphur compounds in tar sands, oil shales and coal. Organic materials such as eggs, proteins, garlic, onion, mustard, hair and wool also contain sulphur.

The other elements are comparatively rare. **Selenium and tellurium** occur as metal selenides and tellurides in sulphide ores. Selenium and tellurium are found in *anode mud* or the anode slime deposited during the electrolytic refining of copper. **Polonium** is found only in traces (0.001 ppm) in the earth's crust.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF GROUP 16 ELEMENTS

A. Electronic Configurations

The elements of this group have six electrons in the outermost shell and have the general electronic configuration as $\boldsymbol{ns^2np^4}$. The electronic configurations of these elements are given in Table 9.

Table 9. Electronic configurations of group 16 elements.

Element	Atomic No.	Electronic configuration
Oxygen, O	8	[He] $\mathbf{2s^2 2p^4}$
Sulphur, S	16	[Ne] $\mathbf{3s^2\ 3p^4}$
Selenium, Se	34	[Ar] $3d^{10}\ \mathbf{4s^2\ 4p^4}$
Tellurium, Te	52	[Kr] $4d^{10}\ \mathbf{5s^2\ 5p^4}$
Polonium, Po	84	[Xe] $4f^{14}\ 5d^{10}\ \mathbf{6s^2\ 6p^4}$

B. Atomic and Physical Properties

The important physical properties of the elements of group 16 are recorded in Table 10. The general trends in characteristic properties are discussed ahead :

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Table 10. Some physical properties of the elements of group 16.

Property	Oxygen	Sulphur	Selenium	Tellurium	Polonium
Atomic number	8	16	34	52	84
Atomic mass	16.0	32.06	78.96	127.60	210.0
Covalent radius (pm)	66	104	117	137	146
Ionic (E^{2-}) radius, (pm)	140	180	198	221	231
Ionisation enthalpy (kJ mol^{-1}) I	1314	1000	941	869	813
Ionisation enthalpy (kJ mol^{-1}) II	3388	2251	2045	1790	—
Electronegativity	3.50	2.44	2.48	2.01	1.76
Electron gain enthalpy (kJ mol^{-1})	– 141.4	– 208.8	– 195.5	– 190.0	– 174
Melting point (K)	55	393	490	725	520
Boiling point (K)	90	718	958	1260	1235
Oxidation state	–2, –1, +1 +2	–2, + 2, + 4, + 6	–2, + 2, + 4, + 6	–2, + 2, + 4, + 6	+ 2, + 4
Density (in solid state (g cm^{-3})	1.32 (at m.pt)	2.06 (rhombic sulphur)	4.19 (hexagonal grey form)	6.25	9.4

1. Atomic and ionic radii. *The atomic and ionic radii of the elements of this group are smaller than those of the corresponding elements of group 15. The atomic and ionic radii of elements of group 16, as expected, increase on going down the group.*

Explanation. The comparatively smaller atomic and ionic radii of group 16 elements compared to group 15 elements are due to the increased effective nuclear charge of group 16 elements. As a result, there is greater attraction of the electrons by the nucleus and hence radii are less. The increase in the radii of group 16 elements down the group is due to the increase in the number of electron shells.

Atomic radius (pm)	Ionic radius (pm)
O 66	O^{2-} 140
S 104	S^{2-} 180
Se 117	Se^{2-} 198
Te 137	Te^{2-} 221
Po 146	Po^{2-} 231

2. Ionisation enthalpies. *The ionisation enthalpies of the elements of oxygen family are less than those of nitrogen family. As we move down the group from oxygen to polonium, the ionisation enthalpy decreases.*

Explanation. We expect that the ionisation enthalpy of oxygen should be more than that of N (group 15 element) because of decrease in size. However, oxygen has unexpectedly low ionisation enthalpy than N. This is due to the reason that nitrogen has completely half filled orbitals and the configuration is stable because half filled and completely filled configurations have extra stability. But the configuration of O is less stable and therefore, has less ionisation enthalpy.

N(Z = 7) : $1s^2\ 2s^2\ 2p_x^1\ 2p_y^1\ 2p_z^1$ (half filled, stable)

O(Z = 8) : $1s^2\ 2s^2\ 2p_x^2\ 2p_y^1\ 2p_z^1$ (less stable)

However, it may be noted that the second ionisation enthalpies (IE_2) of the members of group 16 are higher than those of group 15. This is because after the removal of first electron, the second electron has to be removed from a more symmetrical half filled configuration ($2s^2 2p_x^1 2p^1_y 2p_z^1$) which is more stable.

	N	O	
IE_1(kJ mol^{-1})	1402	1314	$IE_1(O) < IE_1(N)$
IE_2	2856	3388	$IE_2(N) < IE_2(O)$

$\Delta_i H_2$ (kJ mol^{-1})
O 3388
S 2251
Se 2045
Te 1790
Po –

As we move down a group there is increase in nuclear charge. But at the same time, the atomic size as well as the number of inner electrons which shield the valence electrons from the nucleus increase. The overall effect of increase in atomic size and the shielding effect is much more than the effect of increase in, nuclear charge. Consequently, the outermost electron is less and less tightly held by the nucleus as we move down the group and hence ionisation energy decreases.

3. Melting and boiling points. *The melting and boiling points increase with the increase in atomic number as we go down the group.*

Explanation. When we move down the group, the molecular size increases. As a result, the magnitude of the van der Waals forces also increases with increase in atomic number and therefore melting point also increases. The melting point of polonium is, however, lower.

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Electronegativity
O 3.50
S 2.44
Se 2.48
Te 2.01
Po 1.76

Electron gain enthalpy ($kJ\ mol^{-1}$)
O –141
S –208
Se –195
Te –190
Po –174

NOTE

The S—S bond is very important in biological systems and occurs in many proteins and enzymes.

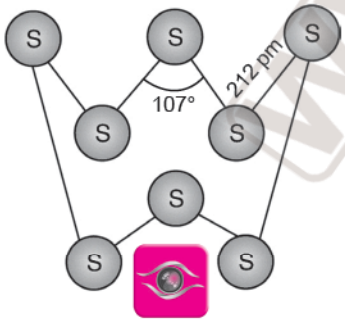


Fig. 18. Puckered ring structure of S_8 molecule.

4. Electronegativity. The elements of group 16 have higher values of electronegativity than the corresponding elements of group 15 in the same periods. **Oxygen is the second most electronegative element, the first being fluorine**. The *electronegativity decreases on going down the group.* The decrease in electronegativity down the group is due to increase in size of the atoms.

5. Metallic and non-metallic character. The first four elements namely oxygen, sulphur, selenium and tellurium are non-metals. The non-metallic character is stronger in O and S and weaker in Se and Te. On the other hand, last element is markedly metallic. However, it is radioactive and is only short-lived.

6. Electron gain enthalpy. The elements of this family have high negative electron gain enthalpies. The values decrease down the group from sulphur to polonium. ***Oxygen, unexpectedly has low negative electron gain enthalpy.*** This is attributed to the small size of oxygen atom so that its electron cloud is distributed over a small region of space and therefore, it repels the incoming electron. Thus, the electron gain enthalpy of oxygen is unexpectedly less negative in the family.

7. Catenation. *Catenation is the tendency of an atom to form bonds with identical atoms.* In this group, only sulphur has a strong tendency for catenation. Oxygen also shows this tendency to a limited extent.

The greater tendency of sulphur for catenation than oxygen is because of stronger S—S bonds as compared to O—O bonds. Because of small size, the lone pairs of electrons on the oxygen atom repel the bond pair of O—O bond to a larger extent than the lone pairs of electrons on the sulphur atom in S—S bond. Therefore, S—S bond is much stronger (213 $kJ\ mol^{-1}$) than O—O bond (138 $kJ\ mol^{-1}$) and hence sulphur has a stronger tendency for catenation than oxygen. For example, chains of sulphur are present in **polysulphides** H—S_n—H, **polysulphuric acids**, HO_3S—S_n—SO_3H and in different allotropic forms of sulphur. Similarly, oxygen forms polyoxides such as H_2O_2, H—O—O—H.

The catenation tendency decreases on moving down the group from S to Po. This is because the size of the atom increases down the group from S to Po, the strength of element-element bond decreases and therefore, tendency for catenation decreases.

8. Elemental state. Oxygen exists as diatomic molecule. Under normal conditions, oxygen exists as a gas. In oxygen molecule, there is $p\pi$–$p\pi$ overlap between two oxygen atoms forming double bond, O = O. The intermolecular forces in oxygen are weak van der Waal's forces and therefore, oxygen exists as a gas. On the other hand, the other elements of family do not form stable $p\pi$–$p\pi$ bonds and do not exist as M_2 molecules. The other atoms are linked by single bonds and form polyatomic complex molecules. For example, sulphur and selenium molecules have eight atoms per molecule (S_8 and Se_8) and have *puckered ring* structure. The *puckered ring structure* of sulphur is shown in Fig. 18.

9. Allotropy. All the elements of the group exhibit allotropy. For example,

- **Oxygen** exists as O_2 and O_3 (ozone).
- **Sulphur** exists in a number of allotropic forms of which yellow ortho-rhombic, α- and β-monoclinic forms are the most important. All these allotropic forms of sulphur are non-metallic.
- **Selenium** exists in eight allotropic forms, of which three are red monoclinic forms containing Se_8 rings. The thermodynamically stable form is **grey-hexagonal** 'metallic' selenium which consists of polymeric helical chains. The element exists as common amorphous black selenium. The grey selenium is the only allotrope of selenium which conducts electricity.
- **Tellurium** has only one crystalline form having chain structure similar to that of grey selenium.
- **Polonium** has two forms namely α-form and β-form, both are metallic in nature.

C. Oxidation States

All the elements of this group have ns^2np^4 configuration in their outermost shell. The atoms of these elements try to gain or share two electrons to achieve noble gas configuration. Therefore, these elements show two types of oxidation states.

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(*i*) **Negative oxidation states.** Oxygen has a very high value of electronegativity, it tends to achieve noble gas configuration preferably by gaining electrons. Thus, oxygen exhibits oxidation state of –2 in its compounds. However, there are a few exceptions in which the oxidation state of oxygen is not –2. For example, the oxidation state of oxygen in OF_2 is +2, and in O_2F_2 it is +1 while in H_2O_2 it is –1 and zero in O_2 and O_3.

Exceptional oxidation states of oxygen

- OF_2 ⟶ +2
- O_2F_2 ⟶ +1
- H_2O_2 ⟶ –1
- O_2 or O_3 ⟶ 0

Since the electronegativites of these elements decrease as we move down the group, the tendency of these elements to show –2 oxidation state decreases down the group from S to Po. The least electronegative element, polonium hardly shows –2 oxidation state.

(*ii*) **Positive oxidation states.** Oxygen does not show positive oxidation states except in OF_2 and O_2F_2.

Unlike oxygen, other elements also show oxidation state of +2, +4 and +6 due to the promotion of electrons to vacant *d*-orbitals.

For example, in the ground state, sulphur has only two unpaired electrons and can form two bonds. This accounts for +2 oxidation state of S. If one of the paired electron of *p*-orbital is promoted to *d*-orbital, there are four unpaired electrons available for bonding. Therefore, S can show +4 oxidation state. On further excitation, one of the 3*s* electron is promoted to vacant *d*-orbital and this makes available 6 unpaired electrons. This accounts for oxidation state of +6. These are illustrated below :

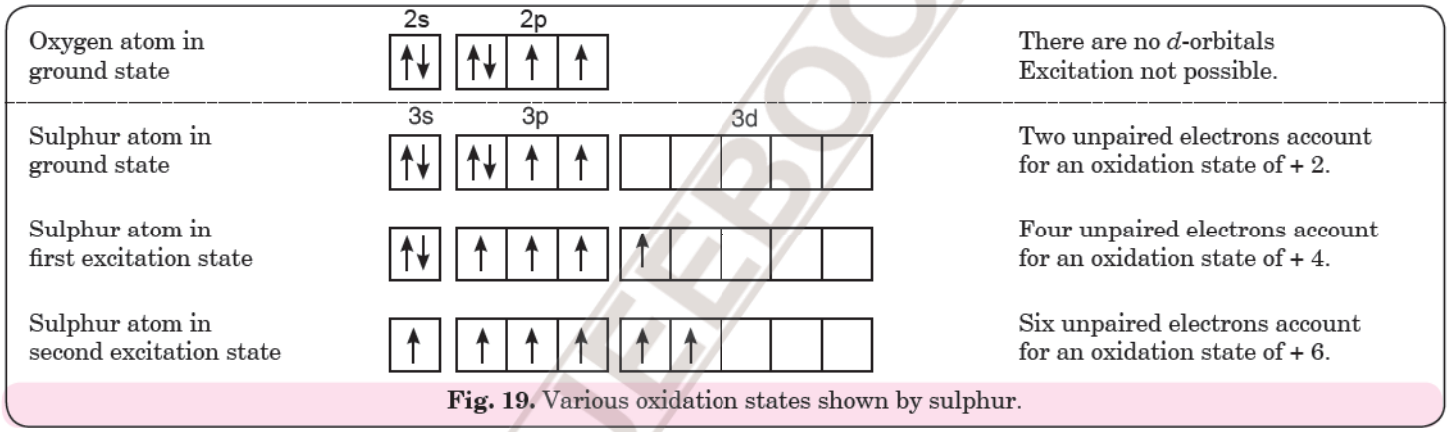


Fig. 19. Various oxidation states shown by sulphur.

Compounds of S, Se and Te with O are typically tetravalent (+4 oxidation state). These +4 compounds show both oxidizing and reducing properties. Fluorine brings about the maximum oxidation state of +6 in its compounds. Compounds in +6 oxidation state show only oxidising properties. The higher oxidation state becomes less stable in going down the group. These compounds are covalent and hence are typically volatile.

CHEMICAL PROPERTIES: TRENDS IN CHEMICAL REACTIVITY

Like other members of *p*-block elements present in the second period, oxygen shows anomalous behaviour. This is due to its small size, high electronegativity, high ionisation enthalpy and absence of *d*-orbitals in its valence shell. The typical effect of small size and high electronegativity is the presence of strong hydrogen bonding in water (H_2O) which is not present in H_2S and other hydrides of group 16 elements.

Reactivity decreases as :
O > S > Se > Te

Due to the absence of *d*-orbitals in oxygen, its covalency is limited to four and in practice, rarely exceeds two. However, in case of other elements, the valence shell can be expanded using vacant *d*-orbitals and hence covalence exceeds four.

Both oxygen and sulphur are very reactive and the reactivity decreases as O > S > Se > Te. Oxygen is very reactive and reacts with almost all the elements. Its reactivity is only slightly less than the most reactive elements, halogens. Inspite of high bond dissociation enthalpy of O_2 (493.4 kJ mol^{-1}), the reactions of oxygen are highly exothermic. Once initiated, these reactions continue spontaneously (combustion) or even explosively.

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Let us discuss some chemical trends in the reativity of elements.

1. Reactivity with hydrogen (formation of hydrides)

All the elements of group 16 form hydrides of the type H_2E (where E = O, S, Se, Te, Po). For example, H_2O, H_2S, H_2Se, H_2Te and H_2Po.

The hydrides of S, Se and Te are prepared by the action of acids on metal sulphides, selenides and tellurides respectively. H_2S is prepared in the laboratory with the Kipps apparatus by the action of dilute sulphuric acid on FeS.

$$FeS\ (s) + 2H_3O^+\ (aq) \longrightarrow Fe^{2+}\ (aq) + H_2S(g) + 2H_2O\ (l)$$

Water is a colourless, odourless liquid while hydrides of the other elements of this group are colourless, bad smelling, poisonous gases.

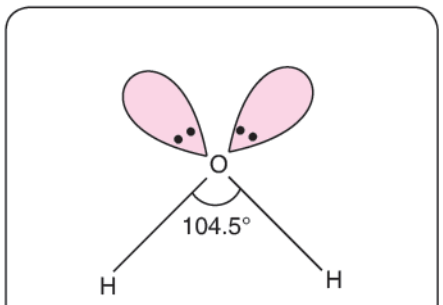


Fig. 20. Structure of water.

Structure. All these hydrides have *angular structure* which involves sp^3 hybridisation of the central atom. For example, the structure of water is shown in Fig. 20 in which there are two bond pairs and two lone pairs. Due to the presence of lone pairs, the bond angle in H_2O is less than the normal tetrahderal angle. It has been found to be 104.5°. As we go down the group, the bond angle in the hydrides decreases as

H_2O	H_2S	H_2Se	H_2Te
104.5°	92.1°	91°	90°

Explanation. As we move down the group from O to Te, the size of the central atom goes on increasing and its electronegativity goes on decreasing. Consequently, the position of bond pairs of electrons shifts more and more away from the central atom in moving from H_2O to H_2Te. For example, the bond pair in O— H bond is closer to oxygen than the bond pair in S— H bond. As a result, the force of repulsion between the bonded pairs of electrons in H_2O is more than in H_2S. In general, the force of repulsion between the bonded pairs of electrons decreases as we move from H_2O to H_2Te and therefore, the bond angle decreases in the same order as :

$$H_2O > H_2S > H_2Se > H_2Te$$

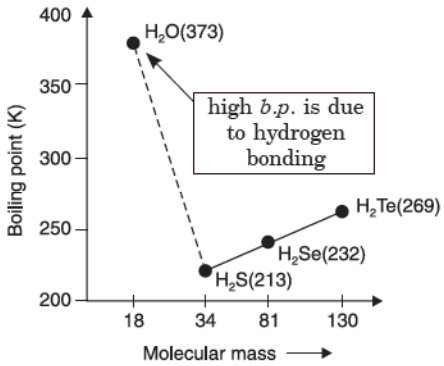


Fig. 21. Plot of boiling points of the hydrides of group 16 elements.

Trends in characteristics :

***(i)* Volatility** : All the hydrides are volatile. The volatility increases from H_2O to H_2S and then decreases. This is clear from their boiling points as given below:

H_2O	H_2S	H_2Se	H_2Te
373 K	213 K	232 K	269 K

Thus, the trend of **volatility** is

$$H_2O < H_2S > H_2Se > H_2Te$$

Explanation. *The high boiling point and therefore low volatility of water is due to the association of H_2O molecules through hydrogen bonding.* However, hydrogen bonding is not present in other hydrides. The intermolecular forces between the hydrides (except H_2O) are van der Waal's forces. These forces increase with increase in molecular size and therefore, boiling points increase on moving from H_2S to H_2Se.

***(ii)* Acidic character.** The hydrides of this group are weakly acidic in character. For example, H_2S behaves as weak diprotic acid ionising as :

$$H_2S \rightleftharpoons H^+ + HS^-$$
$$HS^- \rightleftharpoons H^+ + S^{2-}$$

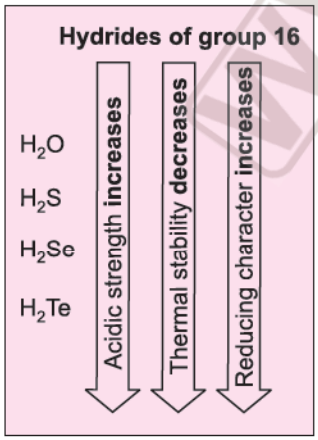
The acidic character increases from H_2O to H_2Te as :

$H_2O < H_2S < H_2Se < H_2Te$

Explanation. The increasing acidic strength of the hydride is evident from their dissociation constant (K_a) values.

Hydrides	H_2O	H_2S	H_2Se	H_2Te
K_a	1.0×10^{-14}	1.3×10^{-7}	1.3×10^{-4}	2.3×10^{-2}

The increase in acidic character from H_2S to H_2Te can be explained on the basis of size of the central atom. As the size of the central atom increases in the order O < S < Se < Te, the distance between the central atom and hydrogen



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also increases. As a result of increase in bond length, the bond dissociation enthalpy decreases and bond cleavage becomes more and more easy. Therefore, the acidic strength of the hydrides increases down the group.

***(iii)* Thermal stability.** The thermal stability of the hydrides decreases from H_2O to H_2Te as :

$$H_2O > H_2S > H_2Se > H_2Te.$$

Explanation. On going down the group, the size of the central atom increases and therefore, its tendency to form stable covalent bond with hydrogen decreases. As a result, the M—H bond becomes weak and therefore, thermal stability decreases.

***(iv)* Reducing character.** All the hydrides except water are reducing agents. The reducing power of these hydrides increases from H_2O to H_2Te.

$$H_2O < H_2S < H_2Se < H_2Te.$$

This is due to the decrease in thermal stability of the hydrides. Greater the unstability of the hydride, the greater is its reducing character.

The important physical properties of hydrides of group 16 are summed up in Table 11.

Table 11. Some physical properties of hydrides of Group 16 elements.

Property	H_2O	H_2S	H_2Se	H_2Te
m.p. (K)	273	188	208	222
b.p. (K)	373	213	232	269
M–H distance (pm)	96	134	146	169
HMH angle	104.5°	92.1°	91°	90°
$\Delta_f H^{\ominus}$ (kJ mol^{-1})	–286	20	73	100
E(M–H) (kJ mol^{-1})	463	347	276	238
Dissociation constant				
$H_2E \rightleftharpoons (H^+ + HE^-)$ (K_1)	1.0×10^{-14}	1.3×10^{-7}	1.3×10^{-4}	2.3×10^{-3}
$HE^- \rightleftharpoons (H^+ + E^{2-})$ (K_2)	–	7.1×10^{-15}	1.0×10^{-11}	1.6×10^{-11}

Other hydrides

Oxygen and, to a greater extent, sulphur differ from the remaining elements in their tendency to form polyoxides and polysulphides, which are less stable than normal salts. The two common examples are H_2O_2 and H_2S_2. However, these two differ considerably from each other. H_2O_2 is fairly stable whereas H_2S_2 is unstable and decomposes readily to give sulphur and hydrogen sulphide. The decomposition is accelerated by the presence of hydroxyl ions.

$$H_2S_2 \longrightarrow H_2S + S$$

H_2O_2 is a strong oxidising agent but H_2S_2 is not. H_2O_2 forms highly associated molecules because of hydrogen bonding while H_2S_2 forms discrete molecules. Both H_2O_2 and H_2S_2 have similar skew structure. The structure of H_2O_2 in gaseous phase is shown in Fig. 22.

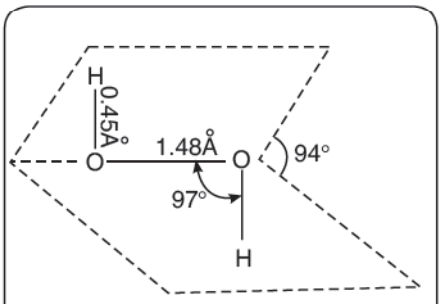


Fig. 22. Structure of hydrogen peroxide.

Sulphur forms a few hydrogen polysulphides called **sulphanes**. Some of these are :

H_2S_2	Hydrogen disulphide	H—S—S—H
H_2S_3	Hydrogen trisulphide	H—S—S—S—H
H_2S_5	Hydrogen pentasulphide	H—S—S—S—S—S—H

2. Reactivity with oxygen (formation of oxides).

All the elements of group 16 form two main oxides EO_2 and EO_3 (E = S, Se, Te or Po). In addition, they form other oxides as given in Table 12.

Table 12. Oxides of group 16 elements

Oxide	S	Se	Te	Po
Monoxides	SO		TeO	PoO
Dioxides	SO_2	SeO_2	TeO_2	PoO_2
Trioxides	SO_3	SeO_3	TeO_3	
Heptoxides	S_2O_7	—	—	—
Other oxides	S_2O, S_2O_3, SO_4	—	—	—

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Oxides of sulphur are more stable than the corresponding oxides of other elements. For example, SO_2 and SO_3 are more stable than the corresponding dioxides and trioxides of other elements. Heptoxide is only formed by sulphur.

(*i*) **Monoxides.** All elements except selenium form monoxides. Sulphur monoxide is formed by heating a mixture of sulphur dioxide and sulphur under reduced pressure at 425–475 K.

$$SO_2 + S \xrightarrow{425-475\ K} 2SO$$

It can also be prepared by the action of silver on thionyl chloride

$$SOCl_2 + 2Ag \longrightarrow SO + 2AgCl$$

Thionyl chloride

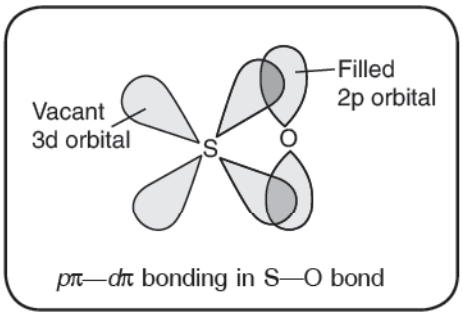
Tellurium monoxide and polonium monoxides are formed by heating their corresponding trioxides. Monoxides are assigned the structure E═O (E = S, Te, Po).

***(ii)* Dioxides.** All the members of oxygen family (S, Se, Te and Po) form dioxides of the formula EO_2 *(e.g.,* SO_2, SeO_2, TeO_2, PoO_2). The dioxides are obtained by direct union of elements :

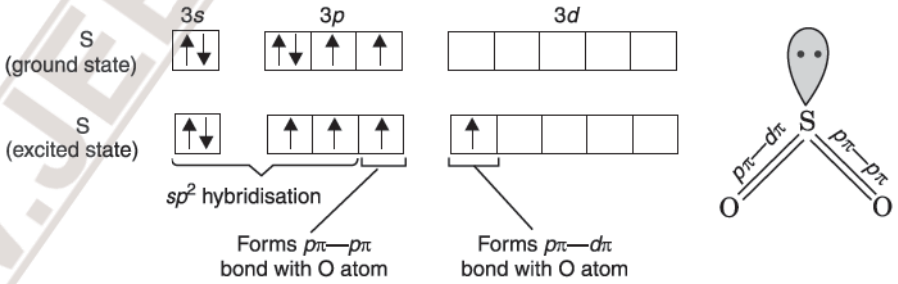
$$E\,(s) + O_2\,(g) \longrightarrow EO_2\,(g)$$

e.g., $S_8\,(s) + 8O_2\,(g) \longrightarrow 8SO_2\,(g)$

The dioxides of these elements differ considerably in their properties and structure. SO_2 is a gas at room temperature (b.p. = 263 K). In SO_2, S atom undergoes sp^2 hybridisation. Two of the three sp^2 hybrid orbitals form two σ-bonds with oxygen atoms. The remaining two unhybridised orbitals *(3p* and *3d)* form *pπ—pπ and pπ—dπ* double bonds with O atom. Thus, SO_2 has **bent or angular** structure.



pπ—dπ bonding in S—O bond



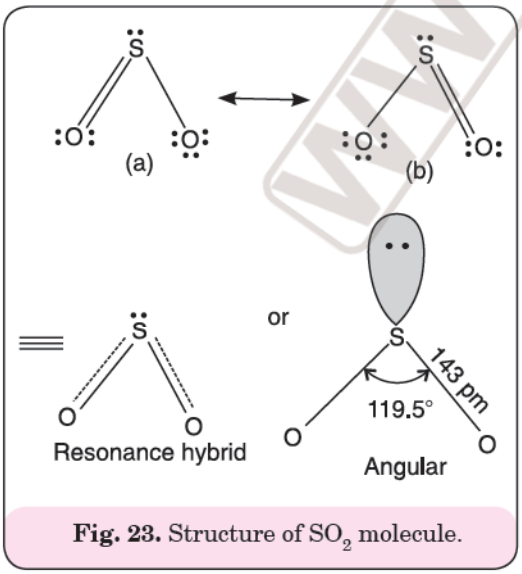


Fig. 23. Structure of SO_2 molecule.

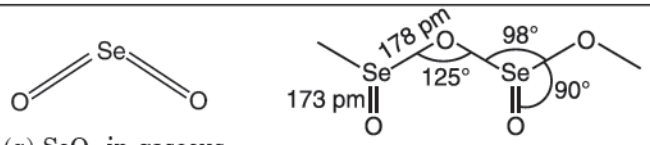
The third sp^2 hybrid orbital is occupied by a lone pair of electrons. Since one of the orbital is occupied by a lone pair of electrons and the repulsion between lone pair–bond pair is more than between bond pair-bond pair, the bond angle of OSO is slightly reduced from 120° to 119.5°. As is clear, the two π bonds are different because one is formed by *pπ—pπ* overlap and the other is formed by *pπ—dπ* overlap. But actually both the S—O bonds have exactly same bond length (143 pm). This is because of resonance between two structures. The SO_2 molecule is resonance hybrid of two structures *(a)* and (b) as shown in Fig. 23.

The multiple bonding in S—O bond in SO_2 is due to *pπ—pπ* bonding (as indicated in resonance structures). In addition, it has been suggested that there is possibility *of pπ—dπ* bonding due to overlap of filled *pπ* orbitals of oxygen with vacant *3d*-orbitals of sulphur as shown.

Like sulphur, other elements also form dioxides. SeO_2 is a white crystalline solid. In the gaseous state, it exists as discrete molecules

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having structure similar to SO_2 (*a*). In solid state, it has a polymeric structure consisting of infinite chains (*b*) as shown below :



(*a*) SeO_2 in gaseous state (*b*) SeO_2 in solid state

Fig. 24. Structure of SeO_2.

TeO_2 and PoO_2 are also non-volatile crystalline ionic solids and occur in two crystalline forms each. The dioxides of elements of group 16 have different structures because the tendency of these elements to *form* $p\pi$—$p\pi$ multiple bonds decreases as the atomic size increases down the group.

Properties

The dioxides differ from one another in their reaction with water. SO_2 dissolves giving H_2SO_3, which exists only in solution and cannot be isolated.

$$SO_2 + H_2O \longrightarrow H_2SO_3$$

The gas is, therefore, known as *sulphurous anhydride*. Therefore, the aqueous solution is acidic turning blue litmus to red. If the solution is boiled, all the sulphur dioxide may be removed.

$$H_2SO_3 \xrightarrow{\text{Boil}} H_2O + SO_2 \uparrow$$

SeO_2 dissolves in water giving selenious acid, H_2SeO_3 which can be isolated in a crystalline state. TeO_2 is almost insoluble in water. However, TeO_2 dissolves in alkalies to form tellurites and in acids to form basic salts showing that it is amphoteric. PoO_2 also behaves similarly.

The +6 oxidation state of S is more stable than +4 oxidation state and therefore, SO_2 acts as a reducing agent. Since the stability of +6 oxidation state decreases from S to Te, therefore, the reducing property of dioxides decreases from SO_2 to TeO_2. For example, SO_2 is a reducing agent while TeO_2 is an oxidising agent.

***(iii)* Trioxides.** All the elements of this group form trioxides of the formula EO_3. Amongst trioxides SO_3 is most important, while SeO_3 and TeO_3 are also known.

Sulphur trioxide is prepared by direct combination of sulphur dioxide and oxygen in the presence of finely divided platinum or divanadium pentoxide at 2 atmospheric pressure and 450°C.

$$2SO_2\,(g) + O_2\,(g) \xrightarrow[450°C]{\text{Pt or } V_2O_5} 2SO_3\,(g)$$

The vapours of sulphur trioxide formed are collected in a receiver and cooled by freezing mixture.

It can also be prepared by the dehydration of sulphuric acid with phosphorus pentoxide.

$$H_2SO_4 \xrightarrow[-H_2O]{\text{Heat}/P_4O_{10}} SO_3$$

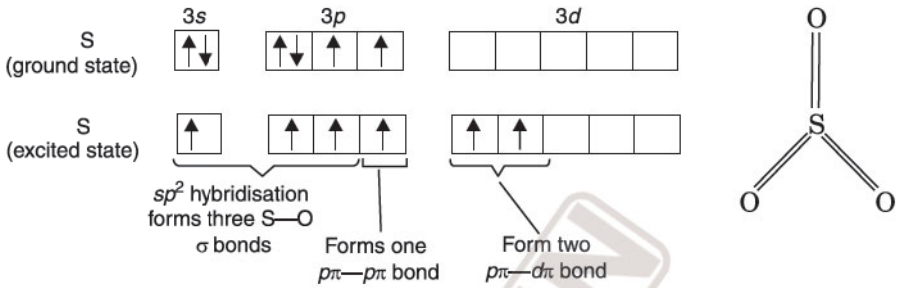
Sulphur trioxide can also be prepared by heating ferric sulphate, which decomposes to give sulphur trioxide.

$$Fe_2(SO_4)_3 \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} Fe_2O_3 + 3SO_3$$

SO_3 has trigonal planar structure in the gaseous state in which S atom is sp^2 hybridised. The three sp^2 hybrid orbitals of S overlap with *p*-orbitals of O to form three S—O sigma bonds. The sulphur atom in the excited state is now left with one *p* and two *d*-orbitals which overlap with *p*-orbitals of O to form three π-bonds. In this, one *p*-orbital of O forms $p\pi$—$p\pi$ bond with *p*-orbital of

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S while other two O atoms overlap with *d*-orbitals of S atom forming $p\pi$—$d\pi$ bonds as shown below :



Therefore, SO_3 molecule has a trigonal planar structure. The bond angles in SO_3 are exactly 120° each and S=O bond lengths are 142 pm.

Although, the three S—O π bonds are different *(*one $p\pi$—$p\pi$ and two $p\pi$—$d\pi$*)* yet they are equal because of resonance as shown below :

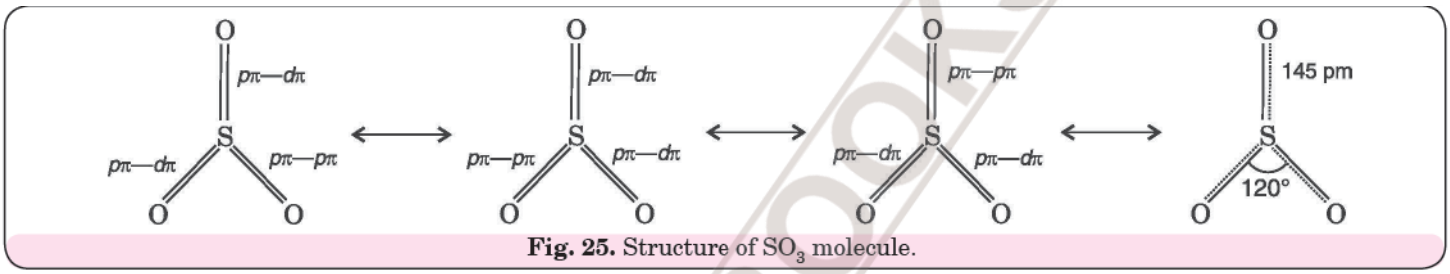
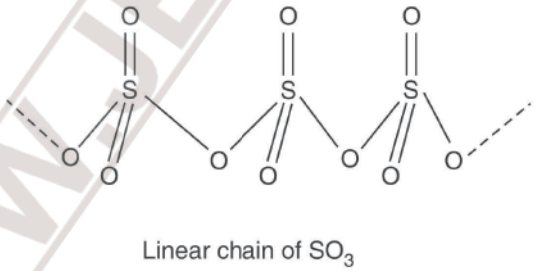
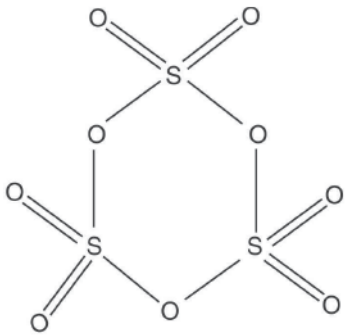


Fig. 25. Structure of SO_3 molecule.

The molecules of SO_3 are held together by weak van der Waals forces of attraction. Therefore, it exists as a gas at room temperature. However, in solid state, it exists as linear polymeric chain structure or cyclic trimer as shown below :

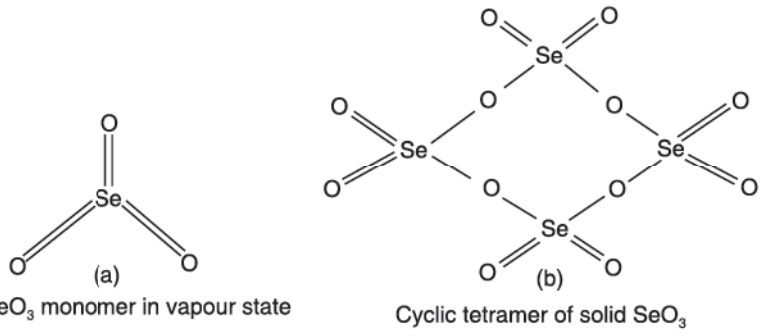


Linear chain of SO_3



Cyclic trimer of SO_3

SeO_3 is prepared by the direct oxidation of Se or SeO_2. It is white hygroscopic solid having melting point 118°C. It exists as monomer in the vapour state (*a*) and as a cyclic tetramer (Se_4O_{12}) in the crystalline state (*b*).



SeO_3 monomer in vapour state

Cyclic tetramer of solid SeO_3

Fig. 26. Structure of SeO_3 and Se_4O_{12}

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TeO_3 also exists and is unattacked by water. It acts as a powerful oxidising agent at higher temperatures.

However, PoO_3 has not been well characterized, it has been detected in traces only.

In addition to monoxides and dioxides, sulphur also forms other oxides as given in Table 13.

Table 13. Oxides of Sulphur.

Oxide	Name	Oxidation state of S	Physical states
S_2O	Sulphur suboxide	+ 1	Colourless gas
SO	Sulphur monoxide	+ 2	Colourless gas
S_2O_3	Sulphur sesquioxide	+ 3	Bluish green crystalline solid
SO_2	Sulphur dioxide	+ 2	Colourless gas
SO_3	Sulphur trioxide	+ 3	Volatile liquid
S_2O_7	Sulphur heptoxide	+ 7	Viscous liquid
SO_4	Sulphur tetroxide	+ 8	White solid.

3. Reactivity with halogens (formation of halides)

The elements of group 16 form a large number of halides of the type EX_6, EX_4 and EX_2 (X = halogen). These are given in Table 14. The stability of the halides decrease in the order

$$F^- > Cl^- > Br^- > I^-$$

Table 14. Halides of group 16 elements.

	Type	Oxygen	Sulphur	Selenium	Tellurium	Polonium
1.	Monohalides	O_2F_2	S_2F_2, S_2Cl_2, S_2Br_2	Se_2Cl_2, Se_2Br_2	—	—
2.	Dihalides	OF_2, Cl_2O, Br_2O	SF_2, SCl_2	—	$TeCl_2$, $TeBr_2$	$PoCl_2$, $PoBr_2$
3.	Tetrahalides	—	SF_4, SCl_4	SeF_4, $SeCl_4$, $SeBr_4$	TeF_4, $TeCl_4$, $TeBr_4$, TeI_4	$PoCl_4$, $PoBr_4$, PoI_4
4.	Hexahalides	—	SF_6	SeF_6	TeF_6	

In addition to above compounds, some other halides of group 16 are S_2F_{10}, Te_2F_{10}, Cl_2O_6, I_2O_4, I_2O_5 etc.

The highest oxidation state is realised only in the fluorides. With iodine, only a tetra iodide, TeI_4 is known.

Since fluorine is more electronegative than oxygen, its compounds with oxygen are called **fluorides**. For example, F_2O should be written as OF_2 and is named as oxygen difluoride. But since oxygen is more electronegative than Cl, Br and I, the compounds of these halogens are called oxides. For example Cl_2O_6 is called chlorine hexaoxide. The compounds of oxygen with halogens are discussed in detail in the next part.

(*i*) Monohalides

$$\overset{+1}{2Se_2Cl_2} \longrightarrow \overset{+4}{SeCl_4} + \overset{0}{3Se}$$

Sulphur forms monohalides such as sulphur monofluoride (S_2F_2), sulphur monochloride (S_2Cl_2) and sulphur monobromide (S_2Br_2). The electron diffraction studies have shown that the structure of S_2Cl_2 is similar to H_2O_2 as shown in Fig. 27.

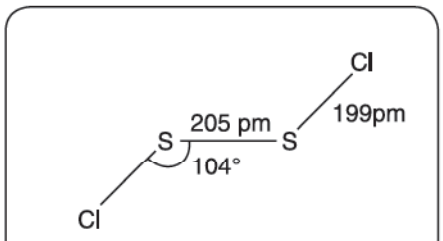


Fig. 27. Structure of S_2Cl_2.

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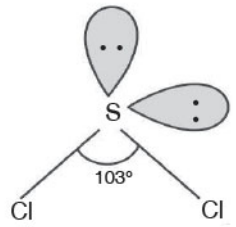


Fig. 28. Structure of SCl_2.

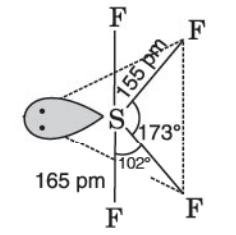


Fig. 29. See saw structure of SF_4.



Fig. 30. Structure of S_2F_{10}

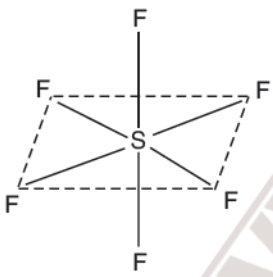


Fig. 31. Structure of SF_6.

(*ii*) Dihalides

All the elements except selenium form stable dichlorides and dibromides. Diiodides are not readily formed while dihalides of selenium are not stable. Amongst the dihalides, SCl_2 is best known and is discussed below :

SCl_2 is **angular** in shape. In this case, S atom undergoes sp^3 hybridisation, in which two positions are occupied by lone pairs of electrons. Two sp^3 hybrid orbitals of sulphur overlap with $3p$–orbitals of chlorine atoms to form two S—Cl bonds. The geometry is distorted due to the presence of lone pairs and the bond angle is about 103° instead of normal tetrahedral angle of 109.5°.

(*iii*) Tetrahalides

Amongst tetrahalides, tetrafluorides are the most stable.

Amongst tetrafluorides, SF_4 is a gas, SeF_4 liquid and TeF_4 solid. SF_4 is highly reactive.

These tetrafluorides (e.g., SF_4) involve sp^3d hybridisation and have trigonal bipyramidal structure in which one of the equatorial positions is occupied by a lone pair of electrons. This geometry is regarded as **see-saw** geometry. Due to larger lone pair-bond pair repulsion than bond pair-bond pair repulsion, the bond angle decreases from 180° to 173°.

(*iii*) Pentahalides

Only sulphur forms one pentahalide, S_2F_{10}. It has the structure as shown (Fig. 30) in which two SF_5 units are linked through sulphur atoms having octahedral geometry.

(*iv*) Hexahalides

Among hexahalides, only hexafluorides are stable compounds. These are all gaseous in nature. *SF_6 is extremely stable and chemically inert for steric reasons. In SF_6, the six F atoms protect the sulphur atom from attack by reagents to such an extent that even thermodynamically most favourable reactions like hydrolysis do not occur.* In contrast, the less sterically hindered SF_4 undergoes hydrolysis readily.

$$SF_4 + 2H_2O \longrightarrow 4HF + SO_2$$
$$SF_6 + H_2O \longrightarrow \text{No reaction}$$

As the size of the central atom increases, reactivity increases. SeF_6 is slightly more reactive and TeF_6 is still more reactive. TeF_6 is rapidly hydrolysed with water.

$$TeF_6 + 6H_2O \longrightarrow H_6TeO_6 + 6HF$$

SF_6 has an octahedral structure (Fig. 31) in which sulphur undergoes sp^3d^2 hybridisation.

Hexahalides are not formed by chlorine, bromine and iodine. *As the size of the halogen atom increases, the coordination number of the elements of this group decreases.* As a result, hexachlorides, hexabromides and hexaiodides are unknown. For the same reason, the number of tetrabromides is only three, all of which are unstable and the number of tetraiodides is only two.

ANOMALOUS BEHAVIOUR OF OXYGEN

Like all other first elements of the groups, oxygen also differs from its family members. The anomalous behaviour of oxygen is due to its

(*i*) small size

(*ii*) high value of ionization enthalpy and electronegativity

(*iii*) absence of *d*-orbitals in the valence shell.

Some of the **important differences between oxygen and other family members** are :

(*i*) Oxygen is a gas at ordinary temperature while other elements exist as solids at room temperature.

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(*ii*) Oxygen molecule is diatomic (O_2) while the molecules of other elements are more complex, *e.g.,* sulphur and selenium exist as octaatomic molecules *(i.e.,* S_8 or Se_8) with puckered ring structures.

(*iii*) Molecular oxygen is paramagnetic whereas the molecules of other members are diamagnetic in nature.

(*iv*) Oxygen shows only –2 oxidation state compounds but other members of the family also show positive oxidation states such as +2, +4, +6 in addition to –2 oxidation state.

(*v*) The hydride of oxygen *(i.e.,* H_2O) is a liquid at room temperature while the hydrides of other members (H_2S, H_2Se, H_2Te etc.) are gases.

(*vi*) Oxygen forms $p\pi$—$p\pi$ double bonds with the elements having similar size such as carbon, nitrogen etc. The tendency to form multiple bonds is not shown by other elements.

CHEMISTRY OF OXYGEN AND ITS COMPOUNDS

DIOXYGEN

Preparation of Dioxygen

1. By the decomposition of oxygen rich compounds. Certain compounds containing large amounts of oxygen such as chlorates, nitrates, permanganates, etc. give dioxygen on strong heating.

The thermal decomposition of $KClO_3$ requires a temperature of 670–720 K. It can be carried out at a lower temperature of about 420 K by the use of MnO_2 as a catalyst.

$$\underset{\text{Pot. permanganate}}{2KMnO_4} \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} \underset{\text{Pot. manganate}}{K_2MnO_4} + MnO_2 + O_2$$

$$\underset{\text{Pot. chlorate}}{2KClO_3} \xrightarrow[MnO_2]{\text{Heat}} 2KCl + 3O_2$$

$$\underset{\text{Pot. nitrate}}{2KNO_3} \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} 2KNO_2 + O_2$$

These methods can be used for the laboratory preparation of dioxygen.

2. By heating dioxides, peroxides and higher oxides. Dioxygen can be prepared by heating oxides of certain metals low in electrochemical series and higher oxides of certain metals.

$$\underset{\text{Mercuric oxide}}{2HgO\,(s)} \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} 2Hg(s) + O_2\,(g)$$

$$\underset{\text{Silver oxide}}{2Ag_2O\,(s)} \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} 4Ag(s) + O_2\,(g)$$

$$\underset{\text{Manganese dioxide}}{3\,MnO_2\,(s)} \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} Mn_3O_4(s) + O_2\,(g)$$

$$\underset{\text{Lead tetraoxide}}{2Pb_3O_4\,(s)} \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} 6PbO(s) + O_2\,(g)$$

$$\underset{\text{Lead dioxide}}{2PbO_2\,(s)} \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} 2PbO(s) + O_2\,(g)$$

$$\underset{\text{Barium peroxide}}{2BaO_2} \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} \underset{\text{Barium oxide}}{2BaO} + O_2\,(g)$$

3. From hydrogen peroxide. Hydrogen peroxide is readily decomposed into water and dioxygen by catalysts such as finely divided metals and magnanese dioxide.

$$2H_2O_2\,(aq) \longrightarrow 2H_2O\,(l) + O_2\,(g)$$

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4. Laboratory method of preparation of dioxygen. In laboratory dioxygen is prepared by the following methods:

(*a*) Thermal decomposition of potassium chlorate. In laboratory, dioxygen is prepared by heating a mixture of potassium chlorate (4 parts) and manganese dioxide (1 part) in a hard glass tube to about 420 K. The manganese dioxide acts as a catalyst.

$$2KClO_3 \xrightarrow[MnO_2]{420\ K} 2KCl + 3O_2$$

The gas is collected by the downward displacement of water.

Note. In the absence of MnO_2 catalyst, the decomposition takes place at 670–720 K. Therefore, MnO_2 acts as a catalyst and also lowers the temperature for the decomposition of $KClO_3$.

(*b*) By the action of water on sodium peroxide. Dioxygen can be prepared by the action of water on sodium peroxide.

$$2Na_2O_2\,(s) + 2H_2O\,(l) \longrightarrow 4NaOH\,(aq) + O_2\,(g)$$

Dioxygen can also be prepared by the action of acidified potassium permanganate on sodium peroxide.

$$2KMnO_4 + 3H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow K_2SO_4 + 2MnSO_4 + 3H_2O + 5(O)$$

$$Na_2O_2 + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow Na_2SO_4 + H_2O_2] \times 5$$

$$H_2O_2 + O \longrightarrow H_2O + O_2] \times 5$$

$$2KMnO_4 + 5Na_2O_2 + 8H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow K_2SO_4 + 5Na_2SO_4 + 2MnSO_4 + 8H_2O + 5O_2$$

In this case, acidified $KMnO_4$ solution is added from the thistle funnel.

5. Pure dioxygen from barium hydroxide. Pure dioxygen can be prepared by the electrolysis of a solution of $Ba(OH)_2$ using nickel or platinum electrodes.

6. Industrial preparation. The main sources for the industrial preparation of dioxygen are air and water.

(*i*) **Isolation from air.** Oxygen is prepared from air by first removing carbon dioxide and water vapour and then by the *fractional distillation of air*. During this process, dinitrogen with less boiling point (78 K) distils as vapour while dioxygen with higher boiling point (90 K) remains in the liquid state and can be separated.

(*ii*) From water. Dioxygen can also be obtained by the electrolysis of water containing a small amount of acid or alkali.

$$2H_2O \underset{}{\overset{\text{Electrolysis}}{\rightleftharpoons}} 2H_2\,(g) + O_2\,(g)$$

Dioxygen is collected at the anode while dihydrogen is liberated at cathode.

Properties of Dioxygen

Physical properties

(*i*) Dioxygen is a *colourless, tasteless* and *odourless gas.*
(*ii*) It is slightly soluble in water and its solubility is about 3.08 cm^3 in 100 cm^3 of water at 293 K. This solubility is just sufficient for the vital support of marine and aquatic life.
(*iii*) It can be liquefied to a pale liquid under pressure.
(*iv*) It liquefies at 90 K and freezes at 55 K.
(*v*) Its boiling point is 90.2 K.
(*vi*) It has three stable isotopes ^{16}O, ^{17}O, ^{18}O.
(*iv*) Molecular oxygen is paramagnetic inspite of having even number of electrons.

Chemical Properties

The dioxygen is quite stable in nature and its bond dissociation enthalpy is very high. Therefore, it is not very reactive as such

$$O_2 \longrightarrow O + O$$

Bond dissociation enthalpy = 493.4 kJ mol^{-1}

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Therefore, dioxygen reacts at higher temperatures. However, once the reaction starts, it proceeds of its own. This is because the chemical reactions of dioxygen are *exothermic* and the heat produced during the reactions is sufficient to sustain the reactions.

Some of its chemical properties are :

1. Action with litmus. Like dihydrogen, it is also neutral and has no action on blue or red litmus.

2. Supporter of combustion. Dioxygen is a supporter of combustion but itself is not combustible.

3. Reaction with metals. Dioxygen directly reacts with almost all metals (except Au and Pt.)

(*i*) *Active metals* like Na, Ca react at room temperature to form their respective oxides.

$$4Na + O_2 \longrightarrow 2Na_2O$$

$$2Ca + O_2 \longrightarrow 2CaO$$

However, sodium also reacts with dioxygen at 575 K to form sodium peroxide.

$$2Na + O_2 \xrightarrow{575\ K} \underset{\text{Sod. peroxide}}{Na_2O_2}$$

(*ii*) Magnesium burns in dioxygen to form magnesium oxide.

$$2Mg + O_2 \longrightarrow 2MgO$$

(*iii*) Metals like Fe, Al, react only on heating.

$$4Al + 3O_2 \longrightarrow 2Al_2O_3$$

$$4Fe + 3O_2 \longrightarrow 2Fe_2O_3$$

(*iv*) *Less active metals* like gold and platinum (noble metals) do not combine with dioxygen.

4. Action with non-metals. Dioxygen reacts with a number of non-metals to form their respective oxides. For example,

Hydrogen : $2H_2 + O_2 \xrightarrow[\text{Electric discharge}]{1073\ K} 2H_2O$

Nitrogen : $N_2 + O_2 \xrightarrow{Heat} \underset{\text{Nitric oxide}}{2NO}$

Sulphur : $S + O_2 \xrightarrow{Heat} \underset{\text{Sulphur dioxide}}{SO_2}$

Carbon : $2C + \underset{\text{(Limited)}}{O_2} \xrightarrow{Heat} \underset{\text{Carbon monoxide}}{2CO}$

$$C + \underset{\text{(Excess)}}{O_2} \xrightarrow{Heat} \underset{\text{Carbon dioxide}}{CO_2}$$

Phosphorus : $P_4 + 5O_2 \xrightarrow{Heat} \underset{\text{(Solid)}\ \text{Phosphorus pentoxide}}{P_4O_{10}}$

5. Reaction with compounds. Dioxygen is an oxidising agent and it oxidises many compounds under specific conditions. For example,

(*i*) With hydrogen chloride. Dioxygen combines with vapours of hydrogen chloride in the presence of cupric chloride catalyst at 700 K to evolve chlorine.

$$4HCl + O_2 \xrightarrow[CuCl_2]{700\ K} 2Cl_2 + 2H_2O$$

(*ii*) With ammonia. Dioxygen oxidises ammonia to nitric oxide in the presence of platinum gauze catalyst at 1073 K.

$$4NH_3 + 5O_2 \xrightarrow[Pt]{1073\ K} \underset{\text{Nitric oxide}}{4NO} + 6H_2O$$

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This reaction forms the basis of the **Ostwald process** for the manufacture of nitric acid.

***(iii)* With sulphur dioxide**. Dioxygen combines with sulphur dioxide at 723 K in the presence of finely divided platinum or vanadium pentoxide (V_2O_5) to form sulphur trioxide.

$$2SO_2 + O_2 \xrightarrow[Pt \text{ or } V_2O_5]{723\ K} 2SO_3$$

This reaction forms the basis of **Contact process** for the manufacture of sulphuric acid.

***(iv)* With carbon disulphide.** Carbon disulphide burns in dioxygen to form carbon dioxide and sulphur dioxide.

$$CS_2 + 3O_2 \xrightarrow{Heat} CO_2 + 2SO_2$$

***(v)* With metal sulphides.** Many metal sulphides such as ZnS, HgS, etc. react with dioxygen at high temperatures to form metal oxides and sulphur dioxide.

$$2ZnS + 3O_2 \xrightarrow{Heat} 2ZnO + 2SO_2$$

$$2HgS + 3O_2 \xrightarrow{Heat} 2HgO + 2SO_2$$

***(vi)* With hydrocarbons.** Saturated as well as unsaturated hydrocarbons burn in excess of air or oxygen to form carbon dioxide and water. These reactions are called **combustion reactions** and are highly exothermic in nature. Therefore, **the hydrocarbons are used as fuels**.

$$\underset{\text{Methane}}{CH_4} + 2O_2 \longrightarrow CO_2 + 2H_2O\ ; \quad \Delta H = -890\ kJ\ mol^{-1}$$

$$\underset{\text{Ethane}}{C_2H_6} + \frac{7}{2}O_2 \longrightarrow 2CO_2 + 3H_2O\ ; \quad \Delta H = -1580\ kJ\ mol^{-1}$$

$$\underset{\text{Acetylene}}{2C_2H_2} + 5O_2 \longrightarrow 4CO_2 + 2H_2O\ ; \quad \Delta H = -1304\ kJ\ mol^{-1}$$

Uses of Dioxygen

(*i*) Dioxygen is used in the oxy-hydrogen or oxy-acetylene torches which are used for welding and cutting of metals.

(*ii*) It is used in *metallurgical processes* to remove the impurities of metals and non-metals by oxidation. It is also used in making steel and in metal fabrication where it functions as an aid to combustion.

(*iii*) It is essential for life support systems in hospitals and in underwater during diving and also by mountaineers and pilots at high altitudes. Oxygen cylinders are widely used in hospitals, high altitude flying and in mountaineering. It is also used for *artificial respiration* in case of surgery and heart ailments.

(*iv*) Liquid oxygen is used as a *rocket fuel*. For example, hydrazine in liquid oxygen provides the tremendous thrust in rockets.

(*v*) It is used in the *manufacture of large number of oxygen containing organic compounds* such as phenol, ethylene oxide, sulphur dioxide, sulphuric acid, etc.

(*vi*) It is used as an oxidising agent and as a bleaching agent.

(*vii*) A mixture of carbon dust and liquid oxygen is used as an explosive for coal mining.

(*viii*) Oxygen-18 isotope is used as a tracer in the study of reaction mechanisms.

(*ix*) It is used on a large scale for the production of TiO_2 and synthesis gas ($CO + H_2$).

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OXIDES

The binary compounds of oxygen with other elements are called **oxides**. We have studied that oxygen combines with metals and non-metals to form their respective binary oxides. In these oxides, the oxidation state of oxygen is always –2.

Classification of oxides

Oxides can be simple (*e.g.,* MgO, Al_2O_3 etc.) or mixed (Mn_2O_3, Fe_3O_4, Pb_3O_4, etc.) as discussed below :

A. Simple oxides.

The simple oxides behave as acids or bases according to their dissolution in water. On the basis of acid-base characteristics, the oxides may be classified into the following four types :

1. Acidic oxides. *The oxides which combine with water to give acids* are called **acidic oxides.** These are generally the **oxides of non-metals** such as carbon, sulphur, phosphorus, etc. For example,

$$SO_2 + H_2O \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Sulphurous acid}}{H_2SO_3}$$

$$SO_3(g) + H_2O(l) \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Sulphuric acid}}{H_2SO_4(aq)}$$

$$CO_2 + H_2O \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Carbonic acid}}{H_2CO_3}$$

$$P_4O_{10} + 6H_2O \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Phosphoric acid}}{4H_3PO_4}$$

$$N_2O_5(l) + H_2O(l) \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Nitric acid}}{2HNO_3(aq)}$$

$$Cl_2O_7(g) + H_2O(l) \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Perchloric acid}}{2HClO_4(aq)}$$

These acidic oxides neutralise hydroxides to form salt and water.

$$SO_2 + 2NaOH \longrightarrow Na_2SO_3 + H_2O$$

$$P_4O_{10}(s) + 12NaOH(aq) \longrightarrow 4Na_3PO_4(aq) + 6H_2O(l)$$

It may be noted that oxides of some metals in high oxidation state such as Mn_2O_7, CrO_3, V_2O_5, etc. also have acidic character.

$$Mn_2O_7 + H_2O \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Permanganic acid}}{2HMnO_4}$$

$$CrO_3 + H_2O \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Chromic acid}}{H_2CrO_4}$$

2. Basic oxides. *The oxides which combine with water to give basic solution* are called **basic oxides.** These are mostly the oxides of metals. For example,

$$Na_2O + H_2O \longrightarrow 2NaOH$$

$$MgO + H_2O \longrightarrow Mg(OH)_2$$

$$BaO + H_2O \longrightarrow Ba(OH)_2$$

$$Fe_2O_3(s) + 3H_2O(l) \longrightarrow 2Fe(OH)_3(aq)$$

The basic oxides react with acids to form salt and water.

$$Na_2O + 2HCl \longrightarrow 2NaCl + H_2O$$

$$Fe_2O_3(s) + 3H_2SO_4(aq) \longrightarrow Fe_2(SO_4)_3(aq) + 3H_2O(l)$$

Some other examples are K_2O, CaO, BaO, etc.

3. Amphoteric oxides. *The oxides which show acidic as well as basic character are* called **amphoteric oxides.** These are the oxides formed by elements like aluminium, zinc, tin and lead, etc. which are present on the border line between metals and non-metals. For example, aluminium oxide (Al_2O_3) reacts with both acids (hydrochloric acid) and alkalies (sodium hydroxide).

REMEMBER

- Pb_3O_4 is a mixed oxide of PbO and PbO_2 and is given the formula $PbO_2.2PbO$.
- Fe_3O_4 is a mixed oxide of FeO and Fe_2O_3 and is given the formula $Fe_2O_3.FeO$.
- Mn_3O_4 is a mixed oxide of MnO and MnO_2 and is given the formula $2MnO.MnO_2$.

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$Al_2O_3(s) + 6HCl(aq) + 9H_2O \longrightarrow 2[Al(H_2O)_6]^{3+}(aq) + 6Cl^-(aq)$
(Basic)

$Al_2O_3(s) + 6NaOH(aq) + 3H_2O \longrightarrow 2Na_3[Al(OH)_6](aq)$
(Acidic)

Some other examples of amphoteric oxides are SiO_2, ZnO, etc.

4. Neutral oxides. *The oxides which neither react with acids nor with bases* are called **neutral oxides.** These are neutral to litmus solution. For example, N_2O, CO, NO, etc.

B. Mixed oxides.

Metal oxides which consist of two simple oxides with the metal in different oxidation states are called **mixed oxides**. These mixed oxides show the properties of both the metal oxides simultaneously. For example, red lead Pb_3O_4 is a mixture of lead oxide (PbO) and lead dioxide (PbO_2) as $PbO_2.2PbO$.

Therefore, it gives a mixture of lead oxide and lead dioxide on treatment with acids.

$$Pb_3O_4 + 4HNO_3 \longrightarrow PbO_2 + 2Pb(NO_3)_2 + 2H_2O.$$

Mixed oxides
Pb_3O_4 : $PbO_2 . 2PbO$
Fe_3O_4 : $Fe_2O_3 . FeO$
Mn_3O_4 : $2MnO . MnO_2$

Similarly, magnetic oxide of iron, Fe_3O_4 (ferrosoferric oxide) is a mixture of ferric oxide (Fe_2O_3) and ferrous oxide (FeO). It has the formula $Fe_2O_3 \cdot FeO$.

Therefore, it gives a mixture of ferric and ferrous salts on treatment with acids.

$$Fe_3O_4 + 8HCl \longrightarrow 2FeCl_3 + FeCl_2 + 4H_2O$$

Mixed oxide of manganese, Mn_3O_4 (trimanganese tetroxide) is considered to be a mixed oxide of manganese oxide (MnO) and manganese dioxide (MnO_2) having the formula $2MnO \cdot MnO_2$.

Trends of Oxides in the Periodic Table

On moving from left to the right in a given period in the periodic table, the *nature of the oxides changes from basic to amphoteric and then to acidic*. For example, the oxides of third period has the following behaviour :

Na_2O	MgO	Al_2O_3	SiO_2	P_4O_{10}	SO_2	Cl_2O_7
strongly basic	basic	amphoteric	weakly acidic	acidic	strongly acidic	**very strongly acidic**

Basic to acidic character increases

However, on moving down a group, acidic character of the oxides decreases. For example, in the third group, the acidic character of oxides decreases as :

B_2O_3	Al_2O_3	Ga_2O_3	In_2O_3, Tl_2O_3
Acidic	Amphoteric	Weakly basic	**Basic**

Acidic character decreases

DIFFERENT TYPES OF OXIDES

A binary compound of oxygen with another element is called **oxide**. These may be classified on the basis of oxygen content as :

1. Normal oxides. These contain oxygen atoms according to the normal oxidation number *i.e.*, –2. For example, MgO, H_2O, CaO, Li_2O, Al_2O_3, etc.

2. Polyoxides. These contain oxygen atoms more than permitted by the normal valency. Therefore, these contain oxygen atoms in oxidation state different than –2.

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(*i*) **Peroxides.** These contain O_2^{2-} ion $\left(^{-}\!:\!\ddot{O}\!-\!\ddot{O}\!:^{-}\right)$ having oxidation number of oxygen as –1. For example, H_2O_2, Na_2O_2, BaO_2 etc.

(*ii*) **Superoxides.** These contain O_2^- ion $\left(:\!\ddot{O}\!-\!\ddot{O}\!:^{-}\right)$ having oxidation number of oxygen as –1/2. For example, KO_2, RbO_2, CsO_2 etc.

3. Suboxides. These oxides contain less oxygen than expected from the normal valency. For example, N_2O (nitrous oxide), C_3O_2 (carbon suboxide) etc.

4. Mixed oxides. These oxides are made up of two simple oxides. For example, red lead Pb_3O_4 ($2PbO_2 + PbO_2$), magnetic oxide of iron, Fe_3O_4 ($FeO + Fe_2O_3$) and mixed oxide of manganese, Mn_3O_4 ($MnO_2 + 2MnO$).

OZONE

Ozone is an allotropic form of oxygen. It is present in the upper atmosphere (about 20 km above the surface of the earth). It is believed to be formed in the upper atmosphere by the action of ultraviolet rays on oxygen as

$$3O_2 + \text{Ultraviolet rays} \longrightarrow 2O_3 \quad \Delta H_{298\,K} = 142.7 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

Therefore, ultraviolet rays, which are harmful to human beings, are absorbed by oxygen to form ozone. The layer of ozone thus formed also prevents the remaining ultraviolet rays to reach the earth's surface. It may be noted that during the above process, 10% conversion of oxygen to ozone occurs.

However, small traces of ozone are also found in the air of lower atmosphere.

Preparation of ozone

Ozone is prepared by passing *silent electric discharge* through pure, cold and dry oxygen in a specially designed apparatus called **ozoniser**. The formation of ozone from oxygen is an endothermic reaction.

$$3O_2 \underset{\text{discharge}}{\overset{\text{Silent electric}}{\rightleftharpoons}} 2O_3 \qquad \Delta H = 142.7 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

Therefore, 142.7 kJ of energy is absorbed for the formation of one mole of ozone. Since the formation of ozone is an endothermic process, therefore, it is necessary to use a silent electric discharge **(a sparkless electric discharge)**. If concentration of ozone greater than 10% is required, a battery of ozonisers can be used and the pure ozone (b.p. 385 K) can be condensed in a vessel surrounded by liquid oxygen.

Ozone is prepared in laboratory by the following two types of ozonisers:

(*i*) Siemen's ozoniser (*ii*) Brodie's ozoniser.

Preparation of pure ozone. In order to get pure ozone, the ozonised oxygen is cooled by liquid air when ozone (b.p. = 385 K) condenses in preference to oxygen (b.p. = 90 K). The liquid thus formed still contains some dissolved oxygen which can be removed by carrying out fractional distillation.

Properties of Ozone

Physical Properties

(*i*) It is pale blue gas having pungent odour.

(*ii*) It is heavier than air. Its vapour density is 24 while that of air is 14.4. Therefore, it is about 1.5 times heavier than air.

(*iii*) Its boiling point is 385 K and melting point is 24 K.

(*iv*) It is slightly soluble in water but more soluble in organic solvents like turpentine oil, carbon tetrachloride, etc.

(*v*) It liquefies to a deep blue liquid at 161.2 K which can be solidified to a black violet solid at about 80.6 K.

(*vi*) In contrast to dioxygen which is paramagnetic, ozone is diamagnetic.

(*vii*) The small concentrations of ozone are harmless. However, if the concentration rises above about 100 ppm, breathing becomes uncomfortable resulting in headache and nausea.

R U Curious...

❒ **Silent electric discharge is used during the preparation of ozone !**

➤ The formation of ozone is an endothermic process. Therefore, it is necessary to use a silent electric discharge. The purpose of silent electric discharge (*a sparkless electric discharge*) is to produce less heat. This would prevent local rise in temperature which otherwise might decompose ozone back into oxygen.

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Chemical Properties

The important chemical properties of ozone are discussed below :

1. Action with litmus. Ozone is neutral towards litmus because it does not give any colour change with blue or red litmus.

2. Decomposition. Ozone is thermodynamically unstable with respect to oxygen because it results in liberation of heat (ΔH is negative) and increase in entropy (ΔS is positive). These two factors reinforce each other resulting in large negative Gibb's free energy change (ΔG is negative) for its conversion into oxygen. Therefore, the high concentrations of ozone can be dangerously explosive.

Pure ozone decomposes even at room temperature though very slowly. However, on heating above 475 K, it decomposes readily to form oxygen gas :

$$2O_3 \xrightarrow{475\ K} 3O_2 \qquad \Delta H = -285.4\ kJ$$

The reaction is catalysed by substances like *platinum black*, *manganese dioxide*, *copper oxide*, etc.

3. Oxidising agent. Ozone is one of the most *powerful oxidising agent* with the liberation of dioxygen. In fact, *ozone is a stronger oxidising agent than molecular oxygen because ozone has higher energy content and decomposes to give atomic oxygen as* :

$$O_3 \longrightarrow O_2 + O$$

(Atomic oxygen)

Therefore, ozone oxidises a number of non-metals and other reducing agents. For example,

(*a*) Oxidation of compounds

(*i*) *Ozone oxidises black lead sulphide to white lead sulphate* :

$$\begin{aligned} O_3 &\longrightarrow O_2 + O] \times 4 \\ PbS + 4O &\longrightarrow PbSO_4 \\ \hline PbS + 4O_3 &\longrightarrow PbSO_4 + 4O_2 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, ozone oxidises sulphides of copper, zinc, cadmium, etc. to their corresponding sulphates.

$$\begin{aligned} ZnS + 4O_3 &\longrightarrow ZnSO_4 + 4O_2 \\ CuS + 4O_3 &\longrightarrow CuSO_4 + 4O_2 \\ CdS + 4O_3 &\longrightarrow CdSO_4 + 4O_2 \end{aligned}$$

(*ii*) *Ozone oxidises halogen acids to corresponding halogens.*

$$\begin{aligned} O_3 &\longrightarrow O_2 + O \\ 2HCl + O &\longrightarrow H_2O + Cl_2 \\ \hline 2HCl + O_3 &\longrightarrow H_2O + Cl_2 + O_2 \end{aligned}$$

(*iii*) *Ozone oxidises nitrites to nitrates.*

$$\begin{aligned} O_3 &\longrightarrow O_2 + O \\ KNO_2 + O &\longrightarrow KNO_3 \\ \hline KNO_2 + O_3 &\longrightarrow KNO_3 + O_2 \end{aligned}$$

(*iv*) *Ozone oxidises potassium iodide to iodine.*

$$\begin{aligned} O_3 &\longrightarrow O_2 + O \\ 2KI + H_2O + O &\longrightarrow 2KOH + I_2 \\ \hline 2KI + O_3 + H_2O &\longrightarrow 2KOH + O_2 + I_2 \end{aligned}$$

(*v*) *Ozone oxidises acidified ferrous salts to ferric salts.*

$$\begin{aligned} O_3 &\longrightarrow O_2 + O \\ 2FeSO_4 + H_2SO_4 + O &\longrightarrow Fe_2(SO_4)_3 + H_2O \\ \hline 2FeSO_4 + H_2SO_4 + O_3 &\longrightarrow Fe_2(SO_4)_3 + H_2O + O_2 \end{aligned}$$

Ferrous sulphate — Ferric sulphate

REMEMBER

The oxidation of potassium iodide by ozone can be conveniently used for quantitative estimation of ozone. When ozone reacts with excess of potassium iodide solution buffered with a borate buffer (pH = 9.2) iodine is liberated which can be titrated against a standard solution of sodium thiosulphate. This is a quantitative method for the estimation of ozone gas.

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(*vi*) *Ozone oxidises potassium ferrocyanide to potassium ferricyanide.*

$$O_3 \longrightarrow O_2 + O$$
$$2K_4[Fe(CN)_6] + H_2O + O \longrightarrow 2K_3[Fe(CN)_6] + 2KOH$$
$$2K_4[Fe(CN)_6] + H_2O + O_3 \longrightarrow 2K_3[Fe(CN)_6] + 2KOH + O_2$$

Potassium ferrocyanide → Potassium ferricyanide

(*vii*) *Ozone oxidises potassium manganate to potassium permanganate.*

$$O_3 \longrightarrow O_2 + O$$
$$2K_2MnO_4 + H_2O + O \longrightarrow 2KMnO_4 + 2KOH$$
$$2K_2MnO_4 + O_3 + H_2O \longrightarrow 2KMnO_4 + 2KOH + O_2$$

Pot. manganate → Pot. permanganate

(*b*) Oxidation of non-metals. Ozone oxidises non-metals such as sulphur, phosphorus or moist iodine to their oxyacids. For example,

(*viii*) *Ozone oxidises moist iodine to iodic acid.*

$$O_3 \longrightarrow O_2 + O] \times 5$$
$$I_2 + 5\,(O) \longrightarrow I_2O_5$$
$$I_2O_5 + H_2O \longrightarrow 2HIO_3$$
$$I_2 + 5O_3 + H_2O \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Iodic acid}}{2HIO_3} + 5O_2$$

(*ix*) *Ozone oxidises sulphur to sulphuric acid.*

$$O_3 \longrightarrow O_2 + O] \times 3$$
$$S + 3O \longrightarrow SO_3$$
$$SO_3 + H_2O \longrightarrow H_2SO_4$$
$$S + 3O_3 + H_2O \longrightarrow H_2SO_4 + 3O_2$$

(*x*) *Ozone oxidises moist phosphorus to phosphoric acid.*

$$O_3 \longrightarrow O_2 + O] \times 10$$
$$P_4 + 10\,O \longrightarrow P_4O_{10}$$
$$P_4O_{10} + 6H_2O \longrightarrow 4H_3PO_4$$
$$P_4 + 10O_3 + 6H_2O \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Phosphoric acid}}{4H_3PO_4} + 10\,O_2$$

(*c*) Oxidation of metalloids. Ozone oxidises certain metalloids such as arsenic, antimony, etc. to their respective oxyacids. For example,

(*i*) *Oxidation of moist arsenic* :

$$O_3 \longrightarrow O_2 + O] \times 5$$
$$2As + 5O \longrightarrow As_2O_5$$
$$As_2O_5 + 3H_2O \longrightarrow 2H_3AsO_4$$
$$2As + 5O_3 + 3H_2O \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Arsenic acid}}{2H_3AsO_4} + 5O_2$$

(*ii*) *Oxidation of moist antimony* :

$$O_3 \longrightarrow O_2 + O$$
$$2Sb + 5O \longrightarrow Sb_2O_5$$
$$Sb_2O_5 + 3H_2O \longrightarrow 2H_3SbO_4$$
$$2Sb + 5O_3 + 3H_2O \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Antimonic acid}}{2H_3SbO_4} + 5O_2$$

(*d*) Oxidation of metals. Ozone oxidises certain metals such as silver, mercury, etc. to their respective oxides. For example,

(*i*) *Silver is oxidised to silver oxide.*

$$O_3 \longrightarrow O_2 + O$$
$$2Ag + O \longrightarrow Ag_2O$$
$$2Ag + O_3 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Silver oxide}}{Ag_2O} + O_2$$

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(*ii*) *Mercury is oxidised to mercurous oxide.*

$$O_3 \longrightarrow O_2 + O$$
$$2Hg + O \longrightarrow Hg_2O$$
$$2Hg + O_3 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Mercurous oxide}}{Hg_2O} + O_2$$

During this reaction, mercury loses its meniscus and starts sticking to the sides of the glass. This is known as **tailing of mercury**. Mercury does not stick to glass and is, therefore, used in thermometers. But mercurous oxide formed in the reaction dissolves in mercury and starts sticking to the glass surface.

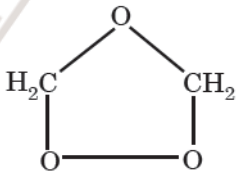
4. Bleaching agent. Due to the oxidising action of ozone, it acts as a mild bleaching agent as well as a sterilizing agent. It acts as a bleaching agent for vegetable colouring matter.

$$\text{Vegetable colouring matter} + O_3 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{(colourless)}}{\text{Oxidised coloured matter}} + O_2$$

For example, ozone bleaches indigo, ivory, litmus, delicate fabrics, etc.

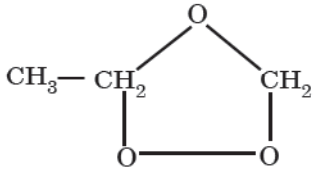
5. Formation of ozonides. Ozone reacts with alkenes in the presence of carbon tetrachloride (CCl_4) to form an ozonide. For example,

$$\underset{\text{Ethylene}}{CH_2=CH_2} + O_3 \xrightarrow{CCl_4}$$



Ethylene ozonide

$$\underset{\text{Propylene}}{CH_3-CH=CH_2} + O_3 \xrightarrow{CCl_4}$$



Propylene ozonide

6. Action with peroxides. Ozone reacts with peroxides such as hydrogen peroxides and barium peroxide and liberates oxygen.

$$H_2O_2 + O_3 \longrightarrow H_2O + 2O_2$$
$$BaO_2 + O_3 \longrightarrow BaO + 2O_2$$

Structure of ozone. The structure of ozone molecule is angular as shown in Fig. 32. The O—O—O bond angle is 116.8° and O—O bond length is 127.8 pm.

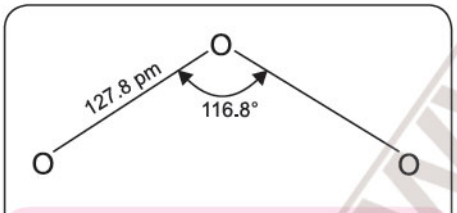
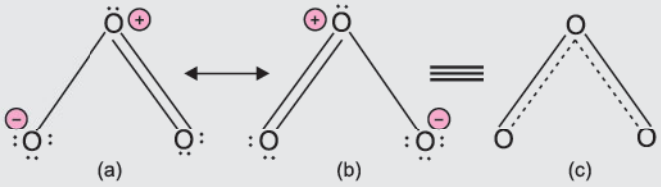


Fig. 32. Structure of ozone molecule.

The bond length in ozone molecule is intermediate between single and double bonds in oxygen atoms (single O—O bond = 148 pm, double O=O bond = 122 pm). Ozone molecule thus, is considered to be a resonance hybrid of the following two resonating structures (*a*) and (*b*).



Resonating structures

Tests of Ozone

- In the presence of O_3, mercury loses its meniscus and starts sticking to glass (tailing of mercury).
- It turns moist start iodide paper blue.
- It turns alcoholic solution of benzidine brown.

Uses of Ozone

1. Ozone is used for disinfecting and sterilising water because ozone has germicidal properties.

2. It is used for bleaching, flour delicate fabrics, oils, flour, starch, ivory, etc.

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3. It is used for purifying air of crowded places such as cinemas, underground railways, auditoriums, tunnels, mines, etc. and for destroying objectionable odours in slaughter houses.

4. It is used in industry for the manufacture of potassium permanganate, artificial silk, synthetic camphor, etc.

5. It is used in the laboratory for the ozonolysis of organic compounds.

Depletion of Ozone Layer

Ozone is formed in the upper atmosphere by a photochemical reaction involving oxygen. Ozone absorbs radiations strongly in the ultraviolet region of the spectrum between 220–290 nm and this protects the earth and its inhabitants from the harmful effects of ultra-violet radiations. Therefore, the thick layer of ozone is called **ozone blanket**. Without this protective ozone layer, more ultraviolet radiations will reach the surface of the earth and cause damage to plant and animal life. The increased exposure to ultraviolet radiations may cause skin cancer, damage to immune system leading to increased viral infections, damage to land's plants and crops and damage to marine plants and marine animals.

Recently in 1980, scientists have observed a hole in the ozone blanket covering the upper atmosphere around Antarctica. This depletion of ozone layer in the stratosphere has become a worldwide concern of all scientists. It has been observed that the hole in ozone layer is because of its reaction with chlorofluorocarbons (CFC's). These volatile compounds have been used for some years as aerosol propellants and as refrigerants. Chlorofluorocarbons are long lived molecules and diffuse into the stratosphere where they are decomposed by ultra violet radiations to produce chlorine. These chlorine atoms react with ozone causing a decrease in its concentration at a faster rate than its formation from O_2.

$$Cl_2CF_2 + h\nu \longrightarrow Cl + ClCF_2$$
$$Cl + O_3 \longrightarrow ClO + O_2$$
$$ClO + O \longrightarrow Cl + O_2$$

So the effect of CFC's on the ozone layer is a **single greatest threat to the global atmosphere**. The depletion of ozone layer is a serious threat to mankind. Scientists believe that every 1% decrease in ozone leads to 2% increase in skin cancer due to exposure to sun's ultra-violet rays.

There is another cause of **ozone depletion**. It is because of release of nitrogen oxides (NO_x) into the stratosphere by the exhaust system of supersonic jet aeroplanes. NO molecule can react with ozone to give O_2.

$$NO\,(g) + O_3\,(g) \longrightarrow NO_2\,(g) + O_2\,(g)$$

Three scientists, P.J. Crutzen, M.J. Molina and F.S. Rowland got 1995 Noble Prize in Chemistry for their pioneering work in this area. As a result, there is a great awareness all over the world to find alternatives for CFC's and control the emission of oxides of nitrogen into stratosphere.

CHEMISTRY OF SULPHUR AND ITS COMPOUNDS

ALLOTROPES OF SULPHUR

Sulphur exists in numerous allotropic forms of which three forms are the most important. These three main allotropic forms are :

(*i*) *Rhombic sulphur* (*ii*) *Monoclinic sulphur*

(*iii*) *Plastic sulphur*

The mineral of sulphur, **pyrite**, FeS_2 is often called **fool's gold** because of its golden yellow colour. It contains the disulphide ion (S_2^{2-}), the sulphur analogue of the peroxide ion, (O_2^{2-}).

(*i*) Rhombic sulphur or α-Sulphur

It is the common form of sulphur and is formed by slowly evaporating the solution of roll sulphur in CS_2, when octahedral crystals of sulphur appear.

Properties

(*i*) It is bright yellow in colour.

(*ii*) Its specific gravity is 2.06 g cm^{-3}.

(*iii*) Its melting point is 385.8 K.

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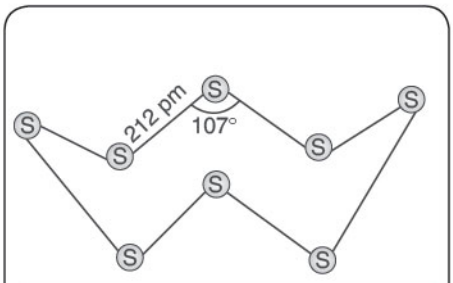


Fig. 33. Puckered ring structure of sulphur.

(*iv*) This is the most stable form of sulphur at room temperature and all other varieties of sulphur change into this form on standing.

(*v*) It is insoluble in water but dissolves to some extent in benzene, alcohol and ether. However, it is readily soluble in CS_2.

(*vi*) It has low thermal and electrical conductivity.

Structure

Rhombic sulphur exists as S_8 molecules. The sulphur atoms are arranged in *a puckered ring* as shown in Fig. 33.

(*ii*) Monoclinic sulphur or β-Sulphur

This form of sulphur is prepared by melting rhombic sulphur in a dish and cooling till a crust is formed. Two holes are made in the crust and the remaining liquid poured out. On removing the crust, colourless needle shaped crystals of β-sulphur are formed.

Properties

(*i*) It is dull yellow in colour and like rhombic sulphur, it is also soluble in carbon disulphide.

(*ii*) It has specific gravity of 1.98 g cm^{-3}.

(*iii*) Its melting point is 393 K.

(*iv*) Monoclinic sulphur also exists as S_8 molecules with puckered ring structures like rhombic sulphur. However, the two forms differ in the symmetry of their crystals.

(*v*) It is stable above 369 K and transforms into α-sulphur below this temperature. Conversely, α-sulphur is stable below 369 K and transforms into β-sulphur above this temperature. Thus, at 369 K both the forms are stable and coexist. This temperature is called the **transition temperature**.

Rhombic sulphur $\underset{<369\ K}{\overset{>369\ K}{\rightleftharpoons}}$ Monoclinic sulphur

Structure

Both rhombic and monoclinic sulphur have S_8 molecules. These S_8 molecules are packed to give different crystal structures. The S_8 ring in both the forms is puckered and has a crown shape.

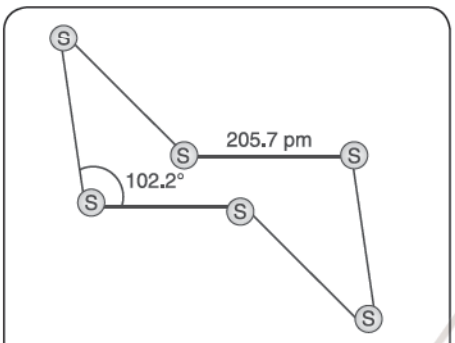


Fig. 34. Structure of cyclo-S_6 allotropic form of sulphur.

(*iii*) Plastic sulphur or δ-sulphur

Plastic sulphur is obtained by pouring molten sulphur into cold water when a soft rubber like mass called plastic sulphur is formed.

Properties

(*i*) It is an amorphous form of sulphur.

(*ii*) It is soft and elastic in the beginning but hardens on standing and gradually changes to rhombic sulphur.

(*iii*) It has no sharp melting point.

(*iv*) It has specific gravity of 1.95 g cm^{-3}.

(*v*) It is insoluble in carbon disulphide. Plastic sulphur is regarded as *super cooled liquid i.e.,* a liquid which due to rapid cooling below its freezing point had no time to settle in a crystalline form.

S_2 species predominate at about 1000 K. Like O_2, S_2 is paramagnetic and blue coloured.

Several other modifications of sulphur containing 6–20 sulphur atoms per ring have been synthesised in the last two decades. Among these, another important form is cyclo-S_6 (Engel's sulphur or ε-sulphur) in which the six membered ring adopts the chair form as shown in Fig. 34.

At high temperatures (about 1000 K), S_2 is the dominant species and is paramagnetic (like O_2) and blue coloured.

SULPHUR DIOXIDE

It contains sulphur in + 4 oxidation state.

Preparation

Sulphur dioxide is formed together with a little (6–8%) sulphur trioxide when sulphur is burnt in air or oxygen.

$$S\ (s) + O_2\ (g) \longrightarrow SO_2\ (g)$$

In the **laboratory**, sulphur dioxide is prepared by treating a sulphite with dilute sulphuric acid.

$$Na_2SO_3\ (s) + H_2SO_4\ (aq) \longrightarrow SO_2\ (g) + Na_2SO_4\ (aq) + H_2O\ (l)$$

Sodium sulphite

or $$SO_3^{2-}\ (aq) + 2H^+\ (aq) \longrightarrow SO_2\ (g) + H_2O\ (l)$$

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$$\text{Rhombic sulphur} \underset{<369K}{\overset{>369K}{\rightleftharpoons}} \text{Monoclinic sulphur}$$

It may also be prepared in the laboratory by heating copper turnings with concentrated sulphuric acid.

$$Cu + 2H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow CuSO_4 + SO_2 + H_2O$$

Industrially, it is produced as a by-product of roasting of sulphide ores such as iron pyrites or zinc blende.

$$\underset{\text{Iron pyrites}}{4FeS_2} + 11O_2 \longrightarrow 2Fe_2O_3 + 8SO_2$$

$$\underset{\text{Zinc blende}}{2ZnS} + 3O_2 \longrightarrow 2ZnO + 2SO_2$$

The gas is dried, liquefied under pressure and stored in steel cylinders.

Properties

It has the following properties :

Physical properties.

(*i*) It is a colourless, toxic gas with a pungent and suffocating odour.

(*ii*) It is heavier than air.

(*iii*) It is readily soluble in water. At 0°C, 1 volume of water can dissolve about 8 volumes of the gas.

(*iv*) It can be easily liquefied at room temperature under a pressure of 2 atmosphere. The liquid is colourless, boils at 263 K and freezes at 197.5 K, giving a white snow-like mass.

Chemical Properties.

(*i*) Acidic character. Sulphur dioxide dissolves in water giving sulphurous acid.

$$SO_2\,(g) + H_2O\,(l) \longrightarrow H_2SO_3\,(aq)$$

Therefore, SO_2 is regarded as *anhydride of sulphurous acid.* Its aqueous solution is acidic turning blue litmus red.

Because of its acidic character :

(*a*) It reacts readily with sodium hydroxide solution forming sodium sulphite, which then reacts with more sulphur dioxide to form sodium hydrogen sulphite.

$$2NaOH + SO_2 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Sod. sulphite}}{Na_2SO_3} + H_2O$$

$$Na_2SO_3 + H_2O + SO_2 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Sod. hydrogen sulphite}}{2NaHSO_3}$$

(*b*) When the gas is bubbled through lime water, it becomes milky. On passing the excess of the gas, the milkiness disappears due to formation of calcium bisulphite.

$$Ca(OH)_2 + SO_2 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Milkiness}}{CaSO_3} + H_2O$$

$$CaSO_3 + SO_2 + H_2O \longrightarrow \underset{\substack{\text{Cal. bisulphite}\\ \text{(Milkiness disappears)}}}{Ca(HSO_3)_2}$$

In its reaction with water and alkalies, its behaviour is very similar to that of carbon dioxide.

(*ii*) Combustibility. The gas is non-combustible and does not support combustion. However, certain substances such as carbon, magnesium, etc. extract oxygen from the gas and burn in it when ignited.

$$SO_2 + C \longrightarrow CO_2 + S$$

$$SO_2 + 2Mg \longrightarrow 2MgO + S$$

(*iii*) Combination with oxygen. Sulphur dioxide reacts with oxygen when heated forming sulphur trioxide.

$$2SO_2 + O_2 \underset{}{\overset{V_2O_5}{\rightleftharpoons}} 2SO_3$$

The above reaction is reversible and slow. Therefore, the reaction is carried out in the presence of some catalyst such as platinised asbestos, vanadium pentoxide, etc. This reaction is used in the manufacture of sulphuric acid by Contact process.

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(*iv*) Combination with halogens. Sulphur dioxide combines directly with the halogens (fluorine, chlorine and bromine) forming sulphuryl fluoride, chloride and bromide respectively. For example, SO_2 combines with chlorine in the presence of charcoal (which acts as a catalyst) to give sulphuryl chloride (SO_2Cl_2).

$$SO_2(g) + Cl_2(g) \xrightarrow{\text{Charcoal}} \underset{\text{Sulphuryl chloride}}{SO_2Cl_2(l)}$$

(*v*) Combination with hydrogen sulphide. Sulphur dioxide reacts with hydrogen sulphide when the two gases are brought into contact with each other. Therefore, it acts as a mild oxidising agent.

$$SO_2 + 2H_2S \longrightarrow 2H_2O + 3S$$

(*vi*) As a reducing agent. Sulphur dioxide acts as a fairly *strong reducing agent* in the presence of moisture.

It reduces

(*a*) *potassium dichromate to chromium sulphate.*

$$K_2Cr_2O_7 + H_2SO_4 + 3SO_2 \longrightarrow K_2SO_4 + Cr_2(SO_4)_3 + H_2O$$
$$\text{or } Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 3SO_2 + 2H^+ \longrightarrow 3SO_4^{2-} + 2Cr^{3+} + H_2O$$

(*b*) *potassium permanganate to manganese sulphate.*

$$2KMnO_4 + 5SO_2 + 2H_2O \longrightarrow K_2SO_4 + MnSO_4 + 2H_2SO_4$$
$$\text{or } 2MnO_4^- + 5SO_2 + 2H_2O \longrightarrow 2SO_4^{2-} + 2Mn^{2+} + 4H^+$$

Therefore, it decolourises pink violet colour of acidified potassium permanganate solution. The reaction serves as a convenient test for the gas.

(*c*) *potassium iodate to iodine.*

$$2KIO_3 + 5SO_2 + 4H_2O \longrightarrow 2KHSO_4 + 3H_2SO_4 + I_2$$

(*d*) *halogens to halide ions.*

$$SO_2 + H_2O + Cl_2 \longrightarrow H_2SO_4 + 2HCl$$
$$\text{or } SO_2 + 2H_2O + Cl_2 \longrightarrow SO_4^{2-} + 2Cl^- + 4H^+$$
$$SO_2 + H_2O + Br_2 \longrightarrow H_2SO_4 + 2HBr$$
$$\text{or } SO_2 + 2H_2O + Br_2 \longrightarrow SO_4^{2-} + 2Br^- + 4H^+$$

- SO_2 acts as a bleaching agent. Bleaching action of SO_2 is a **temporary process.**

(*e*) *ferric sulphate to ferrous sulphate,*

$$Fe_2(SO_4)_3 + SO_2 + 2H_2O \longrightarrow 2FeSO_4 + 2H_2SO_4$$
$$\text{or } 2Fe^{3+} + SO_2 + 2H_2O \longrightarrow 2Fe^{2+} + SO_4^{2-} + 4H^+$$

(*f*) *lead dioxide to lead sulphate.*

$$PbO_2 + SO_2 \longrightarrow PbSO_4$$

(*g*) *sodium peroxide to sodium sulphate.*

$$Na_2O_2 + SO_2 \longrightarrow Na_2SO_4$$

(*vii*) Bleaching action. In the presence of moisture, sulphur dioxide acts as a bleaching agent.

$$SO_2 + 2H_2O \longrightarrow H_2SO_4 + 2H$$

The nascent hydrogen bleaches vegetable colouring matter to colourless matter.

$$\text{Colouring matter} + [H] \longrightarrow \text{Colourless matter}$$

On exposing the bleached article to air, the reverse process takes place, *i.e.,* colour is restored due to the atmospheric oxygen.

$$\text{Colourless matter} + [O] \longrightarrow \text{Coloured matter.}$$

Thus, **bleaching by sulphur dioxide is a temporary process.**

Structure

The structure of SO_2 has already been discussed (Fig. 23).

Uses

(*i*) Sulphur dioxide is used for the manufacture of important chemicals such as sulphuric acid, sodium hydrogen sulphite, calcium hydrogen sulphite, etc. These bisulphites are used as presrvatives for jams, pickels, jellies and squashes.

(*ii*) It is used for refining of petroleum and sugar.

(*iii*) It is used for bleaching delicate articles such as wool, silk, straw, etc.

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(*iv*) It is used as a disinfectant and a germicide.

(*v*) It is used as an antichlor *i.e.,* for removing excess chlorine from bleached articles.

(*vi*) Liquid SO_2 is used as a solvent to dissolve a number of organic and inorganic chemicals.

(*vii*) Liquid SO_2 is used as a preservative.

(*viii*) Liquid SO_2 is used as a refrigerant because it can be liquified and re-evaporated easily.

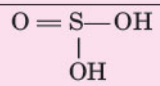
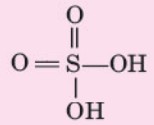
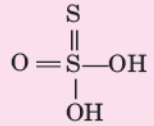
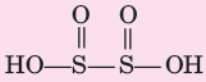
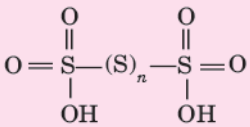
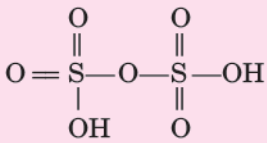
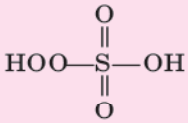
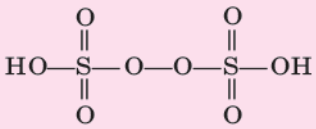
OXOACIDS

Sulphur, selenium and tellurium form a variety of oxoacids. Of these, the oxoacids of sulphur are more numerous and more important than those of selenium and tellurium. Let us first discuss the oxoacids of sulphur.

Oxoacids of sulphur

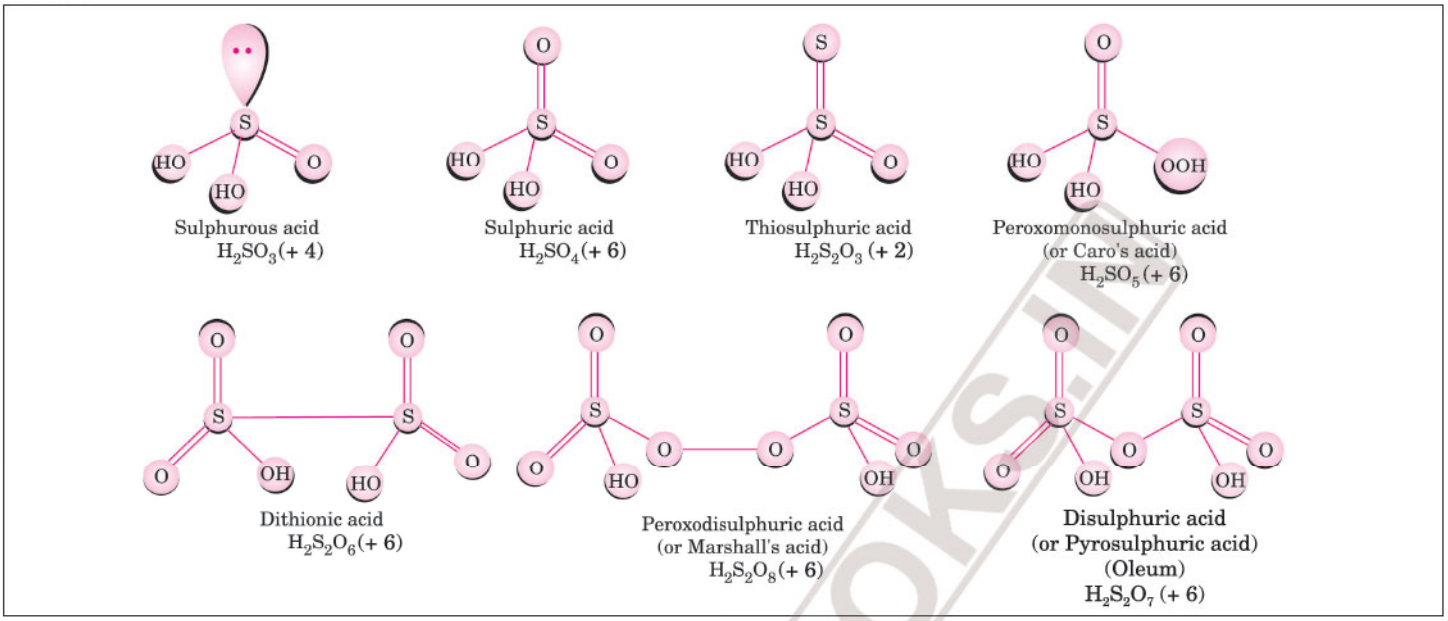
Sulphur forms a number of oxoacids. Only a few of these have been isolated as free acids while a number of these have been found only as their aqueous solutions or salts. Some of these are listed in Table 15.

Table 15. Some Oxoacids of sulphur.

Formula	Name	Oxidation state of S	Structural formula
H_2SO_3	Sulphurous acid	+4	
H_2SO_4	Sulphuric acid	+6	
$H_2S_2O_3$	Thiosulphuric acid	+2	
$H_2S_2O_4$	Dithionous acid	+3	
$H_2S_nO_6$	Polythionic acid		
$H_2S_2O_7$	Disulphuric acid Pyrosulphuric acid	+6	
H_2SO_5	Peroxomonosulphuric acid	+6	
$H_2S_2O_8$	Peroxodisulphuric acid	+6	

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The structures of some important oxoacids of sulphur with the oxidation state of sulphur in brackets are given below :



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Peroxomonosulphuric acid, H_2SO_5 (also called Caro's acid) and peroxodisulphuric acid, $H_2S_2O_8$ (also called Marshall's acid) contain –O–O– linkage.

SULPHURIC ACID

Sulphuric acid is one of the most important industrial chemicals world wide. Because of its industrial applications, it is called **king of chemicals.**

Manufacture of Sulphuric Acid

Sulphuric acid can be manufactured by **Contact process.** The process involves the following steps :

(*i*) **Preparation of sulphur dioxide.** Sulphur dioxide is prepared by burning sulphur or iron pyrites in excess of air.

$$S + O_2 \longrightarrow SO_2$$

$$\underset{\text{Iron pyrites}}{4FeS_2} + 11O_2 \longrightarrow 2Fe_2O_3 + 8SO_2$$

(*ii*) **Oxidation of sulphur dioxide into sulphur trioxide.** Sulphur dioxide is catalytically oxidised to sulphur trioxide with atmospheric oxygen. The reaction is reversible as well as exothermic in nature. *This is the key reaction for the process.* The high yield of SO_3 will lead to more production of the acid.

$$2SO_2\,(g) + O_2\,(g) \xrightarrow{V_2O_5} 2SO_3\,(g) \qquad \Delta_r H^{\ominus} = -196.6\ kJ$$

(*iii*) **Absorption of sulphur trioxide into 98% sulphuric acid to form oleum.** Sulphur trioxide is absorbed in about 98% H_2SO_4 to form oleum or fuming sulphuric acid.

$$SO_3 + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Oleum}}{H_2S_2O_7}$$

(*iv*) **Dilution of oleum with water.** Oleum is then diluted with required quantity of water to get sulphuric acid of any desired concentration.

$$H_2S_2O_7 + H_2O \longrightarrow 2H_2SO_4$$

Conditions favouring the maximum yield of sulphur trioxide.

The key step in the manufacture of sulphuric acid is the catalytic oxidation of SO_2 with O_2 to give SO_3. This is a reversible and exothermic process. It is the key reaction for the process:

$$2SO_2 + O_2 \longrightarrow 2SO_3 \qquad \Delta H^{\ominus} = -196.6\ kJ$$

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The conditions for the maximum yield of sulphur trioxide are derived by using *Le Chatelier's principle* as follows :

(*i*) **Low temperature.** The forward reaction is exothermic and therefore, low temperature favours the oxidation of sulphur dioxide. However, it is essential to have minimum temperature of 720 K, called **optimum temperature,** to get the maximum yield of the product.

(*ii*) **High pressure.** Since the volume of the gaseous products is less than that of the gaseous reactants, *high pressure should favour the oxidation of sulphur dioxide*. But a very high pressure may cause the corrosion of the vessel in which oxidation is carried. Therefore, a pressure of 2 to 3 bar is sufficient for the oxidation.

(*iii*) **Use of catalyst.** A catalyst increases the speed of reaction. Platinised asbestos was used as catalyst. But it is easily poisoned by the impurities present in the gases and, therefore, has now been replaced by vanadium pentoxide (V_2O_5). It is comparatively cheap and is not poisoned by the impurities.

(*iv*) **Purity of gases.** The gases must be purified before subjecting them to oxidation in the presence of catalyst.

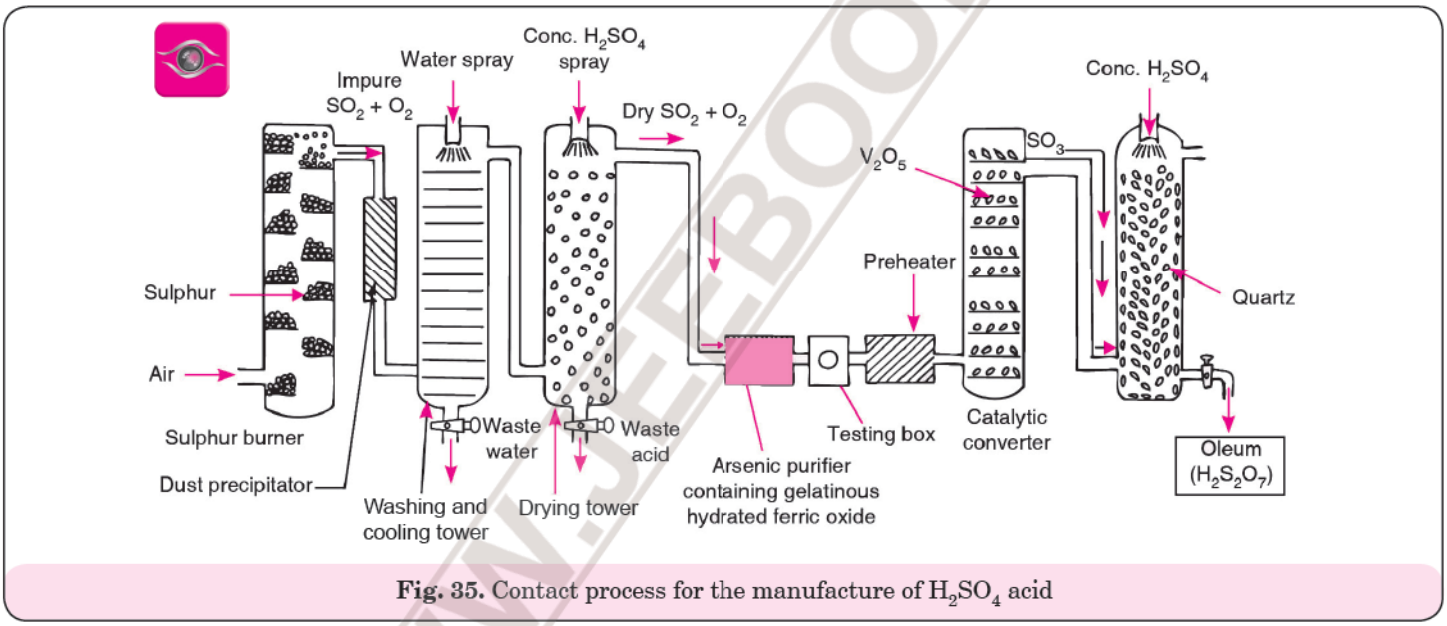


Fig. 35. Contact process for the manufacture of H_2SO_4 acid

Description of the plant. The plant employed for the Contact process has been shown in Fig. 35.

1. Sulphur burners. Sulphur or iron pyrites are burnt in excess of air to form sulphur dioxide.

$$S + O_2 \longrightarrow SO_2$$

$$4FeS_2 + 11O_2 \longrightarrow 2Fe_2O_3 + 8SO_2$$

2. Purification Unit. The gaseous mixture coming out of sulphur burners is generally impure. The gases are purified as follows :

(*i*) *Dust chamber*. Steam is introduced to remove dust particles.

(*ii*) *Coolers*. The hot gases are cooled to about 373 K by passing them though cooling pipes.

(*iii*) *Scrubber*. Gases are introduced into a washing tower (packed with quartz) also known as scrubber which dissolves mist and any other soluble impurities.

(*iv*) *Drying tower*. A spray of conc. H_2SO_4 is used for drying of gases.

(*v*) *Arsenic purifier*. This is a small chamber fitted with shelves containing gelatinous ferric hydroxide $Fe(OH)_3$. The impurities of arsenic oxide present in the gases are absorbed by ferric hydroxide.

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3. Testing box. The gases coming out of purification unit are tested in this box with the help of a strong beam of light. If some impurities are present, they will scatter light and the path will become visible. In case the gases are impure, they are passed through the purifying unit again.

4. Contact chamber or converter. The pure gases are then, heated to about 723–823 K in a pre-heater. These are then introduced in the contact chamber. It is a cylindrical iron chamber fitted with iron pipes. Each pipe is packed with the catalyst consisting of either platinized asbestos or V_2O_5. In this chamber sulphur dioxide is oxidised to sulphur trioxide.

$$2SO_2 + O_2 \longrightarrow 2SO_3; \qquad \Delta H = -196.6 \text{ kJ}$$

As the forward reaction is exothermic, the pre-heating of the incoming gases is stopped once the oxidation reaction has started. The heat produced in the reaction is sufficient to maintain the temperature of the reaction.

5. Absorption tower. It is a cylindrical tower packed with acid proof flint. Sulphur trioxide escaping from the converter is led to the bottom of the tower while concentrated sulphuric acid (98%) is sparyed from the top. Sulphur trioxide gets absorbed by sulphuric acid to form oleum or fuming sulphuric acid.

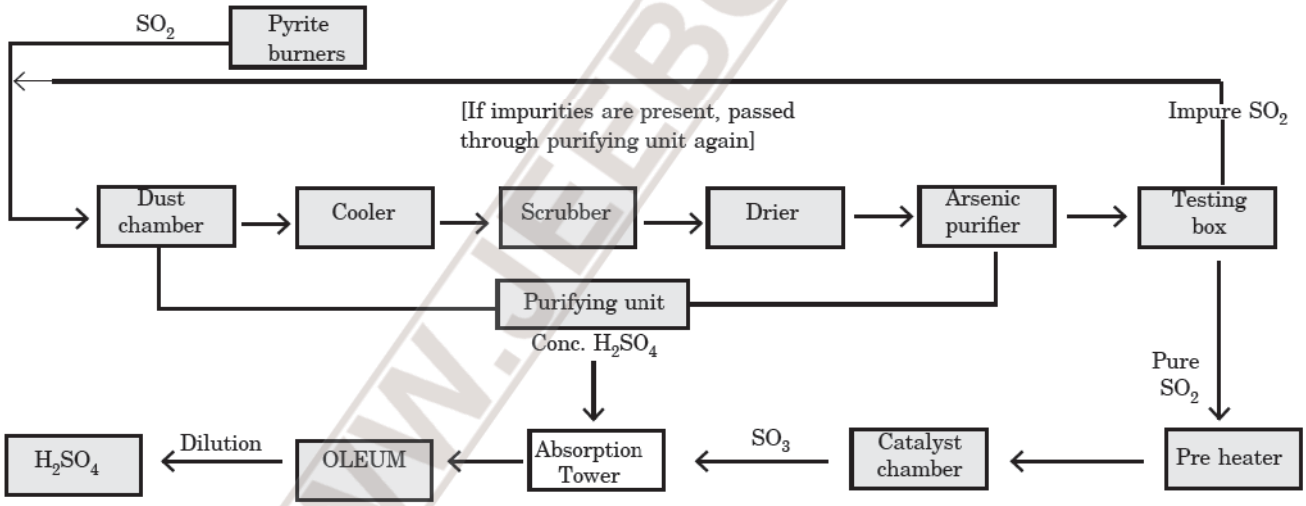
$$H_2SO_4 + SO_3 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Oleum}}{H_2S_2O_7}$$

It may be noted that sulphur trioxide is not directly absorbed in water to form sulphuric acid because the process is accompanied by formation of dense fog of the acid particles. Therefore, it becomes quite inconvenient for the workers.

Oleum is then diluted with calculated amount of water to get acid of desired concentration.

$$H_2S_2O_7 + H_2O \longrightarrow 2H_2SO_4$$

A **flow sheet** diagram of Contact process is given below :



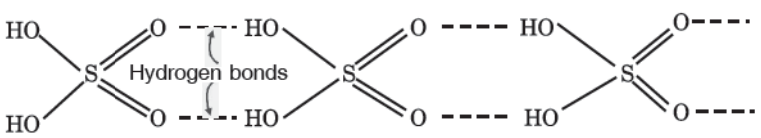
Properties

Sulphuric acid has the following properties:

Physical properties : (*i*) Pure sulphuric acid is a colourless, dense, viscous liquid (specific gravity of 1.84 at 298 K). It is known as oil of vitriol.

(*ii*) It freezes at 283 K and boils at 611 K.

The high boiling point and viscosity of sulphuric acid suggest that it is an associated molecule. The different molecules are held together by hydrogen bonding as shown below:



(*iii*) The concentrated acid has strong affinity for water and the dissolution process is highly exothermic and a large quantity of heat is evolved. Concentrated

sulphuric acid is diluted by adding acid to water and not water to acid. In the latter case, so much heat is produced that acid will spurt out of the container. Sulphuric acid forms hydrates such as $H_2SO_4.H_2O$ (m.p. 8.5°C) and $H_2SO_4.2H_2O$ (m.p. 38°C).

(*iv*) It is highly corrosive and produces burns on the skin.

Chemical Properties

1. Dissociation. Sulphuric acid is quite stable but on strong heating, it dissociates into SO_3 and H_2O.

$$H_2SO_4 \rightleftharpoons H_2O + SO_3$$

2. Acidic character. It is a strong dibasic acid and ionises in aqueous solution as :

$$H_2SO_4\,(aq) \rightleftharpoons H^+(aq) + HSO_4^-(aq) \quad K_{a_1} = \text{Very large}$$
$$H_2SO_4\,(aq) \rightleftharpoons 2H^+(aq) + SO_4^{2-}(aq) \quad Ka_2 = 1.2 \times 10^{-2}$$

The larger value of K_{a1} ($K_{a1} > 10$) means that H_2SO_4 is largely dissociated into H^+ and HSO_4^- ions. *Greater the value of dissociation constant (K_a), the stronger is the acid.*

Therefore, it forms two series of salts : **normal sulphates** such as sodium sulphate (Na_2SO_4), copper sulphate ($CuSO_4$), etc. and **acid sulphates** or **hydrogen sulphates or bisulphates** such as sodium hydrogen sulphate ($NaHSO_4$).

Thus, it reacts with alkalies, metal carbonates, metal bicarbonates, metal oxides, ammonia, etc. which are the characteristic reactions of an acid.

(*a*) *Action with metal hydroxides.* Being a dibasic acid, it forms two series of salts.

$$NaOH + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Sodium bisulphate}}{NaHSO_4} + H_2O$$

$$2NaOH + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Sodium sulphate}}{Na_2SO_4} + 2H_2O$$

(*b*) *Action with metal carbonates and bicarbonates.*

$$Na_2CO_3 + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow Na_2SO_4 + H_2O + CO_2$$
$$2NaHCO_3 + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow Na_2SO_4 + CO_2 + 2H_2O$$

(*c*) *Action with metal oxides.*

$$CaO + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow CaSO_4 + H_2O$$

(*d*) *Action with ammonia.* Dense white fumes of ammonium sulphate are formed.

$$2NH_3 + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow (NH_4)_2SO_4$$

(*e*) *Being an acid dilute H_2SO_4 liberates hydrogen with metals like zinc, magnesium, iron, tin, etc.*

$$H_2SO_4\,(\text{dil.}) + Zn \longrightarrow ZnSO_4 + H_2\uparrow$$
$$H_2SO_4\,(\text{dil.}) + Mg \longrightarrow MgSO_4 + H_2\uparrow$$

However, metals like copper and silver which are less electropositive than hydrogen, fail to react with the dilute acid.

3. Dehydrating agent. Due to strong affinity for water, concentrated acid acts as a powerful dehydrating agent. Its corrosive action on skin is due to this property. Its strong affinity for water is illustrated by the following properties:

(*a*) *Drying of gases :* Many wet gases like carbon dioxide, sulphur dioxide, chlorine, hydrogen chloride, etc. which have no action with acid, are dried by bubbling into the concentrated sulphuric acid.

(*b*) *Charring.* When concentrated acid is dropped on paper, wood or sugar, it absorbs moisture and brings about charring.

$$\underset{\text{Sugar}}{C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}} \xrightarrow[H_2SO_4]{\text{Conc}} \underset{\text{(absorbed by acid)}}{11H_2O} + \underset{\text{Charring}}{12C}$$

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Oxoacids of Selenium and Tellurium

Selenium forms two oxoacids :

Selenious acid H_2SeO_3 ; Selenic acid H_2SeO_4

Selenious acid is white solid and can be dehydrated to selenium dioxide in a stream of dry air. On refluxing with H_2O_2, it gets converted to selenic acid. With alkalies, it forms two types of salts $MHSeO_3$ and M_2SeO_3 (where M = alkali metal).

Anhydrous selenic acid is viscous liquid and crystallizes to a white solid (m.p. 62°C). It resembles H_2SO_4 in its chemical properties and is strong acid like H_2SO_4 having close dissociation constant. However, it differs from H_2SO_4 in being strong oxidizing agent. It can dissolve Au, Pd and even Pt in the presence of chloride ion. It oxidises halides ion (except F^-) to free halogen. Like H_2SO_4, it forms many hydrates as $H_2SeO_4.H_2O$, $H_2SeO_4.4H_2O$, etc. It also forms selenates like sulphates.

Tellurium forms oxoacids :

Tellurous acid H_2TeO_3,

Telluric acid H_6TeO_6

Tellurous acid was not known earlier because it could not be prepared by dissolving TeO_2 in water as TeO_2 is almost insoluble in water. These days, it has been prepared by the hydrolysis of tetrahalide of tellurium. Its structure has not been well established. Like selenious acid, it forms two series of salts, $MHTeO_3$ and M_2TeO_3. The dissociation constants of H_2TeO_3 and H_2SeO_3 are close :

H_2TeO_3 : $K_1 = 3.0 \times 10^{-3}$, $K_2 = 2 \times 10^{-8}$

H_2SeO_3 : $K_1 = 3.5 \times 10^{-3}$, $K_2 = 5 \times 10^{-8}$

Telluric acid, H_6TeO_6 is quite stable and is well known.

It is white solid (m.p. 136°C). It is quite different from H_2SO_4 and H_2SeO_4 and exists as octahedral $Te(OH)_6$ molecules. It is fairly strong oxidising agent but unlike H_2SO_4 and H_2SeO_4 it is weak dibasic acid. It also forms two series of salts *e.g.,* $NaTeO(OH)_5$ and $Li_2TeO_2(OH)_4$.

The anhydrous telluric acid is stable in air upto 100°C but above 120°C it loses water to form polymetatelluric acid.

(*c*) *Action with formic acid.*

$$\underset{\text{Formic acid}}{HCOOH} \xrightarrow[H_2SO_4]{\text{Conc.}} CO + \underset{\text{(absorbed by acid)}}{H_2O}$$

(*d*) *Action with oxalic acid.*

$$\begin{matrix} COOH \\ | \\ COOH \end{matrix} \xrightarrow{\text{Conc. } H_2SO_4} CO + CO_2 + \underset{\text{(absorbed by acid)}}{H_2O}$$

(*e*) *Action with ethyl alcohol.* At 170°C, ethyl alcohol gets dehydrated to ethylene.

$$\underset{\text{Ethyl alcohol}}{C_2H_5OH} \xrightarrow[170°C]{\text{Conc. } H_2SO_4} \underset{\text{Ethylene}}{C_2H_4} + H_2O$$

(*f*) *Action with hydrated salts.* It removes water of crystallisation from hydrated salts. For example,

$$\underset{\substack{\text{Hydrated copper}\\ \text{sulphate (blue)}}}{CuSO_4.5H_2O} \xrightarrow{\text{Conc. } H_2SO_4} \underset{\substack{\text{Anhydrous}\\ \text{copper sulphate (white)}}}{CuSO_4} + 5H_2O$$

4. Oxidising agent. Hot concentrated sulphuric acid is a moderately strong oxidising agent. In this respect, it is intermediate between phosphoric and nitric acids. The oxidising character of H_2SO_4 is due to the fact that it decomposes to give nascent oxygen.

$$H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow H_2O + SO_2 + \underset{\text{Nascent}}{(O)}$$

The nascent oxygen brings about a number of oxidation reactions. Both metals and non-metals are oxidised by concentrated sulphuric acid which is reduced to SO_2.

(*a*) *It oxidises carbon to carbon dioxide.*

$$2H_2SO_4 + C \longrightarrow 2SO_2 + CO_2 + 2H_2O$$

(*b*) *It oxidises sulphur to sulphur dioxide.*

$$2H_2SO_4 + 3S \longrightarrow 3SO_2 + 2H_2O$$

(*c*) *It oxidises phosphorus to phosphoric acid.*

$$10H_2SO_4 + P_4 \longrightarrow 4H_3PO_4 + 10SO_2 + 4H_2O$$

(*d*) *It oxidises hydrogen sulphide to sulphur.*

$$H_2SO_4 + H_2S \longrightarrow 2H_2O + SO_2 + S$$

(*e*) *It oxidises halogen acids* (HBr and HI) *to halogens.*

$$H_2SO_4 + 2HBr \longrightarrow 2H_2O + Br_2 + SO_2$$

(*f*) *It oxidises metals such as Cu, Pb, Hg, Ag etc. to their corresponding sulphates liberating SO_2.*

$$Cu + 2H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow CuSO_4 + SO_2 + 2H_2O$$

With zinc, which is a stronger reducing agent than copper, the reduction of concentrated sulphuric acid goes further to give sulphur or H_2S.

5. Action with salts. It is a strong non-volatile acid and decomposes the salts of volatic acids forming its own salts.

$$2MX + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow 2HX + \underset{\text{(M = metal, X = F, Cl, } NO_3\text{)}}{M_2SO_4}$$

$$Na_2CO_3 + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow Na_2SO_4 + H_2O + CO_2$$

$$KNO_3 + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow KHSO_4 + HNO_3$$

$$NaCl + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow NaHSO_4 + HCl$$

In case of bromides and iodides, the halogen acid formed is oxidised to free halogen as it is a **strong reducing agent**. For example,

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$$[NaI + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow NaHSO_4 + HI] \times 2$$
$$H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow H_2O + SO_2 + O$$
$$2HI + O \longrightarrow H_2O + I_2$$
$$2NaI + 3H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow 2NaHSO_4 + SO_2 + I_2 + 2H_2O$$

Therefore, because of its low volatility sulphuric acid is used to manufacture more volatile acids from their corresponding salts.

6. Precipitation reactions. Sulphuric acid gives white precipitate when treated with solution of lead and barium salts.

$$BaCl_2 + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{white ppt.}}{BaSO_4} + 2HCl$$

$$Pb(NO_3)_2 + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{white ppt.}}{PbSO_4} + 2HNO_3$$

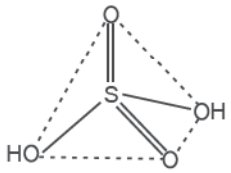
$$(CH_3COO)_2Pb + \underset{\text{white ppt.}}{H_2SO_4} \longrightarrow PbSO_4 + 2CH_3COOH$$

7. Action with sulphur trioxide. Sulphur trioxide is absorbed by conc. sulphuric acid to form pyrosulphuric acid known as *oleum* or *fuming sulphuric acid.*

$$H_2SO_4 + SO_3 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Oleum}}{H_2S_2O_7}$$

STRUCTURE OF SULPHURIC ACID AND SULPHATE ION

Both sulphuric acid and sulphate ion have tetrahedral structure in which S atom is sp^3 hybridised as shown below:

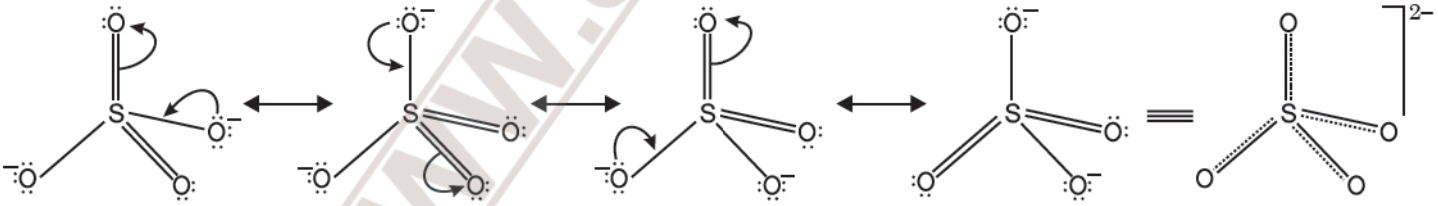


H_2SO_4



SO_4^{2-} ion

In sulphate ion, all the S—O bond lengths are equal (149 pm) and therefore, it is a resonance hybrid of the following resonating structures:



Uses of sulphuric acid. Sulphuric acid is one of the most important industrial chemicals and is known as **king of chemicals**. The industrial strength of a nation can be judged by the quantity of sulphuric acid it procduces and consumes. The important uses of sulphuric acid are :

(*i*) *In fertilizer industry.* It is used in the preparation of fertilizers such as ammonium phosphate, ammonium sulphate, super phosphate of lime, etc. The bulk of sulphuric acid produced is used in the manufacture of fertilizers.

(*ii*) *In petroleum refining.* It is used for the refining of crude petroleum. The crude petroleum is treated with sulphuric acid to remove unwanted sulphur and other tarry compounds.

(*iii*) *In dyes, drugs, paints and pigments.* It is used directly or indirectly in the manufacture of chemicals such as dyes, drugs, paints, pigments, etc.

(*iv*) *In chemical industry.* It is used for the manufacture of hundreds of other compounds such as hydrochloric acid, nitric acid, phosphoric acid, sulphates, bisulphates, diethyl ether, etc.

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(*v*) *In metallurgy*. Sulphuric acid is used for metallurgical processes such as electrolytic refining, electroplating, galvanising, etc. A number of metals like copper, silver, etc. are extracted from their ores using sulphuric acid.

(*vi*) It is used for cleaning the surfaces of metals (picking) before electroplaing.

(*vii*) It is used in the manufacture of explosive such as dynamite, T.N.T. nitro cellulose products (gum, cotton), etc.

(*viii*) It is also used as a drying and dehydrating agent.

(*ix*) It is used for storage batteries.

(*x*) As a *laboratory reagent*. It is widely used in laboratory as a drying and dehydrating agent and in many other chemical reactions. It is very important chemical reagent.

Currently, our country is producing more than 2.5 million tonnes of sulphuric acid per annum compared to over 40 million tonnes produced in U.S.A. and 120 million tonnes produced worldwide.

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❑ **Example 30.**

Sulphur in vapour state shows paramagnetic character. Why ? *(A.I.S.B. 2008; D.S.B. 2008, 2012)*

Solution : In the vapour state sulphur exists as S_2 molecules. S_2 molecule like O_2 molecule has two unpaired electrons in the antibonding molecular orbitals (π_x^* and π_y^*) and hence shows paramagnetism.

❑ **Example 31.**

Why is H_2S less acidic than H_2Te ?

(Pb.S.B. 2017, Kerala S.B. 2018)

Solution : In H_2Te the size of central Te is more than that of S in H_2S and therefore, the distance between the central atom and hydrogen, Te—H is more than that of S—H. As a result of large bond length, the bond dissociation enthalpy of, Te—H is less than that of S—H and bond cleavage of Te—H bond is easy. Therefore, H_2Te is more acidic than H_2S.

❑ **Example 32.**

Dioxygen is a gas while sulphur is a solid at room temperature. Why? *(A.I.S.B. 2013, 2018)*

Solution : Oxygen exists as a stable diatomic molecule and is, therefore, a gas. On the other hand, sulphur exists in solid state as S_8 molecules and have puckered ring structure. The main reason for this different behaviour is that oxygen atom has strong tendency to form multiple bonds with itself and forms strong O = O bonds rather than O—O bonds. On the other hand, sulphur-sulphur double bonds (S=S) are not very strong. As a result, catenated —O—O—O— chains are less stable as compared to O=O molecule while catenated —S—S—S— chains are more stable as compared to S=S molecule. Therefore, oxygen exists as a diatomic gas and sulphur exists as S_8 solid.

❑ **Example 33.**

Write balanced equations for the following reactions :

(*a*) $Cu + conc.\ H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow$

(*b*) $SF_4 + H_2O \longrightarrow$

(*c*) $H_2S + SO_2 \xrightarrow{\text{Catalyst}}$

(*d*) $Te\ (s) + Cl_2\ (g) \longrightarrow$

(*e*) $C + H_2SO_4\ (conc.) \longrightarrow$

Solution :

(*a*) $Cu + \text{conc. } 2H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow CuSO_4 + SO_2 + 2H_2O$

(*b*) $SF_4 + 2H_2O \longrightarrow SO_2 + 4HF$

(*c*) $2H_2S + SO_2 \xrightarrow{\text{Catalyst}} 3S + 2H_2O$

(*d*) $Te(s) + 2Cl_2(g) \longrightarrow TeCl_4.$

(*e*) $C + 2H_2SO_4\ (conc.) \longrightarrow CO_2 + 2SO_2 + 2H_2O$

❑ **Example 34.**

What happens when

(a) Concentrated H_2SO_4 is added to calcium fluoride.

(b) SO_3 is passed through water ? **N.C.E.R.T.**

Solution :

(*a*) It forms hydrogen fluoride.

$$CaF_2 + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow CaSO_4 + 2HF$$

(*b*) Sulphuric acid is formed

$$SO_3 + H_2O \longrightarrow H_2SO_4$$

❑ **Example 35.**

Write the order of thermal stability of the hydrides of group 16 elements. **N.C.E.R.T.** *(D.S.B. 2017)*

Solution : The thermal stability of the hydrides of group 16 elements decreases from H_2O to H_2 Te as :

$$H_2O > H_2S > H_2Se > H_2Te$$

❑ **Example 36.**

What happens when sulphur dioxide is passed into aqueous solution of Fe (III) salt? **N.C.E.R.T.**

Solution : Fe(III) salt is reduced to Fe(II) salt.

$$2Fe^{3+} + SO_2 + 2H_2O \longrightarrow 2Fe^{2+} + SO_4^{2-} + 4H^+$$

❑ **Example 37.**

Why is $K_{a_2} << K_{a_1}$ for H_2SO_4 in water ? **N.C.E.R.T.**

Solution : H_2SO_4 is a very strong acid in water because of its first ionisation to H_3O^+ and HSO_4^-.

$$H_2SO_4 + H_2O \rightleftharpoons H_3O^+ + HSO_4^-$$

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It is almost completely ionised so that its K_{a1} is very large ($K_{a1} > 10$). However, dissociation of HSO_4^- in water to H_3O^+ and SO_4^{2-} is very small ($K_{a2} = 1.2 \times 10^{-2}$). That is why its $K_{a2} << K_{a_1}$.

$$H_2SO_4 + H_2O \rightleftharpoons H_3O^+ + SO_4^{2-}$$

Example 38.

SF_4 is easily hydrolysed whereas SF_6 is not easily hydrolysed. Why ? (A.I.S.B. 2009, Mizoram S.B. 2015)

Solution : In SF_6 molecule, sulphur atom is coordinately saturated and is stearically protected by six F atoms and hence does not allow H_2O molecules to attack the S atom. Therefore, SF_6 does not undergo hydrolysis. On the other hand, in SF_4, sulphur atom is not stearically protected because it is surrounded by only four F atoms. As a result, attack of H_2O molecules on S atom can take place easily and hence hydrolysis can occur. Therefore, SF_4 easily undergoes hydrolysis.

Example 39.

SF_6 is known but SCl_6 is not known. Give reason.
(D.S.B. 2005, Pb. S.B. 2016)

Solution : Due to small size of S, six large Cl atoms cannot be accommodated around S atom. But small six F atoms can be easily accommodated around S atom to form SF_6. Moreover, because of low electronegativity of Cl, it cannot easily cause promotion of electrons in S to form S (VI).

Example 40.

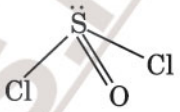
Why does OF_6 not exist but SF_6 exists?
(H.P.S.B. 2011, 2018)

Solution : Oxygen cannot show an oxidation state of +6 due to the absence of *d*-orbitals in its valence shell. Therefore, oxygen does not form OF_6. In contrast, S contains *d*-orbitals in the valence shell and hence can show a maximum oxidation state of +6. Since F_2 is a very strong oxidising agent, it oxidises sulphur to its maximum oxidation state of +6 and hence forms SF_6.

Example 41.

$SOCl_2$ can act as a weak Lewis acid as well as a weak Lewis base. Explain.

Solution: The basic character of $SOCl_2$ is due to the presence of a lone pair of electrons on S atom. Like ammonia, it has a pyramidal structure involving sp^3 hybridisation with a lone pair of electrons as:



So, Lewis basic character is due to the presence of a lone pair of electrons. In addition, $SOCl_2$ has also empty *d*-orbitals which can be used to accept electron pairs and hence it behaves as a Lewis acid.

Example 42.

Sulphur disappears when boiled with an aqueous alkaline solution of sodium sulphite.

Solution : When sulphur is boiled with an aqueous alkaline sodium sulphite solution, it forms sodium thiosulphate, which is soluble in water. So, sulphur disappears.

Practice Problems

21. Name the element of group 16 which has
(*i*) highest electronegativity (*ii*) highest metallic character
(*iii*) highest melting point (*iv*) maximum ionisation energy.

22. Among the hydrides of the members of oxygen family, which has
(*i*) lowest boiling point
(*ii*) maximum thermal stability
(*iii*) weakest acidic character

23. What is the oxidation state of S in the following oxyacids of sulphur ?
(*i*) Peroxy monosulphuric acid
(*ii*) Thiosulphuric aicd
(*iii*) Dithionic acid
(*iv*) Sulphuric acid

24. Why is sulphuric acid highly viscous ?

25. Name the acid formed when sulphur heptoxide dissolves in water.

26. What is the oxidation state of S in S_2O_7 and SO_3 ?

27. What happens when conc. H_2SO_4 is dropped on sugar ?

28. What is the formula of peroxodisulphuric acid ? What is its basicity ?

29. Arrange H_2O, H_2S and H_2Se in decreasing acidic strength.

30. What is the structure of SCl_2 ?

Answers to Practice Problems

21. (*i*) Oxygen (*ii*) Polonium (*iii*) Tellurium (*iv*) Oxygen
22. (*i*) H_2S (*ii*) H_2O (*iii*) H_2O
23. (*i*) +8 (*ii*) +2 (*iii*) + 5 (*iv*) +6
24. Due to hydrogen bonding.
25. Persulphuric acid, $H_2S_2O_8$.
26. +7 ; + 6
27. Charring occurs (because of C).
28. $H_2S_2O_8$, two.
29. $H_2O < H_2S < H_2Se$.
30. Angular.

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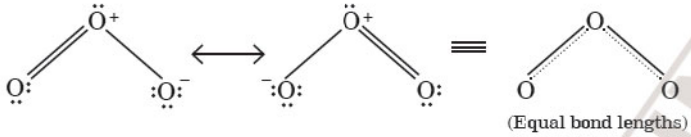
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Conceptual Questions 2

CONCEPTUAL QA

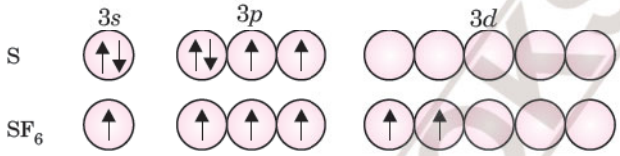
Q.1. The two O—O bond lengths in ozone molecule are equal. Why? *(A.I.S.B. 2013, D.S.B. 2014)*

Ans. Ozone is a resonance hybrid of two structures and therefore, the two O—O bond lengths are equal.



Q.2. SF_6 is known but SH_6 is not known. Explain. *(Pb. S.B. 2005, Pb. S.B. 2016)*

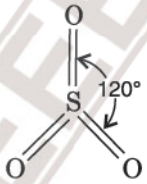
Ans. Fluorine is the strongest oxidising agent and oxidises sulphur to its maximum oxidation state of +6 and hence forms SF_6. Therefore, fluorine can easily cause the promotion of electrons from the filled to the vacant 3*d*-orbitals.



However, hydrogen is a very weak oxidising agent and cannot oxidise S to its maximum oxidation state of +6. Therefore, it cannot cause the promotion of electrons. Thus, SF_6 is known but SH_6 is not known.

Q.3. SO_3 has zero dipole moment. Why ? *(Pb. S.B. 2016)*

Ans. In the gaseous state, SO_3 has planar triangular structure with O–S–O bond angles of 120° each. Therefore, individual S—O dipole moments cancel each other and resultant dipole moment is zero.



Q.4. Which oxide of sulphur acts as oxidising as well as reducing agent ?

Ans. Sulphur dioxide (SO_2) acts as oxidising as well as reducing agent.

Q.5. Ozone is used for purifying air in crowded places such as cinema halls, tunnels, etc. Explain.

Ans. Ozone is an endothermic compound and easily decomposes to produce O_2 as :

$2O_3 \longrightarrow 3O_2$

Therefore, it purifies crowded places.

Q.6. Why is O—O bond length in ozone molecule (127 pm) more than in O_2 (121 pm) ?

Ans. Ozone molecule is a resonance hybrid of two structures:



The molecular structure of O_3 is bent with bond angle of about 117°. The actual bond is intermediate between a single and a double bond between oxygen atoms (single O—O bond = 148 pm, double O=O bond =122 pm) and bond length is about 127 pm. This is larger than double bond in O_2 molecule (121 pm).

Q.7. Sulphur hexafluoride is used as a gaseous electrical insulator. Explain. *(D.S.B. 2005)*

Ans. SF_6 is inert, nontoxic gas at non temperature. The inertness of SF_6 is due to be it the presence of S atom which does not allow thermodynamically favorable reaction like hydrolysis. Because of its inertness and good dielectric properties, SF_6 is used or a gaseous insulator in high voltage generator.

Q.8. Which hydride has greater bond angle ?

H_2O, H_2S, H_2Se and H_2Te *(Hr. S.B. 2005)*

Ans. H_2O.

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Q.9. SF_6 is not easily hydrolysed. ***(D.S.B. 2005)***

Or

SF_6 is kinetically inert substance. Explain. ***(A.I.S.B. 2011, D.S.B. 2011)***

Ans. SF_6 is chemically inert and therefore, does not get hydrolysed. Its inert nature is due to the presence of stearically protected sulphur atom which does not allow thermodynamically favourable hydrolysis reaction.

Q.10. Why oxide ion is called hard ion ? Explain.

Ans. Oxide ion is very small in size and therefore, it cannot be easily polarized. Hence, it is called hard ion.

Q. 11. Which of the following compounds has a lone pair of electrons at the central atom ? ***(C.B.S.E. Sample Paper 2011)***

$H_2S_2O_8$, $H_2S_2O_7$, H_2SO_3, H_2SO_4.

Ans. H_2SO_3.

Q. 12. Ozone is thermodynamically unstable. Explain. ***(C.B.S.E. Sample Paper 2011)***

Ans. Ozone is thermodynamically unstable with respect to oxygen because it results in liberation of heat (ΔH is –ve) and increase in entropy (ΔS is +ve). These two factors reinforce each other resulting negative ΔG ($\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S$) for its conversion to oxygen.

$$2O_3 \xrightarrow{475K} 3O_2$$

Q. 13. Sulphuric acid has low volatility. Give chemical reactions in support of this. ***(C.B.S.E. Sample Paper 2011)***

Ans. Sulphuric acid has low volatility and decomposes the salts of volatic acids forming its own salts :

$$2MX + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow 2HX + M_2SO_4$$

(M = metal, X = F, Cl, NO_3)

e.g.,

$$NaCl + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow NaHSO_4 + HCl$$

$$KNO_3 + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow KHSO_4 + NHO_3.$$

Q. 14. When SO_3 is bubbled through a solution of H_2SO_4, a compound X is formed which further reacts with water to give H_2SO_4. Explain the reaction.

Ans. H_2SO_4 absorbs SO_3 forming oleum (X) which reacts with water to give H_2SO_4.

$$H_2SO_4 + SO_3 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{oleum}}{H_2S_2O_7} \xrightarrow{H_2O} 2H_2SO_4$$

Q. 15. Out of PH_3 and H_2S, which is more acidic and why?

Ans. The strength of an acid depends upon the stability of anion (*i.e.* conjugate base) formed after giving its proton.

$$PH_3 \underset{}{\overset{\text{Water}}{\rightleftharpoons}} PH_2^-(aq) + H^+(aq)$$

$$H_2S \underset{}{\overset{\text{Water}}{\rightleftharpoons}} HS^-(aq) + H^+(aq)$$

Since S (electronegativity = 2.5) is more electronegative than P (electronegatity = 2.1), the S in HS^- can accommodate the negative charge more easily than P in PH_2^-. Therefore, HS^- is more stable than PH_2^-. In other words, H_2S can release a proton more easily than PH_3 and hence H_2S is a stronger acid than PH_3. Their dissociation constants are :

$$K_a(H_2S) = 1.4 \times 10^{-7}, K_a(PH_3) = 1.6 \times 10^{-29}.$$

Q. 16. What is oleum? ***(Assam S.B. 2018)***

Ans. $H_2S_2O_7$ ($H_2SO_4 + SO_3$)

GROUP 17 ELEMENTS

GROUP 17
F Fluorine
Cl Chlorine
Br Bromine
I Iodine
At Astatine

Group 17 of the periodic table contains five elements : *fluorine* (F), *chlorine* (Cl), *bromine* (Br), *iodine* (I) and *astatine* (At). These are named as **halogens.** The name halogens is derived from two Greek words *halo* meaning sea salt and *gens* meaning born *i.e., sea salt produce* because the first three members occur as salts (chlorides, bromides and iodides) in sea water. The name was introduced by Schweigger in 1811. These are among the most reactive non-metallic elements. The last member of the family, astatine is a radioactive element.

Like groups 1 and 2, the elements of group 17 show great similarity amongst themselves, which is not found in the elements of other groups of the periodic table. They also show a regular gradation in their physical and chemical properties. However, like other elements of second period, fluorine (the first element of the group) differes in several ways from the rest of the group members.

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OCCURRENCE

The halogens are very reactive and therefore, do not occur in the free state. However, all except astatine are abundant in the earth's crust as halide ions, X^-. Fluorine and chlorine are fairly abundant while bromine and iodine are comparatively less abundant.

Fluorine is the ***thirteenth element*** in order of abundance in crustal rocks of the earth. It is present mainly as insoluble fluorides. The three most important minerals are

(*i*) *fluorite* : CaF_2;

(*ii*) *cryolite* : Na_3AlF_6 and

(*iii*) *fluoroapatite* : $3Ca_3(PO_4)_2.CaF_2$ or $Ca_5(PO_4)_3F$.

Small quantities of fluorine are also present in soil, river water, plants and bones and teeth of animals.

Chlorine is **twentieth** most abundant element in crustal rocks. The major deposits are of NaCl. Sea water contains chlorides, bromides and iodides of sodium, potassium, magnesium and clacium, but is mainly sodium chloride solution (2.5% by mass). The dried beds of inland lakes and seas contain large deposits of *sodium chloride* (NaCl), *carnallite* ($KCl.MgCl_2.6H_2O$) and *calcium chloride* ($CaCl_2$).

Bromine is relatively less abundant in crustal rocks than either fluorine and chlorine. Bromides occur in sea water and salt lakes as bromides of alkali and alkaline earth metals *i.e.*, NaBr, KBr, $MgBr_2$, etc.

Iodide occurs in certain forms of marine life in their systems. For example, iodine occurs in various ***sea weeds*** (upto 0.5% by mass) as alkali metal iodides and in ***chile saltpetre*** (upto 0.2%) as sodium iodate ($NaIO_3$). Crude chile salt petre is mainly sodium nitrate which contains impurities of iodine as sodium iodate ($NaIO_3$) and sodium periodate ($NaIO_4$). Iodides occur only in low concentration in sea water but these are absorbed and concentrated by sea weeds.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF GROUP 17 ELEMENTS

A. Electronic Configurations

The elements of this group have seven electrons in the outermost shell and have the general electronic configuration ns^2np^5 (Table 16).

Table 16. Electronic configurations of elements of group 17.

Elements	Atomic number	Electronic configurations
Fluorine, F	9	[He] $2s^2\ 2p^5$
Chlorine, Cl	17	[Ne] $3s^2\ 3p^5$
Bromine, Br	35	[Ar] $3d^{10}\ 4s^2\ 4p^5$
Iodine, I	53	[Kr] $4d^{10}\ 5s^2\ 5p^5$
Astatine, At	85	[Xe] $4f^{14}\ 5d^{10}\ 6s^2\ 6p^5$

B. Atomic and Physical Properties

The important atomic and molecular properties of group 17 elements are given in Table 17. These are discussed below :

Table 17. Atomic and Molecular Properties of Halogens

Atomic Properties					
Property	**F**	**Cl**	**Br**	**I**	**At**
Atomic number	9	17	35	53	85
Atomic mass	19.00	35.45	79.90	126.90	210
Covalent radius (pm)	64	99	114	133	—
Ionic radius X^- (pm)	133	184	196	220	—
Ionization enthalpy (kJ mol^{-1})	1680	1256	1142	1008	—
Electron gain enthalpy (kJ mol^{-1})	–333	–349	–325	–296	—
Electronegativity	4	3.2	3.0	2.7	2.2
$\Delta_{hyd}H(X^-)$ (kJ mol^{-1})	515	381	347	305	—

Molecular Properties					
Property	**F_2**	**Cl_2**	**Br_2**	**I_2**	**At_2**
Melting point (K)	54.4	172.0	265.8	386.6	—
Boiling point (K)	84.9	239.0	332.5	458.2	—
Distance X–X (pm)	143	199	228	266	—
Enthalpy of dissociation (kJ mol^{-1})	158.8	242.6	192.8	151.1	—
Density (g cm^{-3})	1.51	1.66	3.19	4.94	—
E/V	(at 85 K)	(at 203 K)	(at 273 K)	(at 273 K)	
$X_2(g) + 2e^- \longrightarrow 2X^-(aq)$	2.87	1.36	1.09	0.54	—

1. Atomic and ionic radii. *The halogens have the smallest atomic radii in their respective periods due to maximum effective nuclear charge.* Among themselves, the atomic and ionic radii increase with increase in atomic number. This is due to increase in the number of electron shells.

The radius of the halide ion is always greater than the corresponding halogen atom. This is because the halide ion is formed by the gain of one electron by the atom. As a result, the number of electrons increases while the magnitude of nuclear charge remains the same. Therefore, the same nuclear charge acts on large number of electrons than are present in the neutral atom. In other words, effective nuclear charge per electron is reduced and the electron cloud is held less tightly by the nucleus. This causes increase in size.

2. Ionisation enthalpies. *The ionisation enthalpies of halogens are very high.* This indicates that they have very little tendency to lose electrons. However, on going down the group from fluorine to astatine, the ionisation enthalpy decreases. This is due to gradual increase in atomic size which is maximum for iodine. Consequently, it has the least ionisation enthalpy in family.

3. Melting and boiling points. *The melting and boiling points of halogens increase with increase in atomic number as we go down the group.*

Explanation. The forces existing between these molecules are weak van der Waal's forces which increase down the group. This is also clear from the change of state from fluorine to iodine. At room temperature, fluorine and chlorine are gases, bromine is a liquid while iodine and astatine are solids.

4. Electron gain enthalpies. (*i*) *All these have maximum negative electron gain enthalpies in their respective periods.* This is due to the fact that the atoms of these elements have only one electron less than the stable noble gas (ns^2np^6) configurations. Therefore, they have maximum tendency to accept an additional electron.

(*ii*) *In general, electron gain enthalpy becomes less negative from top to bottom in a group.* This is due to the fact that the effect of increase in atomic size is much more than the effect of increase in nuclear charge and thus, the additional electron feels less attraction by the large atom. Consequently, electron gain enthalpy decreases.

(*iii*) *Fluorine has unexpectedly less negative electron gain enthalpy than chlorine.* Therefore, ***chlorine has the highest negative electron gain enthalpy in this group***. The less negative electron gain enthalpy of fluorine as compared to chlorine is due to very small size of the fluorine atom. As a result, *there are strong interelectronic repulsions in the relatively small 2p subshell of fluorine and thus, the incoming electron does not feel much attraction. Therefore,* its electron gain affinity is small.

Thus, **negative electron gain enthalpy** among halogens varies as :

F < Cl > Br > I

5. Electronegativity. *Halogens have large electronegativity values.* The values decrease down the group from fluorine to iodine because the atomic size increases and the effective nuclear charge decreases. **Fluorine is the most electronegative element in the periodic table.**

Atomic radius (pm)	Ionic radius (pm)
F 64	F^- 133
Cl 99	Cl^- 184
Br 114	Br^- 196
I 133	I^- 220

IE (kJ mol^{-1})
F 1680
Cl 1256
Br 1142
I 1008

Electron gain enthalpy (kJ mol^{-1})
F – 333
Cl – 349
Br – 325
I – 296

Chlorine has the **highest negative electron gain enthalpy** in the periodic table.

Electronegativity
F 4.0
Cl 3.2
Br 3.0
I 2.7

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REMEMBER

- Fluorine is the most electronegative element in the periodic table.
- Chlorine has the highest negative electron gain enthalpy among halogens.
- Iodine is most metallic among halogens.

6. Metallic or non-metallic character. Because of very high ionisation energy values, all halogens are non-metallic in character. The non-metallic character decreases as we go down the group. Therefore, the last element, iodine is a solid with a metallic lustre and forms positive ions such as I^+ and I^{3+}.

7. Colour. All the halogens are coloured. The colour of different halogens are given below :

Halogen	Fluorine	Chlorine	Bromine	Iodine
Colour	Light yellow	Greenish yellow	Reddish brown	Dark violet

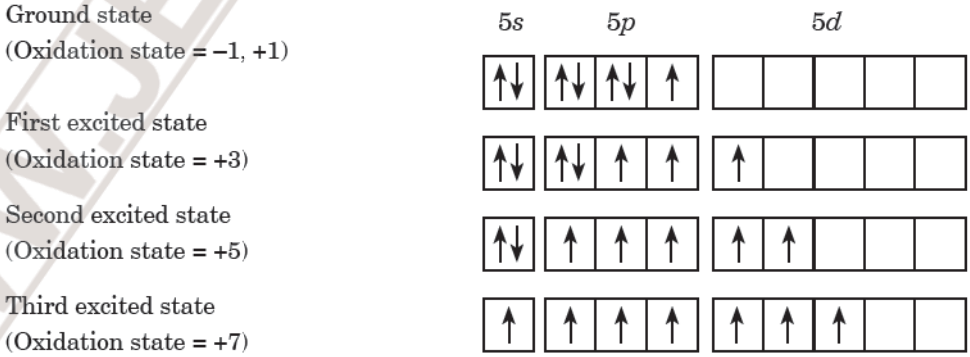
Explanation. The colour of halogens is due to the fact that their molecules absorb radiations from visible light and the outer electrons are easily excited to higher energy levels. The amount of energy required for excitation depends upon the size of the atom. Fluorine atom is the smallest and the force of attraction between the nucleus and the outer electrons is very large. As a result, it requires large excitation energy and absorbs violet light (high energy) and therefore, appears pale yellow. On the other hand, iodine needs very less excitation energy and absorbs yellow light of low energy. Thus it appears dark violet. Similarly, we can explain the greenish yellow colour of chlorine and reddish brown colour of bromine.

C. Oxidation States

Halogens have only one electron less than the next noble gas. Therefore, they can get the noble gas configuration either by gaining one electron to form uninegative ion, X^-, or by sharing electrons with other atoms. Thus, they show an oxidation of state of –1 or + 1. Since fluorine is the most electronegative element, ***it always shows an oxidation state of –1.*** **It does not show any positive oxidation state.**

Fluorine shows only –1 oxidation state.

The other elements also show positive oxidation states of +1, +3, +5 and + 7. The higher oxidation states of chlorine, bromine and iodine are due to the presence of vacant *d*–orbitals in their valency shells. As a result the outer *s*– or *p*–electrons can easily be promoted to the vacant *d–orbitals* as shown below:



These higher oxidation states are realised mainly when the halogens are in combination with the small and highly electronegative fluorine and oxygen atoms, *e.g.,* in oxides, oxoacids and interhalogen compounds. The oxidation states of +4 and +6 occur in oxides and oxoacids of chlorine and bromine and +7 oxidation state occurs in interhalogen compounds such as IF_7.
Thus, the halogens exhibit the following oxidation states :

Halogen	F	Cl	Br	I
Oxidation states	–1	–1, +1, +3 +5, +7	–1, +1, +3 +5, +7	–1, +1, +3 +5, +7

TRENDS IN CHEMICAL REACTIVITY

The halogens are *the most reactive elements as a family.* They react readily with metals and non-metals to form halides. **Fluorine is the most reactive of all the halogens**. The reactivity of the halogens decreases down the group.

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The high reactivity of halogens is due to the following reasons :

(*i*) **Low dissociation enthalpies.** All the halogens have very low dissociation enthalpies. As a result, they can readily dissociate into atoms and react with other substances. As shown below, the dissociation enthalpies of halogens are quite low in comparison to common molecules such as H_2, O_2 and N_2.

Molecule	F_2	Cl_2	Br_2	I_2	H_2	O_2	N_2
Dissociation enthalpy $X_2 \rightleftharpoons 2X$ **(kJ mol^{-1})**	158.8	242.6	192.8	151.1	458	495	941

(*ii*) **High negative electron gain enthalpy.** Halogens have very high negative electron gain enthalpy values (Table 17) and therefore, have very strong tendency to gain an electron. Thus, halogens are very reactive elements due to their low dissociation enthalpies and high negative electron gain enthalpies. As clear from the values of bond dissociation enthalpies, fluorine has the lowest bond dissociation enthalpy. This is due to weak F—F bond *because of the repulsion between the non-bonding electrons in the small molecule.* Therefore, it is most reactive among the halogens.

Reactivity and Oxidising Power of Halogens

The reactivity of halogens can also be understood in terms of their oxidising power. Halogens have high electron acceptance property and therefore they have strong tendency to take up the electron :

$$\frac{1}{2}X_2 + e^- \longrightarrow X^-$$

As a result, they **act as powerful oxidising agents.** Fluorine is the **strongest oxidising agent** and oxidises other halide ions in solution or even in the solid phase. In general, a halogen of lower atomic number will oxidize halide ion of higher atomic number and therefore, will liberate them from their salt solutions as given below :

$$F_2 + 2X^- \longrightarrow 2F^- + X_2 \quad (X = Cl, Br, I)$$
$$Cl_2 + 2X^- \longrightarrow 2Cl^- + X_2 \quad (X = Br, I)$$
$$Br_2 + 2I^- \longrightarrow 2Br^- + I_2$$

The decreasing oxidising power of the halogen as we go down the group is shown by their decreasing reduction potentials.

$$F_2 + 2e^- \longrightarrow 2F^- \quad : \quad E^\circ = +2.87\ V$$
$$Cl_2 + 2e^- \longrightarrow 2Cl^- \quad : \quad E^\circ = +1.36\ V$$
$$Br_2 + 2e^- \longrightarrow 2Br^- \quad : \quad E^\circ = +1.09\ V$$
$$I_2 + 2e^- \longrightarrow 2I^- \quad : \quad E^\circ = +0.54\ V$$

X_2	F_2	Cl_2	Br_2	I_2	At_2
E° (volts)	2.87	1.36	1.09	0.54	– 0.3

The electrode potential of F_2 is maximum while that of I_2 is the minimum. This means that F_2 can be reduced most easily and I_2 is reduced least readily. This means that F_2 **is the strongest oxidising agent while I_2 is the weakest oxidising agent**.

As we know, chlorine has the highest negative electron gain enthalpy, so gaseous Cl atoms have maximum tendency to accept electrons and therefore, chlorine is expected to be strongest oxidising agent. However, chlorine is not strongest oxidising agent, but fluorine is the strongest oxidising agent. This can be explained with the help of Born Haber cycle. As we have learnt, electron gain enthalpy is the property of the isolated atoms in the gaseous state as

$$X(g) + e^- \longrightarrow X^-(g) \quad \Delta_{eg}H^\circ \text{ Electron gain enthalpy}$$

However, oxidising power of halogen is a property in solutions as :

$$\frac{1}{2}X_2\,(s,\ l \text{ or } g) + e^- + nH_2O \xrightarrow{\Delta H} X^-(aq)$$

REMEMBER

- F_2 is the strongest oxidising agent while I_2 is the weakest oxidising agent.
- I^- ion is the strongest reducing agent while F^- ion is the weakest reducing agent.

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For gaseous F_2 and Cl_2, the process may be thought to proceed as :

(i) $\frac{1}{2}X_2(g) \longrightarrow X(g)$ $\frac{1}{2}\Delta_{diss}H^\circ$: Dissociation process

(ii) $X(g) + e^- \longrightarrow X^-(g)$ $\Delta_{eg}H^\circ$: Electron gain enthalpy

(iii) $X^-(g) + nH_2O \longrightarrow X^-(aq)$ $\Delta_{hyd}H^\circ$: Enthalpy of hydration

This process may be expressed as :

$$\frac{1}{2}X_2(g) \xrightarrow[\text{Step }(i)]{\frac{1}{2}\Delta_{diss}H^\circ} X(g) \xrightarrow[\text{Step }(ii)]{\Delta_{eg}H^\circ} X^-(g) \xrightarrow[\text{Step }(iii)]{\Delta_{hyd}H^\circ} X^-(aq)$$

$$\Delta H$$

The overall tendency for the change (oxidising power) depends upon the net effect of the three steps. As we know that energy is needed to dissociate or convert molecular halogen into atomic halogen. The enthalpy change for this step is positive. On the other hand, energy is released in step (ii) as well as step (iii) therefore, enthalpy for these steps is negative. Now, although flourine has less negative electron gain enthalpy, yet it is strongest oxidising agent because of the following reasons :

(i) F_2 has low enthalpy of dissociation because of weak F—F bond.

(ii) F_2 has very high enthalpy of hydration because of smaller size of the F^- ion.

Therefore, the larger amount of energy released in step (iii) and lesser amount of energy required in step (i) overweighs the smaller energy released in step (ii) for fluorine. As a result, ΔH overall is more negative for fluorine than for chlorine. Thus, fluorine is very strong oxidising agent. The values of enthalpy changes of different steps are given below :

Halogen	$\frac{1}{2}\Delta_{diss.}H^\circ$	$\Delta_{eg}H^\circ$	$\Delta_{hyd}H^\circ$	$\Delta H_{overall}$
F_2	+ 79	– 333	– 515	– 769
Cl_2	+ 121	– 349	– 381	– 609

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Fluorine is the strongest oxidising agent because of its *smaller size, low bond dissociation enthalpy of F_2 and high exothermic hydration enthalpy* of the small F^- ion.

The ability of fluorine to stabilize the highest oxidation state of other elements is next to oxygen e.g., in the compounds such as IF_7, SF_6, BiF_5, PtF_6, etc.

It may be noted that since bromine occurs as liquid at room temperature, it involves enthalpy of fusion also, while iodine which is solid at room temperature, involves enthalpy of sublimation as well as enthalpy of fusion. The overall energy released for these are less than those of F_2 and Cl_2.

The relative oxidising power of halogens can be further illustrated by their reactions with water. Fluorine is so strong oxidising agent that it oxidises water to dioxygen. The reaction is spontaneous and strongly exothermic.

$$2F_2(g) + 6H_2O(l) \longrightarrow 4H_3O^+(aq) + 4F^-(aq) + O_2(g)$$

The reaction with chlorine and bromine are thermodynamically possible but they react very slowly forming corresponding hydrohalic and hypohalous acids.

$$X_2(g) + H_2O(l) \longrightarrow HOX(aq) + HX(aq) \quad (X = Cl \text{ or } Br)$$

The reaction of iodine with water is non-spontaneous. In fact, iodide can be oxidised by oxygen in acidic medium.

$$4I^-(aq) + O_2(g) + 4H^+(aq) \longrightarrow 2I_2(s) + 2H_2O(l)$$

This reaction is just reverse of the reaction observed with fluorine.

Let us discuss some general trends in reactivity of halogens :

1. Reactivity with hydrogen

All halogens react with hydrogen to give hydrogen halides.

$$H_2 + X_2 \longrightarrow 2HX$$

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The reactivity of halogen towards hydrogen decreases down the group from fluorine to iodine. For example, fluorine combines with hydrogen violently even in the dark, chlorine reacts in diffused sunlight, bromine reacts with hydrogen only on heating while iodine reacts with hydrogen heating in the presence of platinum as catalyst.

$$H_2 + F_2 \xrightarrow{\text{Violent}} 2HF$$

$$H_2 + Cl_2 \xrightarrow[\text{Sunlight}]{\text{Diffused}} 2HCl$$

$$H_2 + Br_2 \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} 2HBr$$

$$H_2 + I_2 \xrightarrow[\text{Pt, catalyst}]{\text{Heat}} 2HI$$

Hydrogen fluoride and hydrogen chloride are manufactured by heating a mixture of calcium fluoride (fluorite or fluorospar) and sodium chloride with concentrated H_2SO_4 respectively.

$$CaF_2\,(s) + H_2SO_4\,(aq) \longrightarrow CaSO_4\,(s) + 2HF\,(g)$$

$$2NaCl\,(s) + H_2SO_4\,(aq) \longrightarrow Na_2SO_4\,(s) + 2HCl\,(g)$$

HBr is manufactured by direct reaction of H_2 and Br_2 at about 570 K in the presence of platinum catalyst.

$$H_2\,(g) + Br_2\,(g) \xrightarrow{\text{Pt/ asbestos}} 2HBr$$

HI is manufactured by the reaction of HI with H_2S or hydrazine.

$$2I_2\,(s) + N_2H_4\,(aq) \xrightarrow{573K} 4HI\,(aq) + N_2\,(g)$$

HBr and HI cannot be prepared satisfactorily by the treatment of metal bromides or iodides with conc. H_2SO_4 because HBr and HI formed are moderately strong reducing agents. They reduce sulphuric acid to SO_2 and are themselves oxidised to Br_2 and I_2 respectively.

For example,

$$2NaBr + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow Na_2SO_4 + 2HBr$$

$$H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow H_2O + SO_2 + O$$

$$2HBr + O \longrightarrow H_2O + Br_2$$

$$2NaBr + 2H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow Na_2SO_4 + SO_2 + Br_2 + 2H_2O$$

Similarly,

$$2NaI + 2H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow Na_2SO_4 + SO_2 + I_2 + 2H_2O$$

The difficulty can be solved by using a non-oxidising acid like H_3PO_4.

Properties of hydrogen halides

Some important characteristics of hydrogen halides are discussed below :

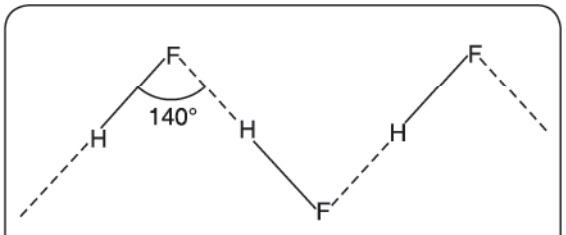
(*i*) Physical state. Hydrogen fluoride is a low boiling liquid (b.p. 292 K) while HCl, HBr and HI are gases. *The anomalous property of HF is due to presence of hydrogen bonding in the molecules. Due to hydrogen bonding in HF molecules it exists as associated molecule* $(HF)_n$.

.....H—F ..... H—F ..... H—F ..... H—F .....

or $(HF)_n$

In the solid state $(HF)_n$ has the zig-zag structure :

(*ii*) Melting and boiling points. Amongst the hydrogen halides, the boiling point of HF is highest (b.p. 293 K) due to extensive intermolecular hydrogen bonding. The other halides show negligible hydrogen bonding because of the lower electronegativity of the halogen atom in them. Therefore, the boiling points of HCl, HBr and HI are much lower than that of HF. As we move from HCl to HI, the boiling points regularly increase down the group. They are held together by weak van der Waals' forces which increase with increasing size of halogen atom.



Hydrogen bonding in HF

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Similarly, like boiling point, the melting point of HF is higher than that of HCl. The melting points of other halides increase gradually from HCl to HI as the size of halogen atom increases.

***(iii)* Nature of bonds.** All the halides are covalent compounds with some ionic character. This is indicated by low melting and boiling points of the hydrogen halides and also by the fact that the compounds in pure state are poor conductors of electricity. The degree of ionic character decreases in the order :

$$HF > HCl > HBr > HI$$

This order is expected from the order of decreasing electronegativity of the halogens.

***(iv)* Bond length and bond dissociation enthalpy.** As the size of halogen atom increases, the bond length (H—X) increases in the same order. The bond length of HX molecule increases as :

$$HF\ (91.7\ pm) < HCl\ (127.4\ pm) < HBr\ (141.4\ pm) < HI\ (160.9\ pm)$$

Now, bond dissociation enthalpy is inversely proportional to bond length *i.e.,* shorter the bond length, greater is the bond strength or bond dissociation enthalpy. Therefore, bond dissociation enthalpy decreases in the order :

$$HF > HCl > HBr > HI$$

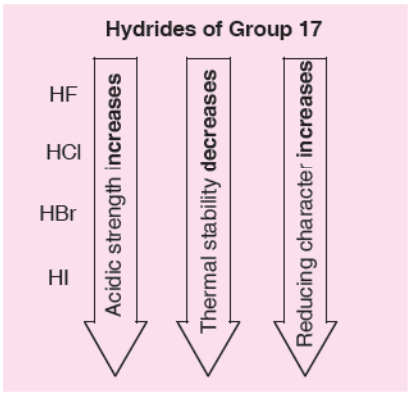
***(v)* Thermal stability.** The thermal stability of the hydrides decreases from HF to HI. HF is most stable whereas HI is least stable. For example, HF and HCl are stable up to 1500 K while HBr dissociates to the extent of 10% and HI is dissociated to the extent of 20% at 700 K.

The decrease in stability of the hydrides is due to decrease in bond strength which decreases when we go down the group.

***(vi)* Reducing character.** The decreasing thermal stability of hydrogen halides from HF to HI indicates that the reducing character increases down the group as

$$HF < HCl < HBr < HI$$

Thus, HF is not a reducing agent at all. HCl is a weak reducing agent, HBr is a stronger reducing agent while HI is the strongest reducing agent among all the hydrides.



***(vii)* Acidic strength.** In gaseous state, hydrogen halides are covalent. But in aqueous solutions, they ionise and behave as acids. **The acidic strength of these acids decreases** in the order :

$$HI > HBr > HCl > HF$$

Thus, HF is the weakest acid and HI is the strongest acid among these hydrogen halides.

Explanation. The above order of acidic strength is reverse of that expected on the basis of electronegativity. Fluorine is the most electronegative halogen, therefore, the electronegativity difference will be maximum in HF and should decrease gradually as we move towards iodine through chlorine and bromine. Thus, *HF should be more ionic in nature and consequently it should be strongest acid.* Although many factors contribute towards the relative acidic strengths, the major factor is *the bond dissociation energy.* The bond dissociation energy decreases from HF to HI so that HF has maximum bond dissociation energy and HI has the lowest value.

Hydrogen halide	HF	HCl	HBr	HI
Bond dissociation energy (kJ mol^{-1})	574	432	363	295

Since H—I bond is weakest, it can be easily dissociated into H^+ and I^- ions while HF can be dissociated with maximum difficulty. Thus, *HI is the strongest acid while HF is the weakest acid among the hydrogen halides.*

The properties of hydrogen halides are summed up in Table 18.

Table 18. Properties of hydrogen halides

Property	HF	HCl	HBr	HI
Melting point (K)	190	159	185	222
Boiling point (K)	293	189	206	238
Bond length (H–X) (pm)	91.7	127.4	141.4	160.9
Dipole moment μ(D)	1.86	1.11	0.79	0.38
$\Delta_{diss.}H^{\ominus}$/(kJ mol^{-1})	574	432	363	295
Dissociation constant (pK_a)	3.2	–7.0	–9.5	–10.0

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2. Reactivity towards oxygen : formation of oxides

Halogens form many binary compounds with oxygen but most of these are unstable. Fluorine forms two oxides OF_2 and O_2F_2. However, only OF_2 is thermally stable at 298 K while O_2F_2 is highly unstable and decomposes into elements even at 113 K. These oxides are called **oxygen fluorides** because fluorine is more electronegative than oxygen.

Oxygen difluoride (OF_2) is prepared by passing F_2 through dilute (2%) aqueous solution of NaOH while dioxygen difluoride (O_2F_2) is prepared by passing electric discharge through a mixture of O_2 and F_2 under low pressure and at liquid air temperature.

$$2F_2 + \underset{\text{(2\% solution)}}{2NaOH} \longrightarrow 2NaF + H_2O + OF_2$$

$$O_2 + F_2 \xrightarrow[\text{low pressure}\\ \text{liq. air temperature}]{\text{Electric discharge}} O_2F_2$$

OF_2 dissolves in water and gives a neutral solution and therefore, it is not an acid anhydride. It dissolves in NaOH to give sodium fluoride and dioxygen.

$$2NaOH + OF_2 \longrightarrow 2NaF + H_2O + O_2$$

Being a strong oxidising agent, OF_2 has been used as a rocket fuel.

Both these fluorides are strong fluorinating agents. O_2F_2 oxidises plutonium to PuF_6 and this reaction is used in removing Pu as PuF_6 from spent nuclear fuel. O_2F_2 also combines with H_2S to give oxygen.

$$H_2S + 4O_2F_2 \longrightarrow SF_6 + 2HF + O_2$$

On the other hand, the oxides of chlorine, bromine and iodine are called **oxides**. They form oxides from +1 to +7 oxidation states. Chlorine forms the largest number of oxides while iodine forms the least number of oxides. In these binary compounds, the bonds are mainly covalent because of small difference in electronegativity between the halogens and oxygen. However, the bond polarity increases as we move from chlorine to iodine because of increasing difference in electronegativity.

The stability of oxides formed by halogens decreases as :

$$I > Cl > Br$$

The oxides of iodine are more stable than those of chlorine which are more stable than those of bromine. Thus, bromine oxides are least stable. Iodine–oxygen bond is stable because of greater polarizability of I while the stability of chlorine–oxygen bond is due to multiple bond formation involving *d*-orbitals of Cl atom. However, bromine being in between lacks both the characteristics.

The higher oxides of halogens tend to be more stable than the lower ones. These are listed in Table 19.

Table 19. Oxides of halogens in different oxidation states

Oxidation state	Fluorine	Chlorine	Bromine	Iodine
–1	OF_2			
+1		Cl_2O	Br_2O	
+2	O_2F_2			
+4		ClO_2	BrO_2	I_2O_4
+5				I_2O_5
+6		Cl_2O_6	BrO_3	
+7		Cl_2O_7		I_2O_7

Among these chlorine dioxide is the only one prepared on a large scale by the reduction of ClO_3^- with SO_2 in strongly acidic medium :

$$2NaClO_3\,(aq) + SO_2\,(g) \xrightarrow{\text{acid}} 2ClO_2\,(g) + Na_2SO_4\,(aq).$$

All these oxides of chlorine are *powerful oxidising agents and decompose explosively when subjected to mechanical shock or heat.* ClO_2 and Cl_2O are used as bleaching agents for paper, pulp, textiles and water treatment. The structures of some common oxides of chlorine are given in Fig. 37.

Structure of OF_2 is similar to H_2O while that of O_2F_2 is similar to that of H_2O_2.

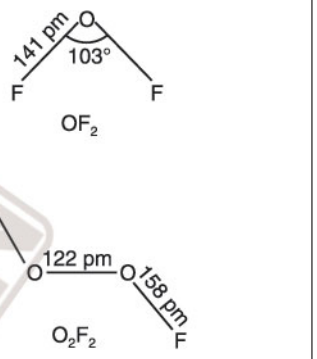


Fig. 36. Structures of OF_2 and O_2F_2.

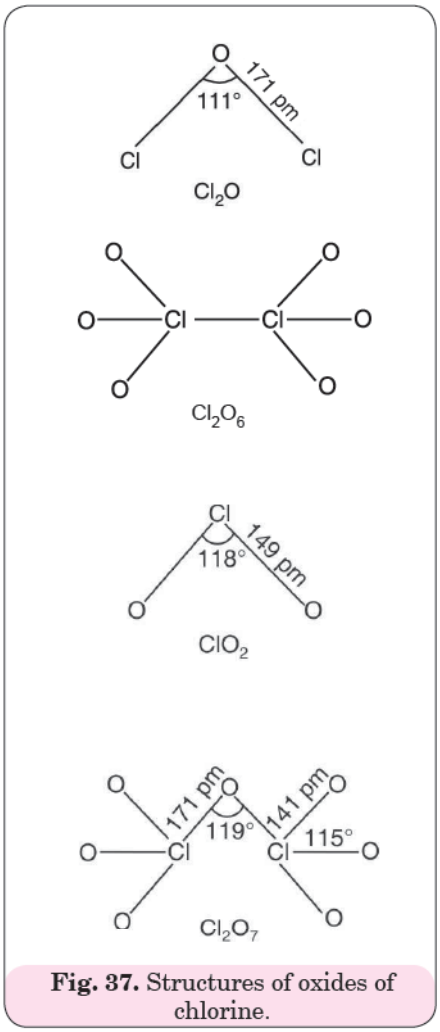


Fig. 37. Structures of oxides of chlorine.

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The oxides of bromine, Br_2O, BrO_2, BrO_3, etc. are the least stable halogen oxides and exist only at lower temperatures. They are very powerful oxidising agents.

The oxides of iodine, I_2O_4, I_2O_5 and I_2O_7 are insoluble and decompose on heating. For example, I_2O_5 decomposes on heating above 673 K

$$2I_2O_5 \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} 2I_2 + 5O_2$$

It is strong oxidising agent. It oxidises H_2S to sulphur and HCl to chlorine. It oxidises CO to CO_2 quantitatively liberating iodine which can be titrated against sodium thiosulphate.

$$I_2O_5 + 5CO \longrightarrow I_2 + 5CO_2$$

This reaction is used for the detection and estimation of carbon monoxide and is the basis of the analytical method for determining CO in atmosphere or in other gaseous mixtures.

3. Reactivity towards metals

Halogens react with metals to form metal halides. For example, bromine reacts with magnesium to give magnesium bromide.

$$Mg\,(s) + Br_2\,(l) \longrightarrow MgBr_2\,(s)$$

Fluorine is most reactive and the reactivity decreases as we move down the group. The ionic character of the metal halides decreases in the order :

$$MF > MCl > MBr > MI$$ (where M is a monovalent metal).

If a metal exhibits more than one oxidation states, the halides in higher oxidation state will be more covalent than the one in the lower oxidation state. For example, $SnCl_4$, $PbCl_4$, SbF_5, and UF_6 are more covalent than $SnCl_2$, $PbCl_2$, $SbCl_3$ and UF_3 respectively.

4. Reactivity of halogens towards halogens

Halogens combine amongst themselves to form a number of compounds known as interhalogen compounds. Each halogen has a tendency to combine with each other halogen. These interhalogen compounds are of the type AX, AX_3, AX_5 and AX_7 where X is large size halogen atom showing negative oxidation state. These are discussed later.

Anomalous Behaviour of Fluorine

Like other elements of the second period, fluorine also differs from the rest of the members of the halogen family in many characteristics. This behaviour may be attributed to its.

(*i*) very small size,

(*ii*) high electronegativity,

(*iii*) absence of vacant *d*-orbitals in the valence shell.

Due to above reasons, fluorine exhibits many properties which are different from other halogens. For example,

1. Oxidation state. Fluorine shows oxidation state of –1 only while other halogens show oxidation states such as +1, +3, +5 and +7 also.

2. Bond dissociation enthalpy. The bond dissociation enthalpy of fluorine molecule is less than that of other halogen molecules. This is due to the fact that the repulsion between non-bonding electrons in small fluorine molecules are very strong. As a result F—F bond is weak and can be easily broken.

3. Anomalous behaviour of hydrofluoric acid. Due to high electronegativity of fluorine, the bonding pair in H—F molecule is largely attracted towards fluorine and therefore, it forms hydrogen bonds. On the other hand, HCl, HBr and HI are gases at room temperature. Due to association in HF molecules, its boiling point is high in comparison to other halogen acids. In aqueous solution, HF is much weaker acid than other hydrogen halides.

4. Ionic character of fluorides. Only fluorine can form ionic fluorides. For example, AlF_3, SnF_4, etc. are ionic in nature while the corresponding chlorides are covalent.

5. Solubility. Fluorides have abnormal solubilities than other halides. For example, AgF is soluble in water whereas AgCl is insoluble; CaF_2 is insoluble in water while $CaCl_2$ is soluble.

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6. Formation of polyhalide ions. Fluorine does not form polyhalide ions such as F_3^- while other halogens form polyhalide ions such as I_3^-, Br_3^-, I_5^-, etc.

7. Oxidising power. Fluorine acts as strongest oxidising agent among the halogens. Therefore, it brings about highest oxidation state of other elements with which it combines. But other elements do not bring about the highest oxidation state of the element.

8. Formation of oxoacids. Fluorine forms only one oxoacid HOF, whereas other elements form a number of oxoacids.

HALOGENS AND THEIR COMPOUNDS

CHLORINE

Chlorine was first prepared by C.W. Scheele in 1774 by the action of HCl on MnO_2. In 1810, Davy established its elementary nature and suggested the name chlorine on account of its colour (Greek : *Chloros* meaning yellowish green). The bleaching action of chlorine was discovered by Scheele in the early work (1774) and was put to technical use by Berthollet in 1785.

Occurrence

Chlorine is very reactive and does not occur in nature in free state. It constitutes about 0.19% of lithosphere. It occurs mostly as chlorides of sodium and other alkali and alkaline earth metals. The most abundant compound of chlorine is sodium chloride (rock salt) and occurs in extensive evaporite deposits, saline lakes and brines and in the ocean. All the chlorine is virtually produced from it. Other sources of chlorine are sylvine (KCl), carnallite ($KCl.MgCl_2.6H_2O$), etc.

Preparation

Chlorine can be prepared by any one of the following methods :

(*i*) By heating manganese dioxide with concentrated hydrochloric acid. Chlorine is prepared easily by heating manganese dioxide with conc.HCl.

$$MnO_2 + 4HCl \xrightarrow{\Delta} MnCl_2 + Cl_2 + 2H_2O$$

However, a mixture of common salt and concentrated H_2SO_4 is used in place of HCl.

$$4NaCl + MnO_2 + 4H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow MnCl_2 + 4NaHSO_4 + 2H_2O + Cl_2$$

In the laboratory, equal amounts of sodium chloride and manganese dioxide are finely ground and taken in a round bottomed flask. Concentrated sulphuric acid is poured from tap funnel and reaction mixture is heated gently. Greenish yellow vapours of chlorine gas rise up and are collected by the upward displacement of air.

(*ii*) By the action of HCl on potassium permanganate or potassium dichromate.

$$2KMnO_4 + 16HCl \longrightarrow 2KCl + 2MnCl_2 + 8H_2O + 5Cl_2$$

$$K_2Cr_2O_7 + 14HCl \longrightarrow 2KCl + 2CrCl_3 + 7H_2O + 3Cl_2$$

It is a more convenient though a little expensive method for the preparation of chlorine in the laboratory.

(*iii*) By the action of HCl on lead oxides or bleaching powder.

$$PbO_2 + 4HCl \longrightarrow PbCl_2 + 4H_2O + Cl_2$$

$$Pb_3O_4 + 8HCl \longrightarrow 3PbCl_2 + 4H_2O + Cl_2$$

$$CaOCl_2 + 2HCl \longrightarrow CaCl_2 + H_2O + Cl_2$$

Manufacture of Chlorine

Chlorine is manufactured by the following methods :

(*i*) Deacon's process. Hydrochloric acid is oxidized by atmospheric air in the presence of $CuCl_2$ (catalyst) at 723 K.

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$$4HCl + O_2 \xrightarrow[\text{Catalyst 723 K}]{CuCl_2} 2Cl_2 + 2H_2O$$

The reaction is reversible and results in about 65% conversion. Nowadays, this method is modified by using improved catalyst ($CuCl_2$ with didymium oxide as promoter; didymium is old name meaning twin and it consists of two lanthanide elements praseodymium and neodymium). This process works at a slightly lower temperature than the original process.

(*ii*) Electrolytic process

Chlorine is obtained by the electrolysis of brine solution (concentrated sodium chloride solution). Chlorine is liberated at the anode. The sodium metal liberated at the cathode reacts with water to form NaOH and H_2.

At anode :

$$Cl^- \longrightarrow Cl + e^-$$

$$Cl + Cl \longrightarrow Cl_2$$

At cathode :

$$Na^+ + e^- \longrightarrow Na$$

$$2Na + 2H_2O \longrightarrow 2NaOH + H_2$$

It is also obtained as a by product during the manufacture of sodium by the electrolysis of fused NaCl in **Down's process**.

Properties of Chlorine

Physical properties

(*i*) It is greenish yellow gas.

(*ii*) It has strong pungent and suffocating odour.

(*iii*) It is a poisonous gas which causes headache.

(*iv*) It is about $2\frac{1}{2}$ times heavier than air.

(*v*) It is soluble in water and its aqueous solution is called *chlorine water*. It is also soluble in organic solvents like carbon tetrachloride. It can be liquefied easily into greenish yellow liquid which boils at 239 K.

(*vi*) Its b.p. is 239 K and m.p. is 171 K.

Chemical properties

Due to its high electronegativity, chlorine is a very reactive element although, not as much as fluorine. Some of its important reactions are discussed below.

1. Combination with metals non-metals and metalloids : Chlorine reacts with a number of metals, non-metals and metalloids to form their corresponding chlorides.

(*i*) Combination with metals:

$$2Na + Cl_2 \longrightarrow 2NaCl$$

$$Ca + Cl_2 \longrightarrow CaCl_2$$

$$2Fe + 3Cl_2 \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} 2FeCl_3$$

$$2Al + 3Cl_2 \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} 2AlCl_3$$

(*ii*) Combination with non-metals :

$$S_8 + 4Cl_2 \longrightarrow 4S_2Cl_2$$

Sulphur monochloride

$$P_4 + 10Cl_2 \longrightarrow 4PCl_5$$

Phosphorus pentachloride

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$$2B + 3Cl_2 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Boron trichloride}}{2BCl_3}$$

***(iii)* Combination with metalloids :**

$$2As + 3Cl_2 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Arsenic trichloride}}{2AsCl_3}$$

$$2Sb + 3Cl_2 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Antimony trichloride}}{2SbCl_3}$$

2. Affinity for hydrogen: Chlorine has great affinity for hydrogen. Therefore, it reacts with compounds containing hydrogen to form HCl.

$$H_2 + Cl_2 \longrightarrow 2\ HCl$$

$$H_2S + Cl_2 \longrightarrow 2\ HCl + S$$

$$\underset{\text{Turpentine oil}}{C_{10}H_{16}} + 8\ Cl_2 \longrightarrow 16\ HCl + 10C$$

3. Action with water : Since chlorine has great affinity for hydrogen, it decomposes water in the presence of sunlight to produce hydrochloric acid.

$$2H_2O + 2Cl_2 \xrightarrow{\text{Sunlight}} 4HCl + O_2$$

4. Action with halides : Chlorine displaces the less electronegative halogens (bromine and iodine) from their metallic halides.

$$2KBr + Cl_2 \longrightarrow 2KCl + Br_2$$

$$2KI + Cl_2 \longrightarrow 2KCl + I_2$$

Since chlorine is less electronegative than fluorine, it has no effect on fluorides.

5. Action with alkalies : (*i*) The reaction of chlorine with strong alkalies such as sodium hydroxide or potassium hydroxide depends upon the temperature of the reaction mixture.

In cold, chlorine reacts with dilute alkalies to form chlorides and hypochlorites as :

$$2NaOH\ (dil.) + Cl_2 \xrightarrow{\text{Cold}} NaCl + \underset{\text{Sodium hypochlorite}}{NaClO} + H_2O$$

Similarly, the reaction of chlorine with ***cold*** solution of KOH is

$$2KOH\ (dil.) + Cl_2 \xrightarrow{\text{Cold}} KCl + \underset{\text{Potassium hypochlorite}}{KClO} + H_2O$$

However, chlorine reacts with hot and concentrated alkalies like NaOH or KOH to form chlorides and chlorates as :

$$6NaOH\ (conc.) + 3Cl_2 \xrightarrow{\text{Hot}} 5NaCl + \underset{\text{Sodium chlorate}}{NaClO_3} + 3H_2O$$

Similarly, the reaction of chlorine with ***hot*** KOH solution is

$$6KOH\ (conc.) + 3Cl_2 \xrightarrow{\text{Hot}} 5KCl + \underset{\text{Potassium chlorate}}{KClO_3} + 3H_2O$$

(*ii*) Reaction of chlorine with calcium hydroxide depends upon the nature of calcium hydroxide. When chlorine gas is passed through **hot milk of lime,** calcium chloride and calcium chlorate are produced as :

NOTE

During the reactions of Cl_2 with dilute or concentrated alkalies, chlorine (O.S. = 0), is simultaneously reduced to Cl^- ion (O.S. = –1) and is oxidised to either hypochlorite ion (OCl^-; O.S. = + 1) or to chlorate ion (ClO_3^- ; O.S. = + 5). Such reactions which involve simultaneous oxidation and reduction are called **disproportionation reactions**. Like chlorine, bromine and iodine also undergo disproportionation reactions with cold and hot alkalies.

$$Br_2 + 2NaOH\ (dil.) \xrightarrow{\text{Cold}} NaBr + NaOBr + H_2O$$

$$3Br_2 + 6NaOH\ (conc.) \xrightarrow{\text{hot}} 5NaBr + NaBrO_3 + 3H_2O$$

Fluorine reacts with water at very low temperature to form HOF.

$$F_2 + H_2O(ice) \underset{}{\overset{230K}{\rightleftharpoons}} HF + HOF$$

However, HOF is very unstable and therefore, it is said that F_2 does not undergo disproportionation reaction.

Moreover, fluorine does not show higher positive oxidation states such as +3, + 5 or + 7, therefore F_2 does not react with NaOH to form $NaFO_3$.

$$3F_2 + 6NaOH \not\longrightarrow 5NaF + NaFO_3 + H_2O$$

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$$\underset{\text{Milk of lime}}{6Ca(OH)_2} + 6Cl_2 \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} 5CaCl_2 + \underset{\text{Calcium chlorate}}{Ca(ClO_3)_2} + 6H_2O$$

However, if chlorine is passed through dry slaked lime, bleaching powder is produced.

$$\underset{\text{Slaked lime}}{2Ca(OH)_2} + 2Cl_2 \longrightarrow \underset{\substack{\text{Calcium hypochlorite}\\ \text{(Bleaching powder)}}}{Ca(OCl)_2} + CaCl_2 + 2H_2O$$

The actual composition of bleaching powder is

$$Ca(OCl)_2.CaCl_2.Ca(OH)_2.2H_2O$$

6. Action with ammonia : The reaction of chlorine with ammonia depends upon the proportion of the reactants as :

(*i*) If ammonia is in excess, nitrogen is formed

$$\underset{\text{(excess)}}{8NH_3} + 3Cl_2 \longrightarrow 6NH_4Cl + N_2$$

(*ii*) If chlorine is in excess, nitrogen trichloride (explosive) is formed.

$$NH_3 + \underset{\text{(excess)}}{3Cl_2} \longrightarrow \underset{\text{(explosive)}}{NCl_3} + 3HCl$$

7. As an oxidising agent : Since chlorine reacts with water and produces hydrochloric acid alongwith nascant oxygen, it acts as an oxidising agent.

$$Cl_2 + H_2O \longrightarrow HCl + HClO$$
$$HClO \longrightarrow HCl + O$$
$$\overline{Cl_2 + H_2O \longrightarrow 2HCl + O}$$

Therefore, in the presence of moisture or in aqueous solution, Cl_2 acts as a powerful oxidising agent. Some of its **important oxidising reactions** are :

(*i*) It oxidises sulphur dioxide to sulphuric acid.

$$Cl_2 + SO_2 + 2H_2O \longrightarrow 2HCl + H_2SO_4$$

(*ii*) It oxidises sulphites to sulphates.

$$Cl_2 + H_2O + Na_2SO_3 \longrightarrow 2HCl + Na_2SO_4$$

(*iii*) It oxidises thiosulphates to sulphates.

$$Cl_2 + H_2O + Na_2S_2O_3 \longrightarrow 2HCl + Na_2SO_4 + S$$

(*iv*) It oxidises hydrogen sulphide to sulphur.

$$Cl_2 + H_2S \longrightarrow 2HCl + S$$

(*v*) It oxidises nitrites to nitrates.

$$Cl_2 + H_2O + NaNO_2 \longrightarrow 2HCl + NaNO_3$$

(*vi*) It oxidises acidified ferrous salts to ferric salts.

$$2FeSO_4 + Cl_2 + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow Fe_2(SO_4)_3 + 2HCl$$

(*vii*) It oxidises sodium arsenite (Na_3AsO_3) to sodium arsenate (Na_3AsO_4).

$$Na_3AsO_3 + Cl_2 + H_2O \longrightarrow Na_3AsO_4 + 2HCl$$

(*viii*) It oxidises iodine to iodic acid.

$$I_2 + 6H_2O + 5Cl_2 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Iodic acid}}{2HIO_3} + 10\ HCl$$

REMEMBER

Bleaching action of Cl_2 is due to oxidation of coloured substances to colourless substances by nascent oxygen. Since the bleaching action of Cl_2 is due to oxidation while that of SO_2 is due to reduction, therefore, **bleaching action of Cl_2 is permanent and that of SO_2 is temporary**.

In SO_2, on exposure of the bleached article to air, the reverse process takes place *i.e.*, colour is restored due to oxidation by atmospheric oxygen. This cannot occur in case of Cl_2.

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8. Addition reactions : Chlorine reacts with many substances like carbon monoxide, nitric oxide and sulphur dioxide in presence of sunlight to form addition products :

$$CO + Cl_2 \xrightarrow{\text{Sunlight}} \underset{\text{Carbonyl chloride (phosgene)}}{COCl_2}$$

$$2NO + Cl_2 \xrightarrow{\text{Sunlight}} \underset{\text{Nitrosyl chloride}}{2NOCl}$$

$$SO_2 + Cl_2 \xrightarrow{\text{Sunlight}} \underset{\text{Sulphuryl chloride}}{SO_2Cl_2}$$

9. Reaction with other halogens : Chlorine can reacts with other halogens like F_2, Br_2 or I_2 to form interhalogen compounds. For example,

$$Cl_2 + F_2 \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} 2ClF$$

$$Cl_2 + 3F_2 \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} 2ClF_3$$

$$Br_2 + Cl_2 \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} \underset{\text{Bromine monochloride}}{2BrCl}$$

$$I_2 + Cl_2 \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} \underset{\text{Iodine monochloride}}{2ICl}$$

10. Action with organic compounds : Reaction of chlorine with organic compounds depends upon the nature of the organic compound.

(*i*) With saturated compounds like methane, chlorine produces substituted products.

$$CH_4 + Cl_2 \xrightarrow{\text{Sunlight}} \underset{\text{Chloromethane}}{CH_3Cl} + HCl$$

(*ii*) With unsaturated compounds like ethene, ethyne, chlorine forms addition products :

$$\underset{\text{Ethene}}{C_2H_4} + Cl_2 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{1,2-Dichloroethane}}{C_2H_4Cl_2}$$

$$\underset{\text{Ethyne}}{C_2H_2} + 2Cl_2 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane}}{C_2H_2Cl_4}$$

(*iii*) Organic compounds like turpentine oil ($C_{10}H_{16}$) when introduced in the atmosphere of chlorine gas catches fire.

$$\underset{\text{Turpentine oil}}{C_{10}H_{16}} + 8Cl_2 \longrightarrow 16HCl + 10C$$

This reaction reveals that chlorine has a great affinity for hydrogen.

11. Bleaching agent : Chlorine bleaches natural colouring matter of green leaves, flowers, indigo, litmus in the presence of water. Its bleaching action is due its ability to oxidise the colouring matter to colourless matter as :

$$Cl_2 + H_2O \longrightarrow 2HCl + O$$

$$\text{Colouring matter} + O \longrightarrow \text{Colourless matter}$$

$$\text{Colourless matter} + Cl_2 + H_2O \longrightarrow \text{Colourless matter} + 2HCl$$

Some **noteworthy points** regarding its bleaching action are :

(*i*) Chlorine bleaches only in the presence of water. Thus, dry chlorine does not act as a bleaching agent because in absence of water, it cannot produce nascent oxygen needed for oxidation.

(*ii*) Since chlorine bleaches by oxidation, the bleaching action of chlorine is permanent.

(*iii*) Since during bleaching by chlorine, hydrochloric acid is produced, delicate articles are likely to be destroyed by hydrochloric acid. Therefore, chlorine is used only for bleaching paper pulp, wood pulp and cloth.

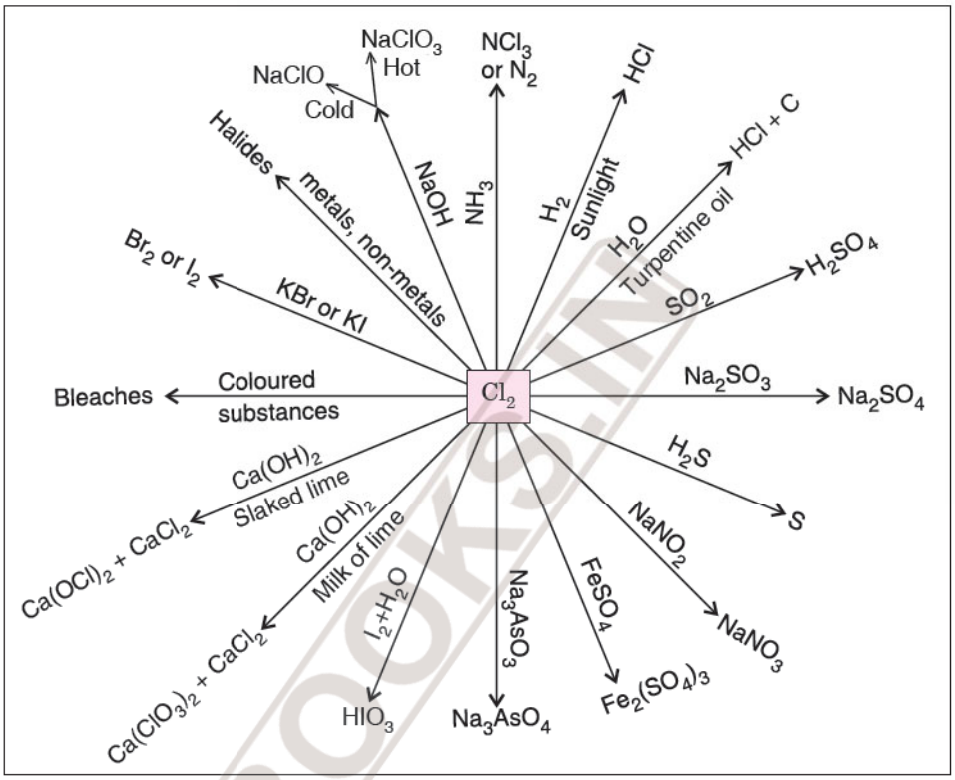
Chlorine is a powerful bleaching agent. Its bleaching action is due to **oxidation** and is **permanent.**

Tests of Chlorine

(*a*) It is a greenish yellow gas with pungent smell.
(*b*) It turns starch iodide paper blue.
(*c*) It bleaches moist flowers, indigo and litmus paper.

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Summary of chemical properties of chlorine :



Uses of Chlorine

(*i*) Large quantities of chlorine are used industrially for bleaching wood pulp (required for manufacture of paper and rayon), bleaching of cotton, paper, wood, textiles, etc.

(*ii*) It is used for the manufacture of dyes, drugs, refrigerants, etc.

(*iii*) In the manufacture of chlorinated organic solvents such as chloroform ($CHCl_3$), carbon tetrachloride (CCl_4), etc. which are used for dry-cleaning and degreasing machinery.

(*iv*) In the manufacture of chlorates which are used in flash light powders, matches and explosives.

(*v*) In the manufacture of bleaching powder, aluminium chloride and sodium hypochlorite which are important industrial compounds.

(*vi*) In the manufacture of vinyl chloride which is a starting material for polyvinyl chloride plastics.

(*vii*) In sterilisation of drinking water.

(*viii*) In the manufacture of D.D.T. which is an important insecticide.

(*ix*) In the manufacture of poisonous gases like phosgene ($COCl_2$), tear gas ($CCl_3.NO_2$) and mustard gas ($ClCH_2CH_2SCH_2CH_2Cl$)

(*x*) In the extraction of metals like platinum and gold.

Mustard gas was used by Germany in World War I.

$$2\ CH_2{=}CH_2 + Cl{-}S{-}Cl \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Mustard gas}}{CH_2Cl{-}CH_2{-}S{-}CH_2{-}CH_2Cl} + S$$

(Ethene; Sulphur monochloride)

HYDROGEN CHLORIDE

Hydrogen chloride is a major industrial chemical and is very familiar laboratory reagent. Glauber prepared this compound in 1648 by heating common salt with concentrated sulphuric acid. In 1810, Davy showed that it is a compound of hydrogen and chlorine.

Preparation

In the laboratory, hydrogen chloride is prepared by heating sodium chloride with concentrated sulphuric acid.

$$NaCl + H_2SO_4 \xrightarrow{420\ K} NaHSO_4 + HCl$$

$$NaCl + NaHSO_4 \xrightarrow{823\ K} Na_2SO_4 + HCl$$

HCl gas is dried by passing through concentrated sulphuric acid.

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On an **industrial scale,** hydrochloric acid is manufactured by heating a mixture of concentrated sulphuric acid and sodium chloride in a Muffle furnace.

Properties of Hydrogen chloride

Physical properties

(*i*) It is a colourless gas.

(*ii*) It has pungent suffocating smell.

(*iii*) It is highly soluble in water and its aqueous solution is known as hydrochloric acid.

(*iv*) The gas fumes in moist air.

(*v*) It is heavier than air (vapour density is 18.25). It is easily liquefied to a colourless liquid (b.p. 189 K) and freezes to a white crystalline solid (f.p. 159 K).

(*vi*) Its b.p. is 189 K and m.p. is 159 K.

Chemical properties

1. Action with litmus : Dry HCl gas has no action on litmus. However, its aqueous solution turns blue litmus red indicating its acidic character.

2. Acidic properties : Its aqueous solution behaves as a strong acid because it is almost fully ionised in water.

$$H_2O + HCl \rightleftharpoons H_3O^+ + Cl^- \qquad K_a = 1\times10^7$$

Its aqueous solution is called **hydrochloric acid**. The high value of dissociation constant (K_a) indicates that it is a strong acid in water. It reacts with ammonia to form white dense fumes of ammonium chloride, NH_4Cl.

$$NH_3 + HCl \longrightarrow NH_4Cl$$

It shows all the typical properties of the acids.

3. Reaction with metals : Active metals like Na, Zn, Mg, Fe, Al, etc. react with the liberation of hydrogen gas.

$$2Na + 2HCl \longrightarrow 2NaCl + H_2$$
$$Zn + 2HCl \longrightarrow ZnCl_2 + H_2$$
$$Mg + 2HCl \longrightarrow MgCl_2 + H_2$$
$$Fe + 2HCl \longrightarrow FeCl_2 + H_2$$
$$2Al + 6HCl \longrightarrow 2AlCl_3 + 3H_2$$

4. Oxidation : It is oxidised by atmospheric oxygen in the presence of cupric chloride, $CuCl_2$ as catalyst at 723 K to produce chlorine gas.

$$4HCl + O_2 \xrightarrow{CuCl_2,\ 723\,K} 2H_2O + 2Cl_2$$

5. As a reducing agent : It acts as reducing agent because it can be oxidised to chlorine by strong oxidising agents like manganese dioxide (MnO_2), potassium permanganate ($KMnO_4$) and potassium dichromate ($K_2Cr_2O_7$) as :

$$MnO_2 + 4HCl \longrightarrow MnCl_2 + 2H_2O + Cl_2$$
$$2KMnO_4 + 16HCl \longrightarrow 2KCl + 2MnCl_2 + 8H_2O + 5Cl_2$$
$$K_2Cr_2O_7 + 14HCl \longrightarrow 2KCl + 2CrCl_3 + 7H_2O + 3Cl_2$$

6. Action with fluorine : Fluorine can displace chlorine from hydrogen chloride.

$$2HCl + F_2 \longrightarrow 2HF + Cl_2$$

However, bromine and iodine have no action on hydrogen chloride.

7. Action with salts of weak acids : Hydrochloric acid decomposes salts of weak acids like carbonates, bicarbonates, sulphides, sulphites, thiosulphates or nitrites. During these reactions, characteristic gases are evolved which are used to identify the acid radicals as :

$$K_2CO_3 + 2HCl \longrightarrow 2KCl + H_2O + CO_2\uparrow$$
$$NaHCO_3 + HCl \longrightarrow NaCl + H_2O + CO_2\uparrow$$
$$Na_2S + 2HCl \longrightarrow 2NaCl + H_2S\uparrow$$
$$Na_2SO_3 + 2HCl \longrightarrow 2NaCl + H_2O + SO_2\uparrow$$

Drying of hydrogen chloride gas : Since the gas is acidic in nature, it can be dried only over acidic dehydrating agent like *concentrated sulphuric acid.*

However, the gas cannot be dried either over quick lime (CaO) or phosphorus pentaoxide because it reacts with these dehydrating agents as :

$$CaO + 2HCl \longrightarrow CaCl_2 + H_2O$$

Quick lime

$$2P_2O_5 + 3HCl \longrightarrow 3HPO_3 + POCl_3$$

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$$Na_2S_2O_3 + 2HCl \longrightarrow 2NaCl + S + H_2O + SO_2\uparrow$$
$$2NaNO_2 + 2HCl \longrightarrow 2NaCl + H_2O + NO_2\uparrow + NO\uparrow$$

8. Action with some metal salts

(*i*) *With lead acetate solution* : Hydrochloric acid reacts with lead acetate solution to form a white precipitate of lead chloride which is soluble in hot water.

$$Pb(CH_3COO)_2 + 2HCl \longrightarrow \underset{\text{(white ppt.)}}{PbCl_2} + 2CH_3COOH$$
Lead acetate

(*ii*) *With silver nitrate solution.* Hydrochloric acid reacts with silver nitrate solution to form a white precipitate of silver chloride which is soluble in ammonium hydroxide due to the formation of a complex, $[Ag(NH_3)_2]Cl$.

$$HCl + AgNO_3 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{(white ppt.)}}{AgCl} + HNO_3$$
$$AgCl + 2NH_4OH \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Diamminesilver (I) chloride}}{[Ag(NH_3)_2]Cl} + 2H_2O$$

(*iii*) *With mercurous nitrate solution.* Hydrochloric acid reacts with mercurous nitrate solution to form a white precipitate of mercurous chloride, Hg_2Cl_2 which is neither soluble in hot water nor in ammonia.

$$Hg_2(NO_3)_2 + 2HCl \longrightarrow \underset{\text{(White ppt)}}{Hg_2Cl_2} + 2HNO_3$$

9. Formation of aqua regia. A mixture of *three* parts of concentrated hydrochloric acid and one part of concentrated nitric acid is known as **aqua regia.** In aqua regia, hydrochloric acid (which is a reducing agent) is oxidised, by nitric acid (which is an oxidising agent) to form nascent chlorine.

$$3HCl + HNO_3 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Nitrosyl chloride}}{NOCl} + 2H_2O + \underset{\text{Nascent chlorine}}{2Cl}$$

Aqua regia can dissolve even noble metals like gold and platinum which are not otherwise dissolved by any single acid as :

$$Au + 3Cl \longrightarrow \underset{\substack{\text{Auric chloride}\\\text{(soluble)}}}{AuCl_3}$$
$$Au + 4H^+ + NO_3^- + 4Cl^- \longrightarrow AuCl_4^- + NO + 2H_2O$$
$$3Pt + 16\,H^+ + 4NO_3^- + 18Cl^- \longrightarrow 3[PtCl_6]^{2-} + 4NO + 8\,H_2O$$

Uses of Hydrogen Chloride

(*i*) In dyeing calicoprinting and tanning industries.

(*ii*) In pickling (cleaning metallic surfaces) before tinning, galvanising and electroplating.

(*iii*) In the manufacture of chlorides and chlorine.

(*iv*) In the manufacture of glucose by the hydrolysis of starch.

(*v*) In the preparation of aqua regia which is used to dissolve noble metals like gold.

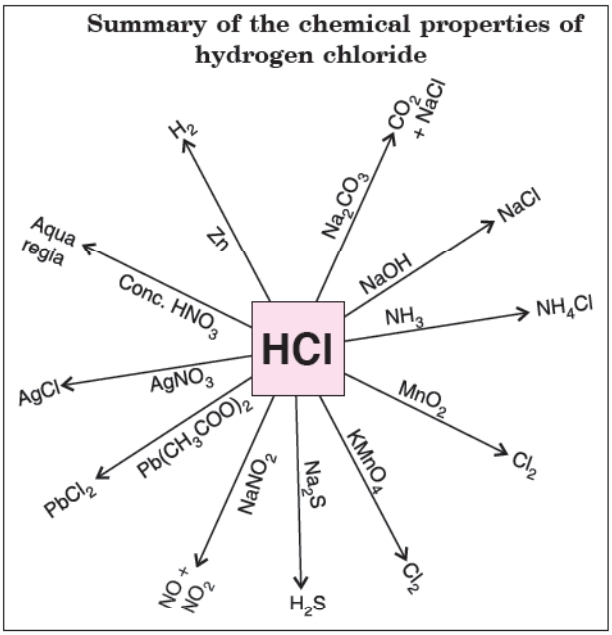
(*vi*) As an important reagent in the laboratory.

(*vii*) It is used in medicines.

OXOACIDS OF HALOGENS

Among the halogens, fluorine has very little tendency to form oxoacids due to its high electronegativity and small size. However, it forms one oxoacid HOF known as fluoric (I) acid or hypofluorous acid. The rest of the halogens form four series of oxoacids, HOX, HXO_2, HXO_3 and HXO_4. These are given in Table 20. Most of these cannot be isolated in pure state. They are stable only in aqueous solution or in the form of their salts.

Summary of the chemical properties of hydrogen chloride



Tests of Hydrogen chloride

(*i*) It is a colourless gas having pungent smell.

(*ii*) It gives white dense fumes with ammonia

(*iii*) It turns blue litmus red.

(*iv*) It gives white precipitate with silver nitrate solution. The precipitate is soluble in ammonium hydroxide but is insoluble in dilute nitric acid.

Sodium chlorate, $NaClO_3$ is produced on a large scale by the electrolysis of brine in a cell in which efficient mixing of chlorine produced at the anode with OH^- produced at the cathode takes place. Sodium chlorate is used as a precursor for the production of ClO_2 used for bleaching paper pulp.

The dazzling fireworks and flares used during Diwali and other festival times contain potassium chlorate, $KClO_3$ as the oxidiser. The different colours are obtained by adding small quantities of strontium (red), barium (green) or copper (blue) salts.

$KClO_3$ is also used in the head of safety matches.

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Table 20. Oxoacids of halogens.

Oxidation State		Fluorine	Chlorine	Bromine	Iodine
+1	Halic (I) acid Hypohalous acid	HFO Hypofluorous acid	HClO Hypochlorous acid	HBrO Hypobromous acid	HIO Hypoiodous acid
+3	Halic (III) acid Halous acid		$HClO_2$ Chlorous acid		
+5	Halic (V) acid Halic acid		$HClO_3$ Chloric acid	$HBrO_3$ Bromic acid	HIO_3 Iodic acid
+7	Halic (VII) acid Perhalic acid		$HClO_4$ Perchloric acid	$HBrO_4$ Perbromic acid	HIO_4 Periodic acid

The structures of oxoacids of chlorine are given below :

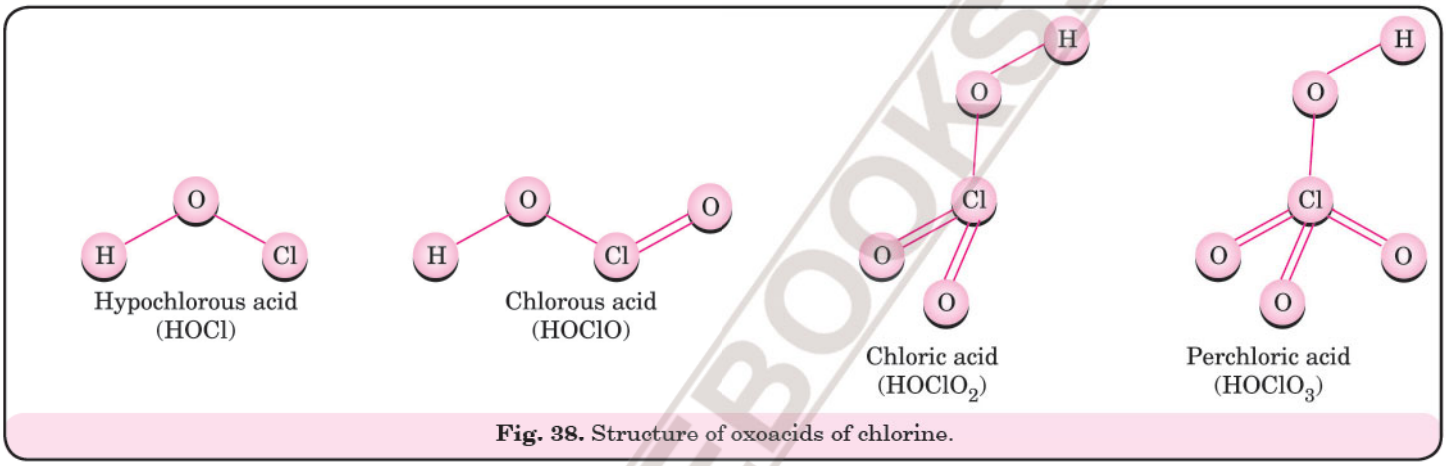


Fig. 38. Structure of oxoacids of chlorine.

Acidic character of Oxoacids of Halogens

The following two important **generalisations** can be made regarding the acidic character of oxoacids of halogens :

(*i*) *The acidic strength of oxoacids having the same oxidation number of the halogen atom decreases with increase in atomic number i.e., with decreasing electronegativity of the atom.* For example, HClO is the strongest while HIO is the weakest of all the acids in which oxidation state of halogen atom is +1.

This is evident from their dissociation constant (K_a) values.

Acid	HClO	HBrO	HIO
K_a	2.9×10^{-8}	5.0×10^{-9}	$\sim 10^{-11}$

Explanation. This can be explained on the basis of the electronegativity of the halogen atom. The electronegativity of the halogen atom attached to oxygen decreases in the order Cl > Br > I. Therefore, the tendency to withdraw electrons from oxygen atom towards itself decreases from Cl to Br to I. As a result, the tendency to pull the electrons from the hydrogen decreases. Consequently, the release of H^+ ion from HClO will be easier than HBrO. Similarly, the release of H^+ ion from HBrO will be easier than from HIO. Thus, the acidic strength decreases in the order :

HClO > HBrO > HIO

H——O→→—Cl
Greater tendency
to withdraw electrons from O

H——O——→—I
Lesser tendency
to withdraw electrons from O

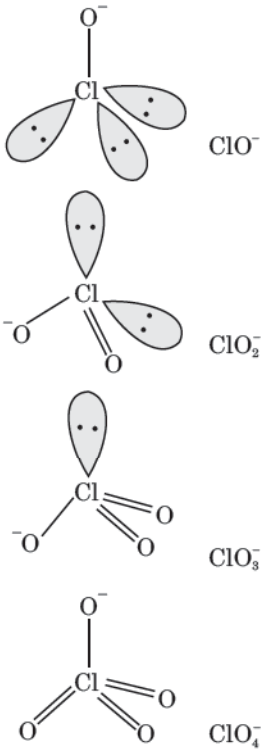
(*ii*) *With the increase in oxidation number of a particular halogen atom,*

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Acidic character :
- HClO > HBrO > HIO
- $HClO_4$ > $HClO_3$ > $HClO_2$ > HClO

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Structures of conjugate bases of oxoacids of Cl



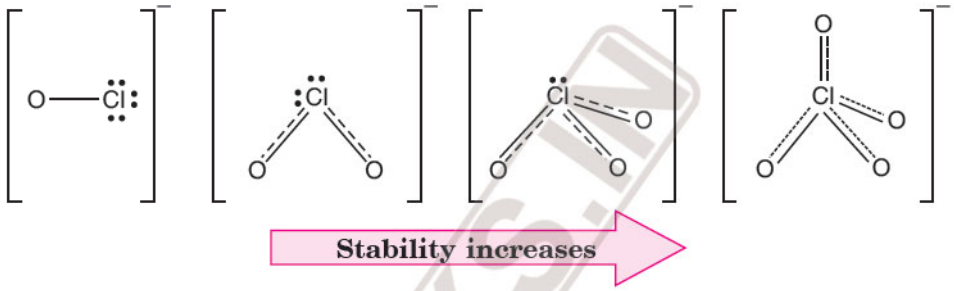
In all these ions, Cl is sp^3 hybridized.

the acidic character of corresponding oxoacid increases. For example, the acidic strength of oxoacids of chlorine increases in the order :

$$HClO < HClO_2 < HClO_3 < HClO_4$$

Explanation. This can be explained on the basis of Lowry Bronsted concept. According to this concept, *a strong acid has a weak conjugate base and a weak acid has a strong conjugate base.*

The conjugate bases of the oxoacids of chlorine are shown below :



Let us consider the stabilities of the conjugate bases, ClO^-, ClO_2^-, ClO_3^- and ClO_4^- formed from these acids, HClO, $HClO_2$, $HClO_3$ and $HClO_4$ respectively. These anions are stabilized by the delocalisation of the charge between oxygen atoms. If the ion is stabilized to greater extent, it has lesser attraction for the proton and therefore, will behave as weaker base (lesser tendency for the reaction to go in backward direction). Consequently, the corresponding acid will be strong because weak conjugate base has strong acid and strong conjugate base has weak acid and vice versa. Now, the charge stabilization is minimum in ClO^- and maximum in ClO_4^-. The charge stabilization increases in the order:

$$ClO^- < ClO_2^- < ClO_3^- < ClO_4^-$$

This means that ClO^- will have minimum stability and therefore, will have maximum attraction for the H^+. In other words, ClO^- will be strongest base and so its conjugate acid HClO will be the weakest acid.

Similarly, in this series, ClO_4^- is the weakest base (maximum stabilized) and its conjugate acid $HClO_4$ is the strongest acid. Thus, the acidic strength increases in the order.

$$HClO < HClO_2 < HClO_3 < HClO_4$$

Oxidising power of perhalates

Perhalates are powerful oxidising agents. Their oxidising power decreases in the order :

$$BrO_4^- > IO_4^- > ClO_4^-$$

This order can be explained on the basis of their electrode potentials for the following reactions :

$$BrO_4^- + 2H^+ + 2e^- \longrightarrow BrO_3^- + H_2O; \quad E^\circ = +1.74\ V$$

$$IO_4^- + 2H^+ + 2e^- \longrightarrow IO_3^- + H_2O; \quad E^\circ = +1.64\ V$$

$$ClO_4^- + 2H^+ + 2e^- \longrightarrow ClO_3^- + H_2O; \quad E^\circ = +1.23\ V$$

Thus, BrO_4^- is the strongest oxidising agent among perhalates because of its very high electrode potential. Therefore, only strongest oxidising agents such as $F_2 \mid H_2O$ ($E^\circ = 2.87V$) or $XeF_2 \mid H_2O$ ($E^\circ = 2.64$ V) are effective for its preparation from bromates. It is because of this reason that perbromates and perbromic acid can be obtained by oxidation of bromates (BrO_3^-) by fluorine in alkaline solution :

$$BrO_3^- + F_2 + 2OH^- \longrightarrow BrO_4^- + 2F^- + H_2O$$

INTERHALOGEN COMPOUNDS

The compounds containing two or more halogen atoms are called **interhalogen compounds.** They may be represented by the general formula XX'_n where X is a halogen of larger size and X′ of smaller size and X′ is more electronegative than X (or X is more electropositive than X′). As the ratio between radii of X and X′ increases, the number of atoms per molecule also increases. Thus, iodine (VII) fluoride should have maximum number of atoms because the ratio of radii between I and F is maximum. Each halogen combines with every

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other halogen to form interhalogen compounds. For example, ClF, ICl_3, BrF_5, etc.

These are of two types :

(*i*) **Neutral interhalogens.** These are neutral molecules containing two or more halogen atoms. For example, ICl, BrF_5, IF_5, IF_7, etc.

(*ii*) **Interhalogen anions and cations.** These are negatively charged interhalogen polyhalide anions XX'_{2n}^{-} (n = 1, 2, 3, 4) and polyhalonium cations (XX'_{2n}^{+}). The most important of these compounds is the linear triatomic iodide ion, I_3^-, which is formed when iodine dissolves in an aqueous solution of potassium iodide.

$$I_2(s) + \underset{\text{From KI}}{I^-(aq)} \longrightarrow I_3^-(aq)$$

Some other polyhalide anions are ICl_2^-, ICl_4^- and polyhalonium cations are ClF_2^+, Cl_2F^+, BrF_2^+, IF_2^+, ICl_2^+, ICl_4^+, etc.

Nomenclature

The interhalogen compounds are named as halogen halides. The halogen with the positive oxidation state (*i.e.,* A) is named as such and the halogen with negative oxidation state (*i.e.,* X) is named as halide. For example,

ClF	BrF_3	IF_7
Chlorine fluoride	Bromine trifluoride	Iodine heptafluoride

The different types of interhalogens of the type XX′ (diatomic), XX'_3 (tri atomic), XX'_5 (hexa atomic) and XX'_7 (hepta atomic) are given in Table 21.

The different interhalogen ions are given below :

Table 21. Type of Interhalogen compounds and their physical state and colour.

XX′	XX'_3	XX'_5	XX'_7
ClF : Chlorine fluoride (colourles gas)	ClF_3 : Chlorine trifluoride (colourles gas)	ClF_5 : Chlorine pentafluoride (colourles gas)	
BrF : Bromine fluoride (pale brown gas)	BrF_3 : Bromine trifluoride (yellow green liquid)	BrF_5 : Bromine pentafluoride (colourless liquid)	
IF* : Iodine fluoride (very unstable detected spectroscopically)	IF_3* : Iodine trifluoride (yellow powder)		IF_7 : Iodine heptafluoride (colourless gas)
BrCl : Bromine chloride (gas)			
ICl : Iodine chloride (rubby red solid, α form brown red solid, β form)	ICl_3 : Iodine trichloride (orange solid)	IF_5 : Iodine pentafluoride (colourless gas but solid at 77 K)	
IBr : Iodine bromide (black solid)			

* are unstable

Interhalogen ions

Type	Examples
XX'_2	ICl_2^-, IBr_2^-, $BrCl_2^-$, ClF_2^-, ICl_2^+, BrF_2^+, ClF_2^+
XX'_4	ICl_4^-, BrF_4^-, IF_4^+, ClF_4^+, BrF_4^+
XX'_6	IF_6^-, BrF_6^-, IF_6^+, BrF_6^+, ClF_6^+

Preparation

All interhalogen compounds are prepared by direct combination or by the reactions of halogen with other interhalogen compounds. For example,

$$\underset{\text{equal volumes}}{Cl_2 + F_2} \xrightarrow{437\ K} 2ClF$$

$$Cl_2 + \underset{\text{(excess)}}{3F_2} \xrightarrow{573\ K} 2ClF_3$$

$$ClF + F_2 \longrightarrow ClF_3$$

$$ClF_3 + F_2 \xrightarrow{h\nu} ClF_5$$

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$$I_2 + Cl_2 \longrightarrow 2ICl$$
(equimolar)
$$I_2 + 3Cl_2 \longrightarrow 2ICl_3$$
(excess)
$$Br_2 + F_2 \longrightarrow 2BrF$$
$$Br_2 + 3F_2 \longrightarrow 2BrF_3$$
(diluted with water)
$$Br_2 + 5F_2 \longrightarrow 2BrF_5$$
(excess)
$$I_2 + 5F_2 \xrightarrow{295\ K} 2IF_5$$
$$Cl_2 + 5F_2 \xrightarrow{625\ K} 2ClF_5$$
$$I_2 + 7F_2 \xrightarrow{625–675\ K} 2IF_7$$

Lower interhalogens combine to form higher interhalogens.

$$ClF + F_2 \xrightarrow{475–573\ K} ClF_3$$
$$ClF_3 + F_2 \xrightarrow{h\nu} ClF_5$$
$$IF_5 + F_2 \longrightarrow IF_7$$

Some interhalogen compounds are prepared from some halides,

$$KBr + 3F_2 \xrightarrow{625\ K} KF + BrF_5$$
$$KI + 4F_2 \xrightarrow{625\ K} KF + IF_7$$

General Properties of Interhalogen Compounds

Some of the important general properties of interhalogen compounds are:

(*i*) **Polar nature.** All the interhalogen compounds are essentially covalent and are diamagnetic. They have some polarity. The polarity is due to the difference in electronegativity between the two halogen atoms. The more electronegative halogen atom acquires a negative charge.

(*ii*) **Physical state.** Interhalogen compounds exist as gases, liquids and solids. They are volatile solids or liquids except ClF which is a gas at 298 K. Their physical properties are intermediate between those of constituent halogens except that their melting and boiling points are a little higher than expected.

(*iii*) **Reactivity.** The interhalogen compounds have almost similar reactions to those of component halogens. However, these are **generally more reactive than the component halogens (except F_2)**. This is because covalent bond between dissimilar atoms (X—X′) in interhalogen compounds is weaker than that between similar atoms (X—X or X′—X′) in halogens except F—F bond. This is due to the fact that the overlapping of orbitals of two dissimilar atoms is less effective than the overlapping of orbitals of similar atoms. For example, the bond dissociation enthalpy of X—X′ bond is less than the bond dissociation enthalpy of X_2 and X'_2. Thus, they readily convert metals into mixed halides.

$$2M + XX' \longrightarrow MX + MX'$$

e.g.,
$$2Na + ICl \longrightarrow NaI + NaCl$$

(*iv*) **Fluorinating agents.** Most of the interhalogens containing fluorine act as powerful fluorinating agents. They convert several metal oxides and metal halides to fluorides.

$$W + 6ClF \longrightarrow WF_6 + 3Cl_2$$
$$Se + 4ClF \longrightarrow SeF_4 + 2Cl_2$$
$$6MgO + 4ClF_3 \longrightarrow 6MgF_2 + 2Cl_2 + 3O_2$$
$$3UO_2 + 4BrF_3 \longrightarrow 3UF_4 + 2Br_2 + 3O_2$$
$$2AgCl + ClF_3 \longrightarrow 2AgF + Cl_2 + ClF$$

ClF_3 or BrF_3 are used for the production of UF_6 in the enrichment of uranium (^{235}U).

$$U + 3ClF_3 \xrightarrow{323–363\ K} UF_6 + 3ClF$$

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(*v*) **Hydrolysis.** All the interhalogen compounds undergo hydrolysis giving halide ion (derived from the smaller halogen atom) and a hypohalite (for XX′), halite (for XX'_3), halate (for XX'_5) and perhalate (for XX'_7) anion derived from the larger halogen.

$$XX' + H_2O \longrightarrow HX' + HOX$$

e.g.,
$$ICl + H_2O \longrightarrow HCl + \underset{\text{Hypoiodous acid}}{HOI}$$

$$BrF_5 + H_2O \longrightarrow 5HF + \underset{\text{Bromic acid}}{HBrO_3}$$

(*vi*) **Ionisation.** Interhalogen compounds are partially ionised in the solution or in the liquid state. For example, fused ICl and ICl_3 have specific conductance of the order of 10^{-3} ohm^{-1} cm^{-1}. This suggests appreciable self-ionisation of these compounds.

$$2ICl \rightleftharpoons I^+ + ICl_2^-$$
$$2ICl_3 \rightleftharpoons ICl_2^+ + ICl_4^-$$

They also give conducting solutions in various solvents.

(*vii*) **Reaction with alkali metal halides.** Interhalogens react with alkali metal halides to form polyhalides. For example,

$$ICl + KCl \longrightarrow K^+[ICl_2]^-$$
$$ICl_3 + KCl \longrightarrow K^+[ICl_4]^-$$
$$IF_5 + CsF \longrightarrow Cs^+[IF_6]^-$$
$$IF_7 + CsF \longrightarrow Cs^+[IF_8]^-$$

(*viii*) **Oxidising agents.** The interhalogen compounds act as strong oxidising agents.

(*ix*) **Thermal stability.** The thermal stability of the interhalogen compounds depends upon the electronegativity difference between the two component halogen atoms. In general, the thermal stability of AX type interhalogens decreases as the electronegativity difference between them decreases. For example, thermal stability decreases as :

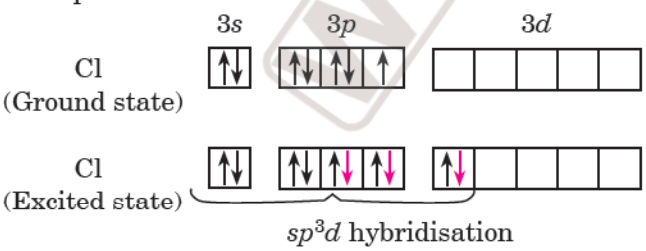
	IF	>	BrF	>	ClF	>	ICl	>	IBr	>	BrCl
Electronegativity difference	1.5		1.2		1.0		0.5		0.3		0.2

Reactivity of interhalogen compounds.
Interhalogen compounds are more reactive than the halogens (except F_2) because covalent bond between dissimilar electronegative atoms (X – X') in interhalogen compounds is **weaker** than the bond between two similar atoms (X – X or X' – X') in halogens. This is because the overlapping of orbitals of two dissimilar atoms is less effective than the overlapping of orbitals of similar atoms.

Structures of some common interhalogen compounds

***(a)* Neutral interhalogens.** The structures of some common interhalogen compounds such as XX'_3, XX'_5 and XX'_7 are given below. These are easily understood on the basis of VSEPR theory. For example,

(*i*) XX'_3 involves sp^3d hybridisation of the central halogen atom and the molecule has **trigonal bipyramidal** geometry with two positions occupied by lone pairs. Its structure is termed as **T-shaped.** For example, ClF_3 has T-shaped structure as shown below:



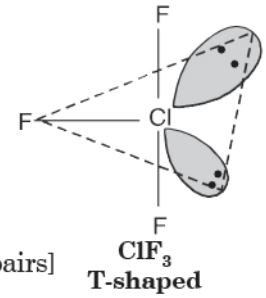
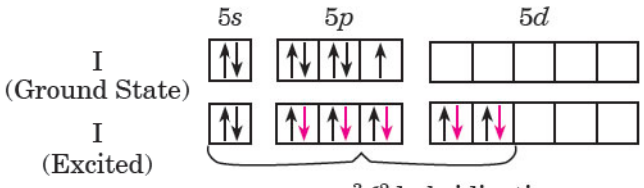


Fig. 39. Structure of ClF_3.

(*ii*) XX'_5 involves sp^3d^2 hybridisation of the central halogen atom and the molecule has **octahedral geometry** with one position occupied by a lone pair of electrons. Its structure is termed as **square pyramidal**.

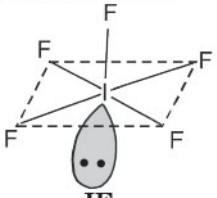
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For example, IF_5 has square pyramidal structure as described below:



sp^3d^2 hybridisation

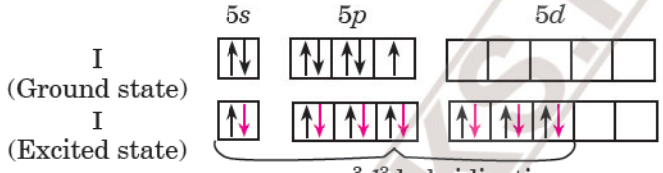
[Five bonds with F and one position occupied by a lone pair]



IF_5
Square pyramidal

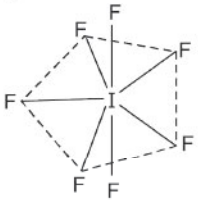
Fig. 40. Structure of IF_5.

(*iii*) XX_7 involves sp^3d^3 hybridisation of iodine atom and the molecule has **pentagonal bipyramidal** structure. For example, IF_7 has pentagonal bipyramidal structure as described below:



sp^3d^3 hybridisation

[Seven bonds with F]



IF_7
Pentagonal bipyramidal

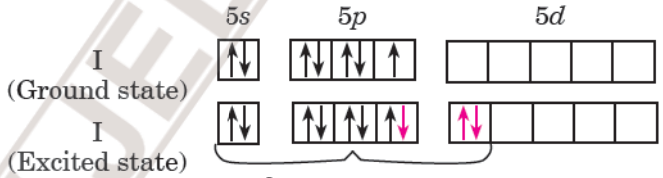
Fig. 41. Structure of IF_7.

(*b*) Interhalogen ions

Triatomic $(XX'_2)^-$ ions

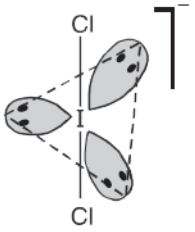
(*i*) $XX'_2{}^-$ ions involved sp^3d hybridisation having trigonal bipyramidal geometry with three positions occupied by lone pairs. The structure is **linear**. For example ICl_2^- is linear as desivbed below:

It may be noted that ICl_2^- ($Cl - I \leftarrow Cl^-$) has one covalent and one coordinate bond. For a covalent bond a half filled orbital is needed and for a coordinate bond, an empty orbital is needed. Therefore, in ICl_2^- ion, one half filled orbital and one empty orbital including lone pairs get hybridised as shown below:



sp^3 hybridisation

[One covalent bond is formed with Cl ↑↓ and one coordinate bond using its hybrid empty orbital ↑↓]

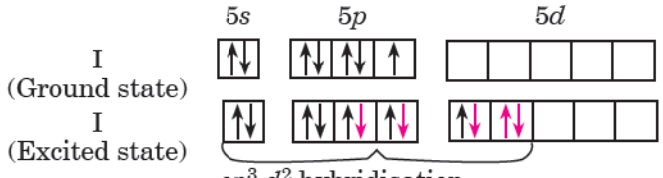


ICl_2^-
Linear

Fig. 42. Sturucture of ICl^-.

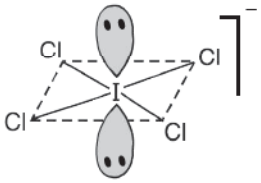
(*ii*) $XX'_4{}^-$ involve sp^3d^2 hybridisation having octahedral geometry with two positions occupied by lone pairs. The two lone pairs are present on positions above and below the square plane and the structure is regarded as **square planar.** For example, ICl_4^- has square planar geometry as described below:

In ICl_4^- the central atom iodine forms three covalent bonds and one coordinate bond. Therefore, in the excited state of I, three half filled orbitals and one empty orbital including lone pairs get hybridised as shown below:



$sp^3\ d^2$ hybridisation

[Three covalent bonds are formed with Cl ↑↓ and one coordinate bond using empty hybrid orbital ↑↓]



ICl_4^-
Square planar

Fig. 43. Sturucture of ICl_4^-.

Hypervalent Compounds

The molecular species like SF_6, PF_5, XeF_2, I_3^- in which the central atoms have more than octet of electrons are called **hypervalent compounds.** These have expanded octet.

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Polyhalide Ions

In addition to neutral interhalogens, interhalogen cations or anions, some polyhalide ions, X_n^- are also known. The common examples are Cl_3^-, Br_3^-, I_3^-, I_5^- etc.

The most common example of polyhalide anion is I_3^-. It is formed during the dissolution of iodine in KI solution.

$$I_2(s) + I^-(aq) \longrightarrow I_3^-(aq)$$

(from KI solution)

We know that I_2 is virtually insoluble in water. However, it readily dissolves in KI solution due to the formation of I_3^- (KI_3).

Tribromide (Br_3^-) is much less stable than I_3^-. A few compounds containing Cl_3^- ion are known but fluorine cannot form F_3^- ion.

Structure of Polyhalides

Structure of I_3^- ion. In I_3^- (I—I←I^-), there is one covalent bond and one coordinate bond between iodine atoms. For covalent bond, one half filled orbital is needed while for a coordinate bond, an empty orbital is needed. The structure is similar to I_3^- ion is as described below:

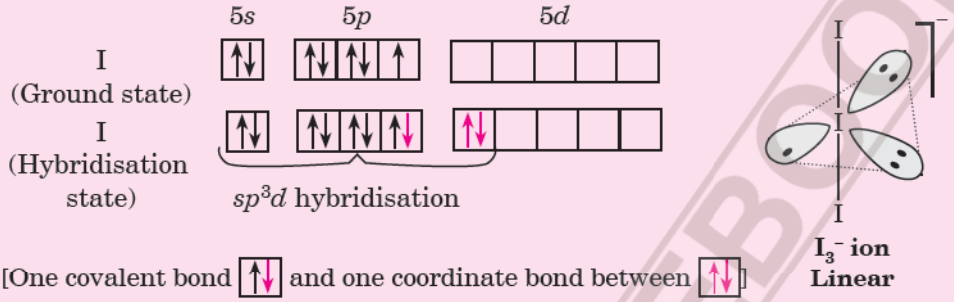


Fig. 44. Structure of I_3^-

Structure of I_5^- ion. In this polyhalide ion, there are three covalent bonds (I—I) and one coordinate bond (I ← I^-). Therefore, in the excited state of iodine, three half filled orbitals and one empty orbital including lone pairs get hybridised as shown below:

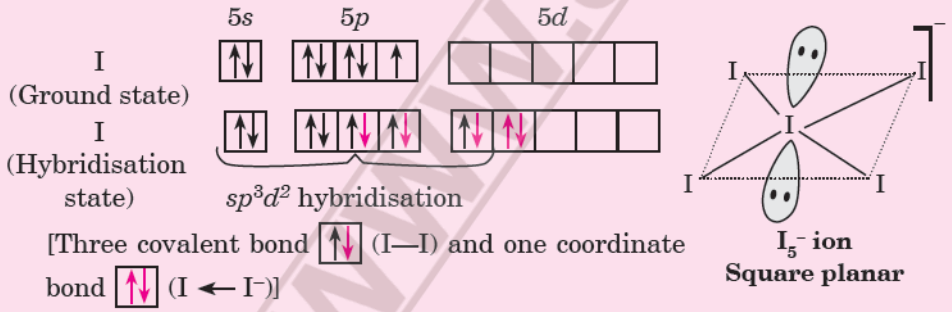


Fig. 45. Structure of I_5^-

Evidence of Cationic Iodine

All halogens are non-metallic due to high electronegativities and ionisation energies. However, the last element iodine exhibits some properties showing the presence of positive ions. The positive iodine is found in unipositive (I^+) and tripositive (I^{3+}) states.

(*i*) Iodine monochloride (ICl) conducts electricity in the molten state. On electrolysis, iodine is liberated at the cathode while both iodine and chlorine are liberated at the anode. The liberation of iodine at the cathode indicates the presence of cationic iodine. The ionisation of ICl may be represented as :

$$2ICl \rightleftharpoons \underset{\text{(at cathode)}}{I^+} + ICl_2^-$$

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(*ii*) ICl_3 conducts electricity and on electrolysis, iodine and chlorine are liberated at both the electrodes. Therefore, the ionization may be represented as

$$2ICl_3 \rightleftharpoons ICl_2^+ + ICl_4^-$$

The ions ICl_2^+ and ICl_4^- contain I^{3+} ions.

(*iii*) A large number of compounds containing iodine as I^{3+} have been isolated which are ionic. For example, iodine triacetate, $I(CH_3COO)_3$, iodine phosphate, IPO_4, iodine triperchlorate $I(ClO_4)_3$. On electrolysis, these compounds in aqueous solution liberate iodine at the cathode as:

$$IPO_4 \rightleftharpoons I^{3+} + PO_4^{3-}$$

Uses of interhalogen compounds

(*i*) The interhalogen compounds can be used as non-aqueous solvents.

(*ii*) Interhalogen compounds of fluorine are very useful fluorinating agents. For example, ClF_3 and BrF_3 are used for the production of UF_6 in the enrichment of ^{235}U.

$$U\,(s) + 3ClF_3\,(l) \longrightarrow UF_6\,(g) + 3ClF\,(g)$$

Pseudo halogens

There are certain uninegative ions made up of two electronegative atoms which have properties similar to the halide ions. These are called **pseudo halides.** Like the halides, the pseudo halides have the corresponding pseudo halogens which behave like halogens in their chemistry. Some examples are :

Pseudo halides		Pseudo halogens	
Cyanide	CN^-	Cyanogen	$(CN)_2$
Thiocyanate	SCN^-	Thiocyanogen	$(SCN)_2$
Cyanate	OCN^-	Oxycyanogen	$(OCN)_2$

SOLVED EXAMPLES

❑ **Example 43.**

Electron gain enthalpies of halogens are largely negative. Why? (*A.I.S.B. 2017*)

Solution : The halogens have the smallest size in their respective periods and therefore, high effective nuclear charge. Moreover, they have only one electron less than the stable noble gas configuration (ns^2np^6).

Therefore, they have strong tendency to accept one electron to acquire noble gas electronic configurations and hence have largely negative electron gain enthalpies.

❑ **Example 44.**

Fluorine exhibits only –1 oxidation state where as other halogens exhibit positive oxidation states also such as +1,+3,+5 and+7. Why? **N.C.E.R.T.** (*Hr. S.B. 2015, H.P. S.B. 2016, Meghalaya S.B. 2016, Mizoram S.B. 2018, Assam S.B. 2018*)

Solution : Fluorine is most electronegative element and cannot exhibit any positive oxidation states. On the other hand, the other halogens are less electronegative and therefore, can exhibit positive oxidation states. They also have vacant *d*-orbitals and hence can expand their octets and show +1, +3, +5 and +7 oxidation states also.

❑ **Example 45.**

Calculate the oxidation state of the halogen in the following:
(i) Cl_2O *(ii)* ClO_2 *(iii)* $KBrO_3$
(iv) $NaClO_4$

Solution : Oxidation state of the halogen.

(*i*) Cl_2O : + 2
(*ii*) ClO_2 : + 4
(*iii*) $KBrO_3$: + 5
(*iv*) $NaClO_4$: + 7

❑ **Example 46.**

Why does fluorine not play the role of central atom in interhalogen compounds? (*A.I.S.B. 2011*)

Solution : Fluorine does not play the role of a central atom in interhalogen compounds because it is highly electronegative. Moreover, it has only one electron less than the octet and does not have vacant *d*-orbitals in its valence shell. Therefore, it can form only one bond with other halogen atoms and cannot act as central atom in interhalogen compounds.

❑ **Example 47.**

Bond enthalpy of fluorine is lower than that of chlorine. Why ? (*A.I.S.B. 2018, Hr. S.B. 2018*)

Solution : Fluorine atoms are small and internuclear distance between two F atoms in F_2 molecule is also small (1.43Å). As a result, electron-electron repulsions among the lone pairs on two fluorine atoms in F_2 molecule are large. These large electron-electron repulsions weaken the F–F bond. However, the electron-electron repulsions among lone pairs in Cl_2 molecule are less because of larger Cl atoms and larger Cl–Cl distance (1.99Å). Therefore, the bond enthalpy of fluorine is lower than that of chlorine.

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❑ **Example 48.**

Write balanced equations for the following :

(a) NaCl is heated with sulphuric acid in the presence of MnO_2.

(b) Chlorine gas is passed into a solution of NaI in water.

(c) SiO_2 is treated with HF.

(d) $NaClO_3$ is treated with SO_2.

(e) Iodine is treated with conc. HNO_3.

Solution :

(a) $4NaCl + MnO_2 + 4H_2SO_4$ (conc) $\longrightarrow$ $MnCl_2 + 4NaHSO_4 + 2H_2O + Cl_2$

(b) $2NaI\ (aq) + Cl_2\ (g) \longrightarrow 2NaCl\ (aq) + I_2\ (g)$

(c) $SiO_2 + 6HF \longrightarrow H_2SiF_6 + 2H_2O$

(d) $2NaClO_3 + SO_2\ (g) \longrightarrow 2ClO_2 + Na_2SO_4$

(e) $I_2 + 10HNO_3 \longrightarrow 2HIO_3 + 10\ NO_2 + 4H_2O$

❑ **Example 49.**

Write the balanced chemical equation for the reaction of Cl_2 with hot and concentrated NaOH. Is this reaction a disproportionation reaction ? Justify. **N.C.E.R.T.**

Solution :

$$3Cl_2 + 6NaOH \xrightarrow{\text{hot and conc.}} 5NaCl + NaClO_3 + 3H_2O$$

This is a disproportionation reaction because the oxidation state of Cl is changed from zero (in Cl_2) to –1 (in NaCl) and +5 (in $NaClO_3$).

❑ **Example 50.**

HCl when reacts with finely divided iron forms ferrous chloride and not ferric chloride. Why ? **N.C.E.R.T.**

Solution : HCl reacts with finely divided iron and produces H_2 gas

$$2Fe + 6HCl \longrightarrow 2FeCl_3 + 3H_2$$

Liberation of hydrogen prevents the formation of ferric chloride.

❑ **Example 51.**

Explain why inspite of nearly same electronegativity, oxygen forms hydrogen bonding while chlorine does not.

Solution : Oxygen has smaller size than chlorine. The smaller size of oxygen favours hydrogen bonding. In other words, though electronegativity of Cl is same as that of O, it does not form hydrogen bonding because of its larger size.

❑ **Example 52.**

Complete the following reactions

(i) $NaOH + Cl_2 \longrightarrow$
hot and conc.

(ii) $NH_3 + Cl_2$ (excess) $\longrightarrow$ (D.S.B. 2017)

(iii) $NaNO_2 + HCl \longrightarrow$

(iv) $F_2(g) + H_2O(l) \longrightarrow$ (D.S.B. 2008)

(v) $K_2CO_3 + HCl \longrightarrow$

(vi) $Cl_2 + H_2O \longrightarrow$ (D.S.B. 2017)

(vii) $F_2 + 2Cl^- \longrightarrow$ (D.S.B. 2017)

Solution :

(i) $6NaOH + 3Cl_2 \xrightarrow{\text{hot and conc.}} 5NaCl + NaClO_3 + 3H_2O$

(ii) $NH_3 + 3Cl_2$ (excess) $\longrightarrow NCl_3 + 3HCl$

(iii) $2NaNO_2 + 2HCl \longrightarrow 2NaCl + H_2O + NO_2 + NO$

(iv) $2F_2(g) + 2H_2O(l) \longrightarrow 4H^+(aq) + 4F^-(aq) + O_2(g)$

(v) $K_2CO_3 + 2HCl \longrightarrow 2KCl + CO_2 + H_2O$

(vi) $2Cl_2 + 2H_2O \longrightarrow 4HCl + O_2$

(vii) $F_2 + 2Cl^- \longrightarrow 2F^- + Cl_2$

❑ **Example 53.**

Write two uses of ClO_2. **N.C.E.R.T.**

Solution : ClO_2 is used as:

(i) a bleaching agent for paper pulp and textiles.

(ii) in water treatment.

❑ **Example 54.**

Explain why fluorine forms only one oxoacid HOF? **N.C.E.R.T.**

Solution : Due to small size and high electronegativity, fluorine cannot act as central atom in higher oxoacids.

❑ **Example 55.**

Write the reactions of F_2 and Cl_2 with water. **N.C.E.R.T.**

Solution : Fluorine reacts vigorously with water giving oxygen and ozone.

$$2F_2 + 2H_2O \longrightarrow 4HF + O_2$$
$$3F_2 + 3H_2O \longrightarrow 6HF + O_3$$

Chlorine reacts slowly with water giving oxygen.

$$2Cl_2 + 2H_2O \longrightarrow 4HCl + O_2$$

❑ **Example 56.**

Which neutral molecule would be isoelectronic with ClO^-? Is that molecule a Lewis base?

N.C.E.R.T. (D.S.B. 2008, Pb.S.B. 2013)

Solution : ClO^- is isoelectronic with ClF. Yes, it is a Lewis base.

❑ **Example 57.**

Complete the following chemical reaction equations:

(i) $F_2(g) + H_2O\ (l) \longrightarrow$ (ii) $Ca_3P_2(s) + H_2O(l) \longrightarrow$

(iii) $P_4 + NaOH + H_2O \longrightarrow$ (Assam S.B. 2013, 2015)

Solution: (i) $2F_2(g) + 2H_2O\ (l) \longrightarrow 4H^+(aq) + 4F^-(aq) + O_2(g)$

(ii) $Ca_3P_2(s) + 6H_2O\ (l) \longrightarrow 3Ca(OH)_2 + 2PH_3$

(iii) $P_4 + 3NaOH + 3H_2O \longrightarrow PH_3 + 3NaH_2PO_2$

❑ **Example 58.**

IF_7 exists but BrF_7 does not exist. Why ?

Solution : The atomic size of iodine (133 pm) is much bigger than bromine (114 pm). Therefore, seven small sized F atoms can be accommodated around big I atom but not around small sized Br atom.

❑ **Example 59.**

Molten ICl_3 has high electrical conductivity. Why?

Solution : The high electrical conductivity of molten ICl_3 is because of its ionisation to ICl_2^+ and ICl_4^- ions as

$$2ICl_3 \rightleftharpoons ICl_2^+ + ICl_4^-$$

❑ **Example 60.**

I_3^- is known but F_3^- is not known. Why?

Solution : F_3^- is not known because fluorine has no vacant *d*-orbitals available and therefore, cannot expand its octet. On the other hand, iodine has vacant *d*-orbitals and hence can expand its octet and can form I_3^-.

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Answers to Practice Problems

31. Cl_2O_6
32. (*i*) Cl (*ii*) F (*iii*) I
33. (*i*) HCl (*ii*) HF
(*iii*) HI (*iv*) HF
34. (*i*) sp^3d
(*ii*) sp^3d^2
(*iii*) sp^3d^3
35. CN^-, CNS^-
37. (*a*) HCl
(*b*) HBrO
(*c*) $HClO_4$
(*d*) HI
(*e*) $HClO_2$
38. Cl > F > Br > I

Practice Problems

31. Give an example of oxide of chlorine having +6 oxidation state of Cl.
32. Name the element of group 17, which has the following properties :
(*i*) highest electron affinity
(*ii*) strongest oxidising agent
(*iii*) highest melting point
33. Among hydrides of halogens predict the hydride having
(*i*) lowest boiling point (*ii*) highest boiling point
(*iii*) most acidic (*iv*) most stable
34. Which type of hybridisation occurs in
(*i*) BrF_3 (*ii*) BrF_5
(*iii*) IF_7
35. Give two examples of pseudohalides.
36. Complete the reactions
(*i*) $IO_3^- + I^- + H^+ \longrightarrow$ (*ii*) $NaClO_3 + I_2 \longrightarrow$
(*iii*) $I_2 + S_2O_3^{2-} \longrightarrow$
37. Which among the following pairs is stronger acid ?
(*a*) HF or HCl (*b*) HIO or HBrO
(*c*) $HClO_3$ or $HClO_4$ (*d*) HI or HCl
(*e*) $HClO_2$ or $HBrO_2$
38. Arrange the following in the decreasing order of negative electron gain enthalpy.
F, Cl, I, Br

GROUP 18 ELEMENTS

GROUP 18
He Helium
Ne Neon
Ar Argon
Kr Krypton
Xe Xenon
Rn Radon

The group 18 consists of elements **helium** (He), **neon** (Ne), **argon** (Ar), **krypton** (Kr), **xenon** (Xe) and **radon** (Rn). It constitutes zero group of the periodic table. These gases at ordinary temperature do not have chemical reactivity and therefore, these were called **inert gases.** However, nowadays, a number of compounds of these gases, particularly of xenon and krypton have been prepared. This shows that these gases are not completely inert. Consequently, these gases are called **noble gases** instead of inert gases which signifies that these gases have some reactivity. This name is analogous to noble metals like gold and platinum which show very low reactivity rather than complete inertness. Because of the low abundance of these gases on earth, they have also been called **rare gases**.

OCCURRENCE OF NOBLE GASES

Due to the inert nature of noble gases, they always occur in the free state. Except radon, all these gases are present in atmosphere in the atomic state. Their total percentage in dry air is about 1% by volume, of which *argon* (0.93%) *is the major component.* It originates in the air mostly from electron capture (β^+ decay) of potassium

$$^{40}_{19}K + {}^{0}_{-1}e \longrightarrow {}^{40}_{18}Ar$$

The amount of noble gases present in *atmosphere* (in percent by volume) is given below :

Element	Abundance (Volume %)
He	5.24×10^{-4}
Ne	1.82×10^{-3}
Ar	0.934
Kr	1.14×10^{-3}
Xe	8.7×10^{-6}
Rn	Traces

- Lord Rayleigh and William Ramsay made the first discovery of the noble gas argon in 1894.
- J.N. Lockyer first discovered helium in the solar spectrum during a total solar eclipse on 18th August 1868. Later on, in 1895, helium was discovered on the earth by William Ramsay.
- Xenon is called **stranger** gas. Its name was derived from the Greek word "xenos" which means stranger.

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Helium is also present in natural gas to the extent of 2 to 7%. Helium and sometimes neon are found in small quantities in minerals of radioactive elements such as *monazite, clevite, pitch blende,* etc. Helium, neon and argon are found in the water of certain springs. Radon is radioactive and does not occur in the free state because it decays very rapidly.

ISOLATION OF NOBLE GASES AND USES

1. From air

All non-radioactive noble gases except helium are commercially isolated from air. Their total abundance in dry air is about 1% by volume of which argon is the major component. Neon, argon, krypton and xenon are obtained as by products of liquefaction of air and separation of its constituents by fractional distillation.

This method is based on the *difference in the boiling points of noble gases. The gases are separated from one another and also from oxygen and nitrogen (which are other major constituents of air) by fractional distillation.*

Helium is commercially obtained from natural gas. The natural gas contains hydrocarbon (methane, etc.), carbon dioxide, nitrogen, hydrogen sulphide and helium as the main constituents. The natural gas is compressed to about 100 atm and cooled to 73K. Under these conditions, helium does not liquefy while other gases get liquefied.

At this stage, helium contains about 2% nitrogen as impurity. To remove the last traces of nitrogen, it is kept in contact with activated charcoal maintained at 83K, when nitrogen gets adsorbed and unadsorbed helium of 99.9% purity is obtained.

Radon is obtained as a decay product of ^{226}Ra.

$$^{226}_{88}Ra \longrightarrow {}^{222}_{86}Rn + {}^{4}_{2}He$$

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF GROUP 18 ELEMENTS

A. Electronic Configurations

Except helium, the atoms of all noble gases have eight electrons in the valence shell. The general electronic configuration of noble gases (except He) may be expressed as $\boldsymbol{ns^2np^6}$. On the other hand, helium has $1s^2$ electronic configuration shown (Table 22) below.

These configurations being stable, the noble gases neither have any tendency to gain nor lose electrons, and, therefore, they do not enter into chemical combinations. It is, therefore, reasonable to assume that *inert nature of the noble gases is due to their stable electronic configurations.*

B. Atomic and Physical Properties

Some of the important physical constants (Table 23) of noble gases are discussed below:

1. Existence. All the noble gases are monoatomic, colourless and odourless gases. The *monoatomic* state of these gases is due to stable electronic configuration $\boldsymbol{(ns^2np^6)}$ of their atoms. As a result, they are not capable of combining even amongst themselves.

Table 22. Electronic configuration of noble gases

Element		Atomic no.	Electronic configurations
Helium	He	2	$\mathbf{1s^2}$
Neon	Ne	10	$1s^2\mathbf{2s^22p^6}$
Argon	Ar	18	$1s^22s^22p^6\mathbf{3s^23p^6}$
Krypton	Kr	36	$1s^22s^22p^63s^23p^63d^{10}\mathbf{4s^24p^6}$
Xenon	Xe	54	$1s^22s^22p^63s^23p^63d^{10}4s^24p^64d^{10}\mathbf{5s^25p^6}$
Radon	Rn	86	$1s^22s^22p^63s^23p^63d^{10}4s^24p^64d^{10}4f^{14}5s^25p^65d^{10}\mathbf{6s^26p^6}$

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Table 23. Atomic and Physical Properties of Group 18 Elements (Noble Gases)

Property	He	Ne	Ar	Kr	Xe	Rn*
Atomic number	2	10	18	36	54	86
Atomic mass (g mol^{-1})	4.00	20.18	39.10	83. 80	131.30	222
Atomic radius (pm)	120	160	190	200	220	—
Ionisation enthalpy (kJ mol^{-1})	2372	2080	1520	1351	1170	1037
Electron gain enthalpy (kJ mol^{-1})	48	116	96	96	77	68
Melting point/K	—	24.6	83.8	115.9	161.3	202
Boiling point/K	4.2	27.1	87.2	119.7	165.0	211
Density (at STP) g cm^{-3}	1.8×10^{-4}	9.0×10^{-4}	1.8×10^{-3}	3.7×10^{-3}	5.9×10^{-3}	9.7×10^{-3}

* radioactive

Ionisation enthalpy (kJ mol^{-1})
He 2372
Ne 2080
Ar 1520
Kr 1351
Xe 1170-
Rn 1037

2. Atomic radii. In the case of noble gases, the atomic radii correspond to van der Waal's radii. As we go down the group, the van der Waal's radius increases due to the addition of new electronic shells.

3. Ionisation enthalpies. The ionisation enthalpies of noble gases are very high. This is attributed to the stable completely filled configurations of noble gases. However, the ionisation enthalpies decrease with increase in atomic number from He to Rn due to increasing atomic size.

4. Electron gain enthalpies. Due to the stable ns^2np^6 electronic configurations, noble gas atoms have no tendency to accept additional electron. Therefore, their electron gain enthalpies are zero or have large positive values.

5. Melting and boiling points. The melting and boiling points of noble gases are very low in comparison to those of other substances of comparable atomic and molecular masses. This indicates that only weak van der Waal's forces are present between the atoms of the noble gases in the liquid or the solid state. These van der Waal's forces increase with the increase in atomic size of the atom, and therefore, the boiling points and melting points increase from He to Rn. **Helium has the lowest boiling point (4.2 K)** of any known substance. It has an unusual property of diffusing through most commonly used laboratory materials such as rubber, glass or plastics.

6. Ease of liquefication. The noble gases are not easily liquefied. This is due to the fact that there are only weak van der Waal's forces which hold atoms together. This is also clear from low values of heats of vaporisation of these gases. Due to increase in atomic size and, therefore, increase in van der Waals forces, the ease of liquefication increases down the group from He to Rn.

7. Solubility in water. The noble gases are only slightly soluble in water. The solubility, in general, increases from He to Rn.

The solubility of noble gases in water is due to *dipole-induced dipole interactions*. Water is a polar molecule. When it comes near a noble gas atom, it induces dipole in the noble gas atom by distorting or polarizing the symmetrical electron cloud of noble gas atom. As a result, an induced dipole appears on the noble gas atom, leading to interaction with the dipole of polar water molecule. Therefore, because of dipole-induced dipole interactions between water molecules and noble gas atoms, the noble gas dissolves in water. As the size of noble gas atom increases, the extent of polarization also increases. Consequently, the magnitude of the dipole-induced dipole interactions increases and hence the solubility of the noble gas in water increases from He to Rn.

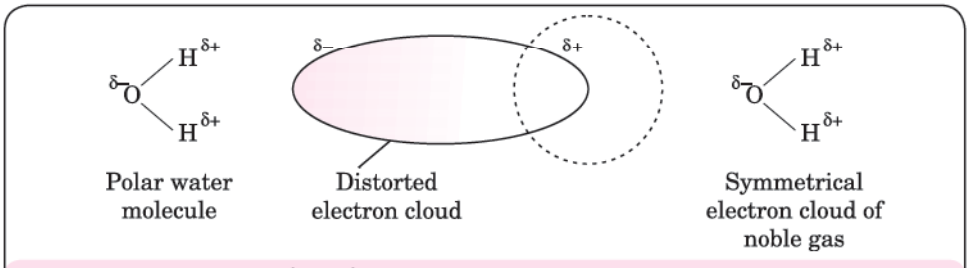


Fig. 46. Distortion of noble gas by polar water molecule

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PROPERTIES OF NOBLE GASES

Physical Properties

(i) All the noble gases are colourless, odourless and tasteless,
(ii) All the noble gases are monoatomic.
(iii) They are sparingly soluble in water.

Chemical Properties

In general, noble gases are not very reactive. Their inertness to chemical reactivity is attributed to the following reasons :

(i) The noble gases have completely filled ns^2np^6 electronic configurations in their valence shells.

(ii) The noble gases have very high ionisation energies.

(iii) The electron affinities of noble gases are almost zero or large and positive.

Therefore, they have neither tendency to gain nor to lose any electron and do not enter into chemical combinations. Before 1962, it was believed that noble gases do not combine at all and no compounds of noble gases were formed.

In March 1962, Neil Bartlett noticed that platinum hexafluoride, PtF_6 is a powerful oxidising agent which combines with molecular oxygen to form red ionic compound, dioxygenyl hexafluoroplatinate (V), $O_2^+ [PtF_6]^-$.

$$O_2 (g) + PtF_6 (g) \longrightarrow O_2^+ [PtF_6]^-$$

This indicates that PtF_6 has oxidised O_2 to O_2^+. Now, oxygen and xenon have some similarities :

(*i*) The first ionisation energy of xenon gas (1170 kJ mol^{-1}) is fairly close to that of oxygen (1175 kJ mol^{-1}).

(*ii*) The molecular diameter of oxygen and atomic radius of xenon are similar (4Å).

On this assumption, Bartlett reacted xenon and platinum hexafluoride in gas phase and an orange yellow solid of the composition $XePtF_6$ was obtained.

$$Xe (g) + PtF_6 (g) \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Orange yellow}}{Xe^+ [PtF_6]^- (s)}$$

$Xe^+ [PtF_6]^-$ was the first compound of noble gas. It was synthesized by N. Bartlett in 1962.

The formation of this compound has shown that xenon is not totally inert and after this a number of compounds of xenon were prepared.

Recent studies have shown that this compound is formulated as : $XeF]^+ [Pt_2F_{11}]^-$.

A number of xenon compounds have been synthesised. The compounds of krypton are fewer. Only the difluoride of krypton (KrF_2) has been studied in detail. Compounds of randon have not isolated but only identified (*e.g.*, RnF_2) by radio tracer technique. However, no true compounds of helium, neon or argon are yet known.

Some important stable compounds of xenon in different oxidation states are listed in Table 24.

Table 24. Some important stable compounds of Xenon.

+ 2	+ 4	+ 6	+8
XeF_2 Xenon difluoride	XeF_4 Xenon tetrafluoride	XeF_6 Xenon hexafluoride	XeO_4 xenon tetraoxide
	$XeOF_2$ Xenon oxydifluoride	$XeOF_4$ Xenon oxytetrafluoride	
		XeO_3 Xenon trioxide	

Compounds of Xenon

A. Xenon fluorides

The three common fluorides are XeF_2, XeF_4 and XeF_6.

1. Xenon difluoride, XeF_2

It is prepared by heating a mixture of xenon and fluorine in the molecular ratio of 2 : 1 at 673 K in a sealed nickel vessel at 1 bar pressure. On cooling quickly a colourless solid XeF_2 is formed.

$$\underset{(2:1 \text{ ratio})}{Xe + F_2} \xrightarrow[673\ K, 1\ bar]{\text{Ni Vessel}} XeF_2$$

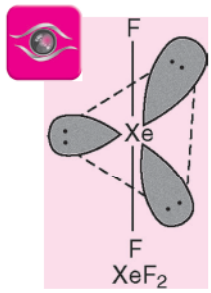


Fig. 47. Structure of XeF_2. (Linear)

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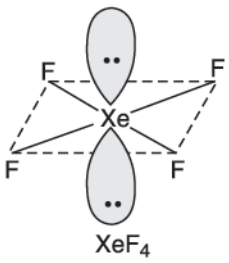


Fig. 48. Structure of XeF_4. (Square planar)

Structure. XeF_2 has linear structure as shown in Fig 47. It involves sp^3d hybridisation of xenon which adopts trigonal bipyramidal geometry in which three positions are occupied by lone pairs. Because of the symmetrical arrangement of three lone pairs (each at an angle of 120°C), the net repulsions on the Xe—F bond pairs is zero. Thus **XeF_2 has linear geometry.**

Reaction with water. XeF_2 hydrolyses slowly but completely in acidic, neutral or alkaline solutions.

$$2XeF_2 + 2H_2O \longrightarrow 2Xe + 4HF + O_2$$
$$2XeF_2 + 4NaOH \longrightarrow 2Xe + 4NaF + O_2 + 2H_2O$$

2. Xenon tetrafluoride, XeF_4

It is prepared in good yield by heating a mixture of *xenon and fluorine, in the molar ratio of 1 : 5, in nickel vessel,* at 873 K under a pressure of 6 –7 bar pressure.

$$\underset{(1:5\ \text{ratio})}{Xe + 2F_2} \xrightarrow[6\text{–}7\ \text{bar}]{873\ K} XeF_4$$

Structure. XeF_4 has **square planar structure** as shown in Fig. 48. It involves sp^3d^2 hybridisation of xenon which adopts octahedral geometry in which two positions are occupied by lone pairs.

Reaction with water. XeF_4 undergoes slow hydrolysis with moisture and forms XeO_3 which is highly explosive.

$$6XeF_4 + 12H_2O \longrightarrow 4Xe + 24HF + \underset{\text{Explosive}}{2XeO_3(s)} + 3O_2$$

But, if the reaction is controlled at – 80° C, it forms xenon oxyfluoride;

$$XeF_4 + H_2O \xrightarrow{-80°C} \underset{\text{Xenon oxyfluoride}}{XeOF_2} + 2HF$$

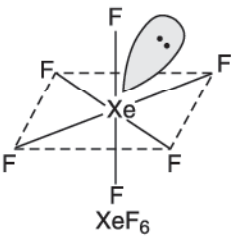


Fig. 49. Structure of XeF_6. (Distorted octahedral)

3. Xenon hexafluoride, XeF_6

It is prepared by heating xenon with excess of fluorine (in the molar ratio of 20) in a nickel vessel at 573 K under pressure of 60–70 bar pressure.

$$\underset{(1:20\ \text{ratio})}{Xe + 3F_2} \xrightarrow[60\text{–}70\ \text{bar}]{573\ K} XeF_6$$

Structure. XeF_6 has ***distorted octahedral structure*** in which all the six positions are occupied by fluorine atoms and the lone pair is present at the centre of one of the triangular faces (Fig. 49). It involves sp^3d^3 hybridisation of xenon.

Reaction with water. It undergoes *slow hydrolysis* with atmospheric moisture and forms XeO_3 which is highly explosive.

$$XeF_6 + 3H_2O \longrightarrow XeO_3 + 6HF$$

Careful hydrolysis in nickel vessel gives colourless stable liquid, $XeOF_4$.

$$XeF_6 + H_2O \longrightarrow XeOF_4 + 2HF$$

NOTE

The structure of XeF_6 is best described as **distorted octahedral** with lone pair at the centre of one of the faces or in the middle of an edge.

Xenon fluorides react with fluoride ion acceptors to form cationic species and fluoride ion donors to form fluoroanions.

$$XeF_2 + PF_5 \longrightarrow [XeF]^+ [PF_6]^-$$
$$XeF_4 + SbF_5 \longrightarrow [XeF_3]^+ [SbF_6]^-$$
$$XeF_6 + MF \longrightarrow M^+ [XeF_7]^- \quad (M = Na, K, Rb, Cs)$$

B. Xenon oxides

The important oxides of xenon are XeO_3 and XeO_4.

1. Xenon trioxide, XeO_3. Xenon trioxide is prepared by the hydrolysis of XeF_6 or XeF_4.

$$6XeF_4 + 12H_2O \longrightarrow 2XeO_3 + 4Xe + 24HF + 3O_2$$
$$XeF_6 + 3H_2O \longrightarrow XeO_3 + 6HF$$

However, the last reaction proceeds through the following stages :

$$XeF_6 + H_2O \longrightarrow XeOF_4 + 2HF$$
$$XeOF_4 + H_2O \longrightarrow XeO_2F_2 + 2HF$$
$$XeO_2F_2 + H_2O \longrightarrow XeO_3 + 2HF$$

Great care should be taken during its preparation because it is highly explosive.

Structure. It has **pyramidal** structure as shown in Fig. 50 ahead. It involves sp^3 **hybridisation of xenon.**

Reaction with water. It is soluble in water and quite stable in aqueous solution. However, it explodes violently when dry.

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XeO_3 reacts with aqueous alkali to form the hydrogen xenate ion $HXeO_4^-$, which slowly disproportionates to give xenon and perxenate ion, XeO_6^{4-} in which xenon has oxidation state +8.

$$XeO_3 + OH^- \longrightarrow HXeO_4^-$$

$$2HXeO_4^- + 2OH^- \longrightarrow XeO_6^{4-} + Xe + O_2 + 2H_2O$$

Perxenate solutions are yellow and are powerful oxidizing agents.

2. Xenon tetraoxide, XeO_4. It is prepared by the action of conc. H_2SO_4 on sodium or barium xenate (Na_4XeO_6 or Ba_2XeO_6) at room temperature. It may be purified by vacuum sublimation at –78°C.

Structure. XeO_4 molecule has tetrahedral structure as shown in Fig. 51.

C. Xenon oxyfluorides

The common oxyfluorides of xenon are : $XeOF_2$, $XeOF_4$ and XeO_2F_2.

1. Xenon oxydifluoride, $XeOF_2$. It is prepared by the slow and partial hydrolysis of XeF_4 at low temperature.

$$XeF_4 + H_2O \xrightarrow{-80°C} XeOF_2 + 2HF$$

Structure. It has T-shaped structure as shown in Fig. 52. Xenon involves sp^3d hybridisation giving trigonal bipyramidal geometry in which two positions are occupied by lone pairs.

2. Xenon oxytetrafluoride, $XeOF_4$. It is prepared by the partial hydrolysis of xenon hexafluoride :

$$XeF_6 + H_2O \longrightarrow XeOF_4 + 2HF$$

It can also be prepared by the action of XeF_6 on silicon dioxide.

$$2XeF_6 + SiO_2 \xrightarrow{50°C} 2XeOF_4 + SiF_4$$

The contents are immediately quenched with solid CO_2 as soon as the yellow colour of XeF_6 disappears. It is done to avoid the formation of XeO_3 (explosive) as:

$$XeOF_4 + SiO_2 \longrightarrow XeO_3 + SiF_4$$

Structure. It has square pyramidal structure as shown in Fig. 53. It involves sp^3d^2 hybridisation of xenon and one position is occupied by a lone pair.

Reaction with water. It reacts with water giving xenon dioxyfluoride XeO_2F_2 which further reacts with water to give explosive compound XeO_3 as:

$$XeOF_4 + H_2O \longrightarrow XeO_2F_2 + 2HF$$

$$XeO_2F_2 + H_2O \longrightarrow XeO_3 + 2HF$$

(*iii*) **Xenon dioxydifluoride, XeO_2F_2.** It is prepared by mixing XeO_3 and $XeOF_4$ at low temperature of –78°C.

$$XeO_3 + XeOF_4 \xrightarrow{-78°C} 2XeO_2F_2$$

The compound is purified by fractional distillation.

It is also formed when $XeOF_4$ is hydrolysed or reacts with silica.

$$2XeOF_4 + SiO_2 \longrightarrow 2XeO_2F_2 + SiF_4$$

$$XeOF_4 + H_2O \longrightarrow XeO_2F_2 + 2HF$$

Structure. XeO_2F_2 has distorted trigonal bipyramidal geometry as shown in Fig. 54. In it xenon involves sp^3d hybridisation in which one position is occupied by a lone pair.

Reaction with water. It is easily hydrolysed to give xenon trioxide.

$$XeO_2F_2 + H_2O \longrightarrow XeO_3 + 2HF$$

USES OF NOBLE GASES

Some of the important uses of noble gases are discussed below :

1. Helium

(*i*) It is non-inflammable and light gas and therefore, it is used for filling balloons for meteorological observations. Although lifting power of helium is about 92.0% of that of hydrogen, yet it is preferred because it is non-flammable.

(*ii*) Helium-oxygen mixture is also used to assist breathing in asthma because helium is less soluble in blood than nitrogen.

(*iii*) Helium-oxygen mixture is used by deep sea divers in preference to nitrogen-oxygen mixture because of its very low solubility in blood.

(*iv*) Liquid helium (b.p. 4.2 K) is used as *cryogenic fluid* to attain low temperatures.

(*v*) Helium gas is used as heat transfer agent in gas cooled nuclear reactors because of its high thermal conductivity and inert nature.

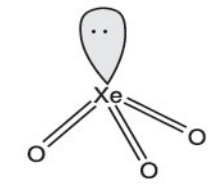


Fig. 50. Structure of XeO_3. (Pyramidal)

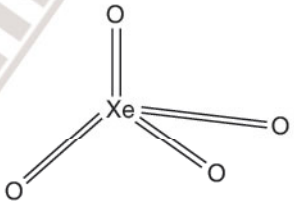


Fig. 51 Structure of XeO_4. (Tetrahedral)

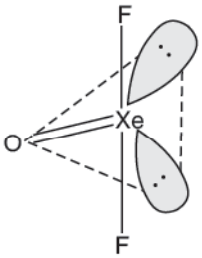


Fig. 52. Structure of $XeOF_2$. (T-shaped)

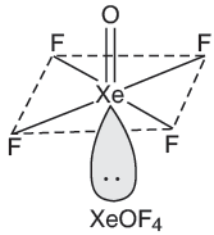


Fig. 53. Structure of $XeOF_4$. (Square pyramidal)

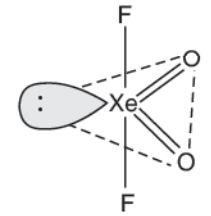


Fig. 54. Structure of XeO_2F_2. (Distorted trigonal bypyramidal)

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(*vi*) It is used to produce and sustain powerful super conducting magnets which form an essential part of modern NMR spectrometers and Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) systems for clinical diagnosis.

(*vii*) Helium is used for creating inert atmosphere during welding of magnesium and aluminium which are easily oxidisable.

2. Neon. (*i*) It is used for filling discharge tubes for optical decorations and advertisements. When neon is mixed with other gases and used in discharge tubes, glows of different colours known as *neon signs* are produced. These are widely used for advertising purposes. Neon bulbs are used in botanical gardens and green houses.

(*ii*) It is used in safety devices for protecting electrical instruments like voltmeters, relays, rectifiers, etc. This is due to remarkable property of neon for carrying extremely high currents even under high voltage.

(*iii*) Neon is used for filling sodium vapour lamps.

(*iv*) It is used in *becon light* as safety signal for air navigators because its light has fog penetration power.

3. Argon. (*i*) It is used for filling electric bulbs because of its inert nature.

(*ii*) It is used to provide an inert atmosphere in high temperature metallurgical processes (arc welding of metals or alloys).

(*iii*) It is used in laboratory for handling substances that are air sensitive.

(*iv*) Pure argon is used in gas chromatography.

(*v*) It is used to protect metal surfaces from oxidation during the welding of steel.

4. Krypton and Xenon. (*i*) These gases are used for filling incandescent metal filaments of electric bulbs.

(*ii*) Kr—Xe mixture is used in some flash bulbs for high speed photography.

(*iii*) Xenon is used in research laboratories for detecting mesons.

5. Radon. (*i*) Radon has been used in the treatment of cancer.

(*ii*) It is also gaining importance in radioactive research.

(*iii*) Radon is also used in X-ray photography for the detection of flows in metals and other solids.

SOLVED EXAMPLES

Example 61.

Give the formula of the noble gas species which is isostructural with

(*i*) IBr_2^- (*ii*) ICl_4^- (*iii*) BrO_3^-

Solution : Isostructural noble gas molecules :

(*i*) IBr_2^- : XeF_2

(*ii*) ICl_4^- : XeF_4

(*iii*) BrO_3^- : XeO_3

Example 62.

Noble gas have low boiling points. Explain

(Kerala S.B. 2016)

Solution : Noble gases are monoatomic gases and are held together by weak van der Waal's forces (dispersion forces). Therefore, they are liquefied at very low temperatures. Hence they have low boiling points.

Example 63.

Why are the elements of group 18 known as noble gases?

Solution : The elements present in group 18 have completely filled valence shell (except He $1s^2$). Therefore, they have neither any tendency to lose nor to gain electrons. However, they react with a few elements only under certain conditions. Therefore, they are known as noble gases.

Example 64.

Does the hydrolysis of XeF_6 lead to a redox reaction ?

N.C.E.R.T.

Solution : The hydrolysis reaction of XeF_6 is

$$XeF_6 + H_2O \longrightarrow XeOF_4 + 2HF$$

and $$XeF_6 + 2H_2O \longrightarrow XeO_2F_4 + 2HF$$

The oxidation states of all the elements in the products remain the same as it was in the reacting state. Hence, it is not a redox reaction.

Example 65.

Out of noble gases, only xenon is known to form chemical compounds.

Solution : Except randon, which is radioactive, xenon has lowest ionisation enthalpy among noble gases and hence it readily forms chemical compounds particularly, with O_2 and F_2.

Example 66.

Complete the following reactions :

(*i*) $XeF_4 + SbF_5 \longrightarrow$ *(D.S.B. 2012)*

(*ii*) $XeF_4 + O_2F_2 \xrightarrow{143\ K}$ *(D.S.B. 2012, A.I.S.B. 2012, 2014)*

(*iii*) $XeF_2 + H_2O \longrightarrow$

(*iv*) $XeF_4 + H_2O \longrightarrow$

(*v*) $XeF_6 + H_2O \longrightarrow$ *(D.S.B. 2012)*

(*vi*) $XeF_6 + 2H_2O \longrightarrow$ *(D.S.B. 2017)*

(*vii*) $XeF_6 + 3H_2O \longrightarrow$ *(D.S.B. 2017)*

Solution :

(*i*) $XeF_4 + SbF_5 \longrightarrow [XeF_3]^+ [SbF_6]^-$

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(*ii*) $XeF_4 + O_2F_2 \xrightarrow{143\ K} XeF_6 + O_2$

(*iii*) $2XeF_2 + 2H_2O \longrightarrow 2Xe + 4HF + O_2$

(*iv*) $XeF_4 + H_2O \xrightarrow{195\ K} XeOF_2 + 2HF$

(*v*) $XeF_6 + H_2O \longrightarrow XeOF_4 + 2HF$

(*vi*) $XeF_6 + 2H_2O \longrightarrow XeO_2F_2 + 4HF$

(*vii*) $XeF_6 + 3H_2O \longrightarrow XeO_3 + 6HF$

❑ Example 67.

Why is helium used in diving apparatus?

N.C.E.R.T. *(H.P.S.B. 2016)*

Solution : Helium is used as a diluent for oxygen in diving apparatus because of its low solubility in blood.

❑ Example 68.

How are xenon fluorides XeF_2, XeF_4 and XeF_6 obtained ?

Solution : (*i*) $Xe(g) + F_2(g) \xrightarrow[1\ bar]{673\ K} XeF_2(s)$ (excess)

(*ii*) $Xe(g) + 2F_2(g) \xrightarrow[7\ bar]{873\ K} XeF_2(s)$ (1 : 5 ratio)

(*iii*) $Xe(g) + 3F_2(g) \xrightarrow[60-70\ bar]{573\ K} XeF_6(s)$ (1 : 20 ratio)

❑ Example 69.

Which one of the following does not exist?

(a) $XeOF_4$ (b) NeF_2 (c) XeF_2 (d) XeF_6 **N.C.E.R.T.**

Solution : (*b*) NeF_2.

❑ Example 70.

Why has it been difficult to study the chemistry of radon ? **N.C.E.R.T.**

Solution : Radon is radioactive and has very short half life period. Therefore, it is difficult to study the chemistry of radon.

❑ Example 71.

Which compound of xenon has distorted octahedral shape ? *(C.B.S.E. Sample Paper 2012)*

Solution : XeF_6 has distorted octahedral shape.

❑ Example 72.

Draw the molecular structures of the following :

(*i*) *$XeOF_4$* *(A.I.S.B. 2006, 2012, D.S.B. 2017)*

(*ii*) *XeF_6* *(D.S.B. 2012, 2017)*

(*iii*) *XeF_2* *(D.S.B. 2011)*

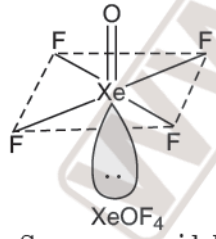
(*iv*) *XeF_4* *(A.I.S.B. 2008, 2010)*

(*v*) *$XeOF_2$* *(A.I.S.B. 2006, 2009)*

(*vi*) *XeO_3* *(C.B.S.E. Sample Paper 2011)*

Solution :

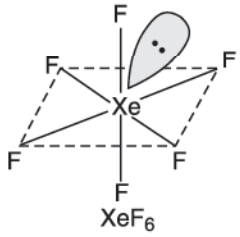
(*i*)



$XeOF_4$

Square pyramidal

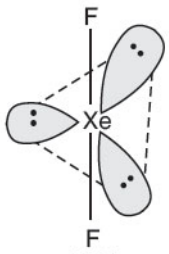
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XeF_6

Distorted octahedral

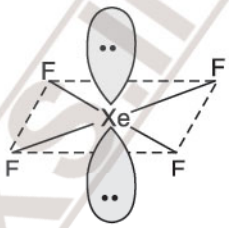
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XeF_2

Linear

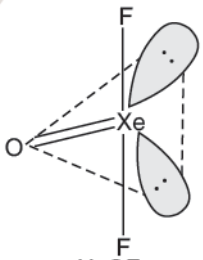
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XeF_4

Square planar

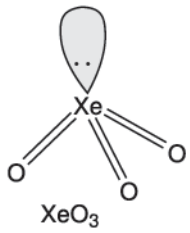
(*v*)



$XeOF_2$

T-shaped

(*vi*)



XeO_3

Pyramidal

❑ Example 73.

What inspired N. Bartlett for carrying out reaction between Xe and PtF_6 ? *(D.S.B. 2013)*

Solution : In 1962, N. Bartlett noticed that platinum hexafluoride, PtF_6 is a powerful oxidising agent which combines with molecular oxygen to form ionic compound, dioxygenyl hexafluoroplatinate (V), $O_2^+ [PtF_6]^-$.

$$O_2(g) + PtF_6(g) \longrightarrow O_2^+ [PtF_6]^-$$

This indicates that PtF_6 has oxidised O_2 to O_2^+. Now, oxygen and xenon have some similarities :

(*i*) The first ionisation enthalpy of xenon gas (1170 kJ mol^{-1}) is fairly close to that of oxygen (1166 kJ mol^{-1}).

(*ii*) The molecular diameter of oxygen and atomic radius of xenon are similar (4Å). These prompted Bartlett to carry out the reaction between Xe and PtF_6.

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Practice Problems

39. Name the noble gas which
(*i*) is most abundant in atmosphere
(*ii*) is radioactive
(*iii*) has least boiling point.

40. Which was the first noble gas compound synthesised? Who prepared it ?

41. What is the state of hybridisation of Xe in
(*i*) XeF_2 (*ii*) $XeOF_4$
(*iii*) XeO_3 (*iv*) XeF_4.

Answers to Practice Problems

39. (*i*) Ar (*ii*) Rn (*iii*) Xe
40. $XePtF_6$, N. Bartlett.
41. (*i*) sp^3d (*ii*) sp^3d^2
(*iii*) sp^3 (*iv*) sp^3d^2

add on Conceptual Questions 3

CONCEPTUAL QA

Q.1. Iodine is liberated when KI is added to $CuSO_4$ solution but Cl_2 is not liberated when KCl is added to $CuSO_4$ solution. Why ?

Ans. The I^- is a strong reducing agent and therefore, it reduces Cu^{2+} to Cu^+ and itself gets oxidised to I_2.

$$2Cu^{2+} + 4KI \longrightarrow Cu_2I_2 + I_2 + 4K^+$$

But Cl^- does not act as a reducing agent and therefore, it cannot reduce Cu^{2+} to Cu^+ and hence Cl_2 is not liberated.

Q.2. Why does chlorine water lose its yellow colour on standing ?

Ans. Chlorine water is yellow due to the presence of hypochlorous acid (HClO) in it. HClO is unstable and decomposes to form HCl on standing. Therefore, yellow colour disappears.

$$Cl_2 + H_2O \longrightarrow HCl + \underset{\text{Yellow}}{HClO}$$

$$HClO \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Colourless}}{HCl} + O$$

Q.3. Most of the reactions of fluorine are exothermic. Justify.

Ans. Due to low bond dissociation enthalpy of F_2 (lesser energy required) and strong bonds formed between fluorine and most of the elements (large energy released) most of the reactions occur with liberation of energy. Thus, most of the reactions of fluorine are exothermic.

Q.4. ICl_7 does not exist while IF_7 exists. Why? ***(Pb. S.B. 2015)***

Ans. ICl_7 does not exist because of steric factors. Although iodine can accommodate seven F atoms to form pentagonal bipyramidal IF_7 but it cannot accommodate seven large sized Cl atoms. Therefore, it does not form ICl_7.

Q.5. Indicate whether the following statements are TRUE or FALSE. Justify your answer in not more than three lines :

(*i*) The decreasing order of negative electron enthalpy of F, Cl, Br is F > Cl > Br.

(*ii*) BrF_3 has trigonal planar geometry.

(*iii*) Ammonia reacts with excess Cl_2 to form explosive NH_3.

(*iv*) F_2 is better oxidising agent than Cl_2.

(*v*) IIBr is stronger acid than III because of hydrogen bonding.

(*vi*) Fluorine forms only one oxoacid, HOF.

Ans. (*i*) **False :** Correct order is F < Cl > Br

(*ii*) **False :** BrF_3 has T shaped geometry.

(*iii*) **False :** It forms explosive NCl_3.

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(*iv*) **True**

(*v*) **False :** HI is stronger acid than HBr because HI has lower bond dissociation energy due to larger I atom.

(*vi*) **True**

Q.6. Arrange the following in the decreasing order of property mentioned :

(*i*) H_2O, H_2S, H_2Se, H_2Te : Boiling point

(*ii*) NH_3, PH_3, AsH_3, SbH_3 : Basic strength

Ans. (*i*) $H_2Te > H_2Se > H_2O > H_2S$

(*ii*) $NH_3 > PH_3 > AsH_3 > SbH_3$

Q.7. Bleaching of flowers by Cl_2 is permanent while by SO_2 it is temporary.

Ans. Bleaching by Cl_2 is by oxidation while SO_2 bleaches by reduction. Hence, product bleached by SO_2 is reoxidised by air to its original form.

Q.8. Write balanced equations for the following :

(*a*) Phosphorus is treated with concentrated nitric acid

(*b*) Manufacture of phosphoric acid from phosphorus.

Ans. (*a*) $P_4 + 20HNO_3 \longrightarrow 4H_3PO_4 + 20NO_2 + 4H_2O$

(*b*) $P_4 + 5O_2 \longrightarrow P_4O_{10}$

$P_4O_{10} + 6H_2O \longrightarrow 4H_3PO_4$

Q.9. Why do noble gases form compounds with fluorine and oxygen ? ***(Pb. S.B. 2005)***

Ans. Both oxygen and fluorine being highly electronegative atom can easily cause promotion of electrons from filled orbitals of noble gases to vacant *d*-orbitals.

Q.10. What is the hybridisation of xenon in XeF_2 and XeF_4 ?

Ans. XeF_2 : sp^3d

XeF_4 : sp^3d^2.

Q.11. Which reaction prompted Bartlett to prepare first noble gas compound ? Which was the compound ?

Ans. The following reaction prompted Bartlett to prepare the first noble gas compound :

$O_2(g) + PtF_6(g) \longrightarrow O_2^+ [PtF_6]^-(s)$

The first I.E. of Xe and O_2 and their size are comparable. $XePtF_6$ was the first noble gas compound prepared.

Q.12. Complete the following equations :

(*i*) $\mathbf{XeF_6 + H_2O \longrightarrow}$ ***(D.S.B. 2005)***

(*ii*) $\mathbf{Ca(OCl)_2 + HCl \longrightarrow}$ ***(D.S.B. 2005)***

(*iii*) $\mathbf{XeF_4 + H_2O \longrightarrow}$ ***(D.S.B. 2005)***

(*iv*) $\mathbf{NaClO_3\,(aq) + SO_2(g)}$ ***(A.I.S.B. 2005)***

(*v*) $\mathbf{Ca_3(PO_4)_2 + SiO_2 + C \longrightarrow}$ ***(A.I.S.B. 2005)***

(*vi*) $\mathbf{XeF_4 + SbF_5 \longrightarrow}$ ***(A.I.S.B. 2018)***

Ans. (*i*) $XeF_6 + 3H_2O \longrightarrow XeO_3 + 6HF$

(*ii*) $Ca(OCl)_2 + 4HCl \longrightarrow CaCl_2 + 2H_2O + 2Cl_2$

(*iii*) $6XeF_4 + 12H_2O \longrightarrow 4Xe + 2XeO_3 + 24HF + 3O_2$

(*iv*) $2NaClO_3\,(aq) + SO_2(g) \longrightarrow 2ClO_2(g) + Na_2SO_4\,(aq)$

(*v*) $2Ca_3(PO_4)_2 + 6SiO_2 + 10C \longrightarrow P_4 + 6CaSiO_3 + 10CO$

(*vi*) $XeF_4 + SbF_5 \longrightarrow [XeF_3]^+ [SbF_6]^-$

Q.13. Write chemical equations for the following processes :

(*i*) Chlorine reacts with a hot concentrated solution of sodium hydroxide.

(*ii*) Orthophosphorous acid is heated.

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(iii) PtF_6 and xenon are mixed together. ***(D.S.B. 2008)***

Ans. (i) $6\,NaOH + 3Cl_2 \longrightarrow 5\,NaCl + NaClO_3 + 3H_2O$

(ii) $4\,H_3PO_3 \xrightarrow{Heat} 3H_3PO_4 + PH_3$

(iii) $Pt\,F_6 + Xe \longrightarrow Xe^+\,[PtF_6]^-$

Q.14. Complete the following chemical equations :

(i) $Ca_3P_2\,(s) + H_2O\,(l) \longrightarrow$ .....

(ii) $Cu^{2+}(aq) + \underset{\text{excess}}{NH_3(aq)} \longrightarrow$ .....

(iii) $F_2\,g) + H_2O\,(l) \longrightarrow$ ..... ***(D.S.B. 2008, A.I.S.B. 2008)***

(iv) $XeF_4(g) + H_2O \longrightarrow$ .....

Ans. (i) $Ca_3P_2\,(s) + 6H_2O\,(l) \longrightarrow 3Ca\,(OH)_2(aq) + 2\,PH_3\,(g)$

(ii) $Cu^{2+}\,(aq) + \underset{\text{excess}}{4NH_3\,(aq)} \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Deep blue colour}}{[Cu(NH_3)_4]^{2+}\,(aq)}$

(iii) $2F_2\,(g) + 2H_2O\,(l) \longrightarrow 4\,H^+\,(aq) + 4F^-\,(aq) + O_2\,(g)$

(iv) $6XeF_4\,(g) + 12H_2O \longrightarrow 4\,Xe + 2XeO_3 + 24\,HF + 3O_2$

Q.15. Iodide ions can be oxidised by oxygen in acidic medium. Give chemical equation to support this. ***(CBSE Sample Paper 2011)***

Ans. Iodide can be oxidised by oxygen in acidic medium :

$$4I^-\,(aq) + O_2\,(g) + 4H^+\,(aq) \longrightarrow 2I_2(s) + 2H_2O(l).$$

Q.16. Fluorine atom is more electronegative than iodine atom, yet HF is weaker acid than HI. Justify.

Ans. Fluorine atom is smaller in size than iodine atom and therefore, bond dissociation enthalpy of H—F is very high as compared to that of H—I bond. Consequently, H—I bond breaks more easily than H—F bond and hence HI is a stronger acid than HF.

Q.17. Why is neon generally used for warning signals ?

Ans. Neon lights are visible from long distances even in fog and mist and therefore, neon is generally used for warning signals.

Q.18. What happens when iodine reacts with sodium thiosulphate ? ***(West Bengal S.B. 2012)***

Ans. Iodine oxidises sodium thiosulphate to sodium tetrathionate.

$$\underset{\substack{\text{Sodium}\\\text{thiosulphate}}}{2Na_2S_2O_3} + I_2 \longrightarrow \underset{\substack{\text{Sodium}\\\text{tetrathionate}}}{Na_2S_4O_6} + 2NaI$$

Q.19. Name the halogen which forms only one oxoacid and also write the formula of the oxoacid. ***(Kerala S.B. 2012)***

Ans. F_2 and oxoacid : HOF (hydrofluorous acid)

Q.20. What happens when XeF_6 undergoes complete hydrolysis? ***(CBSE Sample Paper 2017-18)***

Ans. XeO_3 is formed.

$$XeF_6 + 3H_2O \longrightarrow XeO_3 + 6HF$$



Chapter Summary

Key Terms

- **Catenation.** It is the tendency of the atoms of an element to form bonds with itself (self linking of atoms).
- **Inert pair effect.** The reluctance of the *s*-electron pair to take part in chemical combination in heavier elements.
- **Pseudohalides.** The uninegative ions made up of two electronegative atoms which have properties similar to the halide ions.

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General electronic configuration of *p*-block elements: ns^2np^{1-6}

GROUP 15 ELEMENTS

- Nitrogen differs from other elements of the group due to small size,
  high electronegativity,
  absence of d – orbitals in the valence shell
  tendency to form $p\pi$–$p\pi$ bonds with itself and with highly electronegative atoms (O or C).
- Elements of group 15 exhibit two oxidation states +3 and +5 but +3 oxidation state is formed because of inert pair effect.
- In hydrides :
  Bond angle : $NH_3 > PH_3 > AsH_3 > SbH_3$
  Basic character : $NH_3 > PH_3 > AsH_3$
  Boiling point : $NH_3 > PH_3 < AsH_3 < SbH_3$
  Stability : $NH_3 > PH_3 > AsH_3 > SbH_3$
  Reducing character : $NH_3 < PH_3 < AsH_3$.
- N_2O (colourless, neutral), NO (colourless, neutral), N_2O_3 (pale blue solid, acidic), N_2O_4 (colourless solid, acidic) NO_2 (Brown gas, acidic), N_2O_5 (colourless solid or gas, acidic)
- N_2O is called laughing gas and is obtained by heating NH_4NO_3.
- Black P is most stable and least reactive allotropic form of P. White P is least stable and most reactive.

$$P_4 + 3O_2 \text{ (limited)} \longrightarrow P_4O_6$$
$$P_4 + 5O_2 \text{ (excess)} \longrightarrow P_4O_{10}$$
$$P_4O_6 + 6H_2O \text{ (cold)} \longrightarrow 4H_3PO_3$$
$$P_4O_6 + 6H_2O \text{ (hot)} \longrightarrow 3H_3PO_4 + PH_3$$
$$P_4O_{10} + 2H_2O \text{ (cold)} \longrightarrow 4H_3PO_3$$
$$P_4O_{10} + 6H_2O \text{ (hot)} \longrightarrow 4H_3PO_4$$

- Phosphorus forms a number of oxoacids. Depending upon the number of P—OH bonds, they have different basicity.
  Hypophosphorous acid, H_3PO_2 (Basicity = 1),
  Phosphonic acid, H_3PO_3 (Basicity = 2),
  Orthophosphoric acid, H_3PO_4 (Basicity = 3),
  Pyrophosphoric acid, $H_4P_2O_7$ (Basicity = 4).
  The oxoacids having P—H bonds are good reducing agents.

GROUP 16 ELEMENTS

- Group 16 elements are called **chalcogens**. These consists of O, S, Se, Te and Po.
- General electronic configuration: ns^2np^4.
- Sulphur exists as S_8 and has puckered ring structure.
- Allotropic form of oxygen is O_3, which is highly oxidising agent.
- O shows oxidation state –2, +2(OF_2), –1(H_2O_2), 0(O_2, O_3). Other elements also show +2, +4 and +6 oxidation states.
- In hydrides :
  Bond angle : $H_2O > H_2S > H_2Se > H_2Te$
  Acidic character : $H_2O < H_2S < H_2Se$
  Volatility : $H_2O < H_2S > H_2Se > H_2Te$.
- SO_2 is a gas while SiO_2 is a network solid.
- Halides have shapes SCl_2 (angular), SF_4 (see saw), SF_6 (octahedral).
- Ozone is obtained as:

$$3O_2(g) \underset{\text{Electric discharge}}{\overset{\text{Silent}}{\rightleftharpoons}} 2O_3(g)$$

- Ozone acts as an oxidising agent

$$O_3(g) \longrightarrow O_2(g) + O(g)$$
$$PbS + 4O_3 \longrightarrow PbSO_4 + 4O_2$$
$$2HCl + O_3 \longrightarrow Cl_2 + H_2O + O_2$$
$$I_2 + 5O_3 + H_2O \longrightarrow 2HIO_3 + 5O_2$$
$$2Ag + O_3 \longrightarrow Ag_2O + O_2$$

- In the presence of O_3, mercury loses its meniscus and starts sticking to glass (called **tailing of mercury**).

$$2Hg + O_3 \longrightarrow Hg_2O + O_2$$

- SO_2 acts as acidic, reducing agent, oxidising agent and bleaching agent
- Sulphur forms a number of oxyacids:
  Sulphurous acid, H_2SO_3(+4), Sulphuric acid, H_2SO_4(+6), Thiosulphuric acid $H_2S_2O_3$(+2)
  Peroxo monosulphuric acid H_2SO_5(+6), Peroxodisulphuric acid $H_2S_2O_8$(+6)
  Disulphuric acid, $H_2S_2O_7$(+6),
- The key step in the manufacture of H_2SO_4 by **Contact process** is:

$$2SO_2 + O_2 \rightleftharpoons 2SO_3;\ \Delta H = -196.6 \text{ kJ}$$

  Favourable conditions for maximum yield of SO_3 are: high pressure (2 bar), low temperature (720 K), catalyst (Pt or V_2O_5).
- Absorption of SO_3 by 98% H_2SO_4 give **oleum**

$$SO_3 + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow H_2S_2O_7$$

- Dilution of oleum gives H_2SO_4 of desired concentration.

$$H_2S_2O_7 + H_2O \longrightarrow 2H_2SO_4$$

- Sulphuric acid is dehydrating agent and oxidising agent.

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GROUP 17 ELEMENTS

- Group 17 elements are called **halogens.** These consist of F, Cl, Br, I, At.
- **General electronic configuration:** ns^2np^5
- Halogens are extremely reactive and as such they are found in combined state.
- Fluorine shows only –1 oxidation state while other halogens show variable oxidation states from + 1 to + 7.

F	Cl	Br	I
–1	–1,+1,+3 +5,+7	–1,+1,+3, +5,+7	–1,+1,+3, +5,+7

- Chlorine has the highest negative electron gain enthalpy: F < Cl > Br > I.
- **Oxidising power** : $F_2 > Cl_2 > Br_2 > I_2$.
- **Reducing power** : I > Br > Cl > F .
- In hydrides

  Acidic character : HI > HBr > HCl > HF

  Reducing character : HF < HCl < HBr < HI

  Thermal stability : HF > HCl > HBr > HI

  Bleaching action of Cl_2 is due to oxidation and is permanent
- In cold, Cl_2 reacts with alkalies to form chlorides,

$$2NaOH + Cl_2(dil) \xrightarrow{cold} NaCl + NaClO + H_2O$$

with hot and conc.

$$6NaOH + 3Cl_2(conc.) \xrightarrow{hot} 5NaCl + NaClO_3 + 3H_2O$$

- **Acidic character** : $HClO_4 > HClO_3 > HClO_2 > HClO$

  $HClO > HBrO > HIO$.
- **Oxidising power** : $HClO_4 > HClO_3 > HClO_2 > HClO$

  $BrO_4^- > IO_4^- > ClO_4^-$.
- Halogens form interhalogen compounds and ions.
- Interhalogen compounds are more reactive than the constituent halogens because X—Y bond is weaker than X—X or Y—Y.
- I_2 is soluble in KI solution due to the formation of KI_3 (or I_3^-).
- **Pseudo halides** (CN^-, SCN^-, OCN^-) possess properties similar to halide ions and **pseudo halogens** [$(CN)_2$, $(OCN)_2$, $(SCN)_2$] resemble halogens.

Molecule/ion	Hybridisation	Shape
ClF_3	sp^3d	T-shaped
IF_5	sp^3d^2	Square pyramidal
IF_7	sp^3d^3	Pentagonal bipyramidal
ICl_2^-	sp^3	Linear
ICl_4^-	sp^3d^2	Square planar
I_3^-	sp^3d	Linear
I_5^-	sp^3d^2	Square planar

GROUP 18 ELEMENTS

- Group 18 elements are called **noble gases**. These consist of He, Ne, Ar, Kr, Xe, Rn.

  General electronic configuration: ns^2np^6
- Noble gases have high IE and almost zero EA values and, therefore, they neither have tendency to lose nor to gain an electron.
- Bartlett (1962) prepared the first noble gas compound : $Xe^+ [PtF_6]^-$.
- Noble gases (especially Xe and Kr) form compounds with oxygen and fluorine.
- Some important compounds of xenon in different oxidation states are:

  XeF_2 (+2), XeF_4 (+4), $XeOF_2$ (+4), XeF_6 (+6), $XeOF_4$ (+6), XeO_3 (+6) etc.

$$\underset{(2:1\ ratio)}{Xe + F_2} \xrightarrow{Ni\ vessel} XeF_2$$

$$\underset{(1:5\ ratio)}{Xe + 2F_2} \xrightarrow{873\ K} XeF_4$$

$$\underset{(1:20\ ratio)}{Xe + 3F_2} \xrightarrow{573\ K} XeF_6$$

- These are easily hydrolysed:

$$2XeF_2 + 2H_2O \longrightarrow 2Xe + 4HF + O_2$$

$$6XeF_4 + 12H_2O \longrightarrow 4Xe + 2XeO_3 + 24HF + 3O_2$$

- Partial hydrolysis gives different products

$$XeF_6 + H_2O \longrightarrow XeOF_4 + 2HF$$

$$XeF_6 + 2H_2O \longrightarrow XeO_2F_2 + 2HF$$

$$XeF_4 + H_2O \xrightarrow{-80°C} XeOF_2 + 2HF$$

$$XeF_6 + 3H_2O \longrightarrow XeO_3 + 6HF$$

Molecule	Hybridisation	Shape
XeF_2	sp^3d	Linear
XeF_4	sp^3d^2	Square planar
XeF_6	sp^3d^3	Distorted octahedral
XeO_3	sp^3	Pyramidal
$XeOF_2$	sp^3d	T-Shape
$XeOF_4$	sp^3d^2	Square pyramidal
XeO_2F_2	sp^3d	Distorted trigonal bipyramidal

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NCERT In-text Questions

Q.1. Why are pentahalides more covalent than trihalides?

Ans. In pentahalides, the oxidation state is more (+5) than in trihalides (+3). As a result of higher positive oxidation state of central atom, they have larger polarizing power and can polarise the halide ion(X^-) to a greater extent than in the corresponding trihalide. Since larger the polarisation, larger is the covalent character, therefore, pentahalides are more convalent than trihalides.

Q.2. Why is BiH_3 the strongest reducing agent amongst all the hydrides of group 15?

Ans. Among the hydrides of group 15, BiH_3 is least stable because Bi has largest size in the group and has least tendency to form covalent bond with small hydrogen atom. Therefore, it can readily lost H atom and has strongest tendency to act as reducing agent.

Q.3. Why is N_2 less reactive at room temperature?

Ans. *Refer Solved Example 3 (Page 12)*

Q.4. Mention the conditions required to maximise the yield of ammonia.

Ans. Ammonia is formed according to the reaction:

$$N_2(g) + 3H_2(g) \rightleftharpoons 2NH_3(g) \quad \Delta H^\circ = -46.1 kJ\ mol^{-1}$$

The conditions for maximum yield of ammonia are:

(*i*) Low temperature of the order of about 700 K

(*ii*) High pressure of 200×10^5 Pa (about 200 atm).

(*iii*) Presence of catalyst such as iron oxide with small amount of K_2O and Al_2O_3

Q.5. How does ammonia react with a solution of Cu^{2+}?

Ans. Ammonia reacts with a solution of Cu^{2+} to form deep blue coloured complex, tetraamminecopper (II) ion:

$$Cu^{2+}(aq) + 4NH_3(aq) \rightleftharpoons [Cu(NH_3)_4]^{2+}(aq)$$

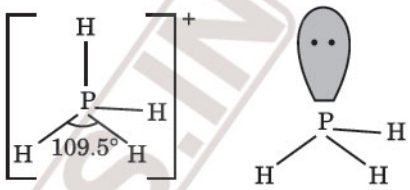
Tetraamminecopper (II) ion (deep blue)

Q.6. What is the covalence of nitrogen in N_2O_5?

Ans. *Refer Solved Example 14 (Page 27).*

Q.7. Bond angle in PH_4^+ is higher than that in PH_3. Why?

Ans. Both PH_4^+ and PH_3 involve sp^3 hybridisation of P atom. In PH_4^+ all the four orbitals are bonded, whereas in PH_3 there is a lone pair of electrons on P. In PH_4^+, the HPH bond angle is tetrahedral angle of 109.5°. But in PH_3, lone pair-bond pair repulsion is more than bond pair-bond pair repulsion so that bond angles become less than normal tetrahedral angle of 109.5°. The bond angle in PH_3 has been found to be about 93.6°.



Q.8. What happens when white phosphorus is heated with concentrated NaOH solution in an inert atmosphere of CO_2?

Ans. *Refer Solved Example 23 (Page 43).*

Q.9. What happens when PCl_5 is heated?

Ans. *Refer Solved Example 25 (Page 43).*

Q.10. Write a balanced equation for the hydrolytic reaction of PCl_5 with heavy water.

Ans. $PCl_5 + D_2O \longrightarrow POCl_3 + 2DCl$

Q.11. What is the basicity of H_3PO_4?

Ans. *Refer Solved Example 24 (Page 43)*

Q.12. What happens when H_3PO_3 is heated?

Ans. *Refer Solved Example 25 (Page 43)*

Q.13. List the important sources of sulphur.

Ans. Sulphur occurs in the combined form as sulphide ores and sulphate ores. The common sulphide ores in which sulphur occurs are galena (PbS), zinc blends (ZnS), copper pyrites ($CuFeS_2$) and sulphate ores are gypsum ($CaSO_4.2H_2O$), epsom salt ($MgSO_4.7H_2O$) and baryte ($BaSO_4$). Traces of sulphur occurs as hydrogen sulphide in volcano. Organic materials such as eggs, proteins, onion, garlic, mustard, hair and wool also contain sulphur.

Q.14. Write the order of thermal stability of the hydrides of group 16 elements.

Ans. *Refer Solved Example 35 (Page 80)*

Q.15. Why is H_2O a liquid and H_2S a gas?

Ans. Due to high electronegativity of oxygen and its small size, there are strong hydrogen bonding in water. As a result, the molecules exists as associated and is liquid at room temperature. But there is negligible hydrogen bonding in H_2S because of low electronegativity of S.

Q.16. Which of the following does not react with oxygen directly?

Zn, Ti, Pt, Fe

Ans. Pt ; because it is a noble metal.

Q.17. Complete the following reactions:

(*i*) $C_2H_4 + O_2 \longrightarrow$

(*ii*) $4Al + 3O_2 \longrightarrow$

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Ans. (*i*) $C_2H_4 + 3O_2 \longrightarrow 2CO_2 + 2H_2O$
(*ii*) $4Al + 3O_2 \longrightarrow 2Al_2O_3$

Q.18. Why does O_3 act as a powerful oxidising agent?

Ans. Ozone acts as a powerful oxidising agent because it has higher energy content and decomposes readily to give atomic oxygen as:

$$O_3 \longrightarrow O_2 + O$$

Therefore, ozone can oxidise a number of non-metals and other compounds. For example,

$$PbS\ (s) + 4O_3(g) \longrightarrow PbSO_4(s) + 4O_2(g)$$
$$2I^-\ (aq) + H_2O(l) + O_3(g) \longrightarrow 2OH^-(aq) + I_2(s) + O_2(g)$$

Q.19. How is ozone estimated quantitatively?

Ans. Ozone oxidises potassium iodide to iodine as :

$$2KI + O_3 + H_2O \longrightarrow 2KOH + O_2 + I_2$$

The liberated iodine may be titrated against a standard solution of sodium thiosulphate.

$$I_2 + 2Na_2S_2O_3 \longrightarrow Na_2S_4O_6 + 2NaI$$

Thus, to estimate O_3 quantitatively, ozone is allowed to react with known amount of excess potassium iodide solution buffered with a borate buffer (pH = 9.2). The liberated I_2 is titrated against $Na_2S_2O_3$ solution using starch as an indicator. From this amount of ozone can be calculated.

Q.20. What happens when sulphur dioxide is passed into aqueous solution of Fe (III) salt?

Ans. *Refer Solved Example 36 (Page 80)*

Q.21. Comment on the nature of two S—O bonds formed in SO_2 molecule. Are the two S—O bonds in this molecule equal?

Ans. Sulphur in SO_2 involves sp^2 hybridisation. Two of these sp^2 orbitals form two σ bonds with oxygen atom by overlap of sp^2 of S with 2*p* of O atoms. The remaining two unhybridised orbitals of S form *pπ-pπ* and *pπ-dπ* double bonds with O atoms. So, SO_2 has the two S—O bonds as:



Though the two S—O bonds appear to be different because one is formed by *pπ-pπ* overlap and the other is formed by *pπ-dπ* overlap. However, both the S—O bonds are equal (bond length 143 pm) because of resonance between two structures.



Q.22. How is the presence of SO_2 detected?

Ans. Sulphur dioxide can be detected by the following tests:

(*i*) It has a pungent characteristic smell.

(*ii*) It decolourises acidified potassium permanganate solution.

(*iii*) It turns acidified potassium dichromate solution green.

(*iv*) It turns blue litmus red.

Q.23. Mention three areas in which sulphuric acid plays an important role.

Ans. (*i*) manufacture of fertilizers (*e.g.*, ammonium sulphate, superphosphate).

(*ii*) petroleum refining

(*iii*) metallurgical applications (*e.g.*, cleansing metals before enamelling, electroplating, galvanising, etc.).

Q.24. Write the conditions to maximize the yield of H_2SO_4 by Contact process.

Ans. (*i*) Low temperature (optimum temperature 720 K)

(*ii*) High pressure (optimum pressure 2 bar)

(*iii*) Presence of catalyst (V_2O_5 catalyst).

Q.25. Why is $K_{a_2} << K_{a_1}$ for H_2SO_4 in water?

Ans. *Refer Solved Example 37 (Page 80)*

Q.26. Considering the parameters such as bond dissociation enthalpy, electron gain enthalpy and hydration enthalpy, compare the oxidising power of F_2 and Cl_2.

Ans. F_2, is stronger oxidising agent than Cl_2. This can be explained on the basis of bond dissociation enthalpy, electron gain enthalpy and hydration enthalpy. The process of oxidising behaviour may be expressed as:

$$\frac{1}{2}X_2(g) \xrightarrow{1/2\Delta_{diss}H^\circ} \times X(g) \xrightarrow{\Delta_{eg}H^\circ} \times X^-(g) \xrightarrow[\text{Step III}]{\Delta_{hyd}H^\circ} X^-(aq)$$

The overall tendency for the change (*i.e.*, oxidising behaviour) depends upon the net effect of three steps. As energy is required to dissociate or convert molecular halogen into atomic halogen, the enthalpy change for this step is positive. On the other hand, energy is released in steps (II) and (III), therefore, enthalpy change for these steps is negative. Now although fluorine has less negative electron gain enthalpy, yet it is stronger oxidising agent because of low enthalpy of dissociation and very high enthalpy of hydration. In other words, large amount of energy released in step (III) and lesser amount of energy required in step (I) overweigh the smaller energy released in step (II) for fluorine. As a result, the ΔH overall is more negative for F_2 than for Cl_2. Hence, F_2 is stronger oxidising agent than Cl_2.

Q.27. Give two examples to show the anomalous behaviour of fluorine.

Ans. (*i*) Since fluorine is most electronegative element, it shows only a negative oxidation state of –1. It does not show any positive oxidation state. On the other hand, the other halogens show positive oxidation states also such as +1, +3, +5, +6 and +7.

(*ii*) Maximum covalency of fluorine is one because it cannot expand its valency shell beyond octet because there are no *d*-orbitals in the valence shell. On the other hand, other elements can exercise covalencies upto 7 because of availability of vacant *d*-orbitals.

Q.28. Sea is the greatest source of some halogens. Comment.

Ans. Sea is an important source of some halogens. Sea water contains chlorides, bromides and iodides of

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sodium, potassium, magnesium and calcium. But it is mainly sodium chloride (2.5% by mass). The deposits of dried up sea contains sodium chloride, carnallite (KCl. $MgCl_2.6H_2O$). Certain forms of marine life also contain iodine in their systems. For example, various sea weeds contain upto 0.5% of iodine and chile salt petre contains upto 0.2% of sodium iodate.

Q.29. Give the reason for bleaching action of chlorine.

Ans. Bleaching action of chlorine is due to its oxidation. In the presence of moisture, chlorine gives nascent oxygen

$$Cl_2 + H_2O \longrightarrow 2HCl + O$$

Because of nascent oxygen, it bleaches colouring substance as :

Colouring substance + O ⟶ Colourless substance

It bleaches vegetables or organic matter. The bleaching action of chlorine is permanent.

Q.30. Name two poisonous gases which can be prepared from chlorine gas.

Ans. (*i*) phosgene ($COCl_2$)

(*ii*) tear gas ($CCl_3.NO_2$)

Q.31. Why is ICl more reactive than I_2?

Ans. Interhalogens are more reactive compounds than their constituting halogens because of weaker X–Y bonding than X–X and Y–Y bonds. I–Cl bond is weaker than –Cl bonds and therefore, more reactive than I_2.

Q.32. Why is helium used in diving apparatus?

Ans. *Refer Solved Example 67 (Page 742)*

Q.33. Balance the following equation

$$XeF_6 + H_2O \longrightarrow XeO_2F_2 + HF$$

Ans. $XeF_6 + 2H_2O \longrightarrow XeO_2F_2 + 4HF$

Q.34. Why has it been difficult to study the chemistry of radon?

Ans. *Refer Solved Example 70 (Page 117)*

NCERT Textbook Exercises

Q.1. Discuss the general characteristics of group 15 elements with reference to their electronic configuration, oxidation state, atomic size, ionization enthalpy and electronegativity.

Ans. *Refer Text (Pages 2 — 4).*

Q.2. Why does the reactivity of nitrogen differ from phosphorus?

Ans. Nitrogen has a unique ability to form $p\pi$–$p\pi$ multiple bonds with itself and with other elements having small size and high electronegativity (*e.g.*, C, O). Therefore, it has triple bond between two nitrogen atoms (N ≡ N) and is non-polar. Due to triple bond it has very high bond enthalpy (941.4kJ) and therefore, it does not react with other elements under normal conditions and is very unreactive. On the other hand, phosphorus forms single bond (P–P) and is reactive in comparison to nitrogen.

Q.3. Discuss the trends in chemical reactivity of group 15 elements.

Ans. *Refer Text Page 6.*

Q.4. Why does NH_3 forms hydrogen bonds but PH_3 does not?

Ans. Because of high electronegativity and small size of nitrogen, ammonia forms hydrogen bonds. On the other hand, P has low electronegativity and large size and hence cannot form hydrogen bonds.

Q.5. How is nitrogen prepared in the laboratory? Write the chemical equation of the reactions involved.

Ans. In the laboratory, nitrogen is prepared by treating an aqueous solution of ammonium chloride with sodium nitrite.

$$NH_4Cl(aq) + NaNO_2(aq) \longrightarrow N_2(g) + NaCl(aq) + 2H_2O(l)$$

It may be noted that small amounts of NO and HNO_3 are also formed in this reaction as impurities. These are removed by passing the gas through aqueous sulphuric acid containing potassium dichromate.

Q.6. How is ammonia manufactured industrially?

Ans. Ammonia is manufactured industrially by Haber's process.

$$N_2(g) + 3H_2(g) \rightleftharpoons 2NH_3(g)$$

$\Delta_f H^\circ = -46.1$ kJ mol^{-1}

The optimum conditions for the production of ammonia are a pressure of 200×10^5 Pa (about 200 atm), at temperature of about 700 K and a catalyst iron oxide with small amounts of K_2O and Al_2O_3.

For detail refer Text (Page 15).

Q.7. Illustrate how copper metal can give different products on reaction with HNO_3.

Ans. Concentrated nitric acid is a strong oxidising agent and reacts with metals. The products of oxidation depend upon the concentration of the acid, temperature and the nature of the material undergoing oxidation. For example, copper reacts with HNO_3 giving different products as:

Conc. HNO_3 gives copper nitrate and nitrogen dioxide.

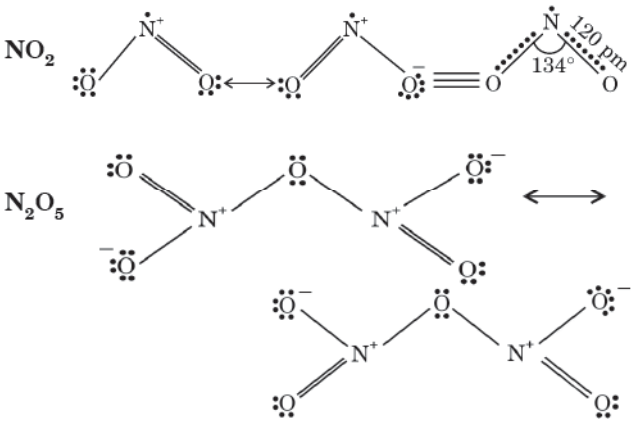
$$Cu + 4HNO_3 \xrightarrow{\text{conc.}} Cu(NO_3)_2 + 2NO_2 + 2H_2O$$

Dilute HNO_3 gives copper nitrate and nitric oxide.

$$3Cu + 8HNO_3 \longrightarrow 3Cu(NO_3)_2 + 2NO + 2H_2O$$

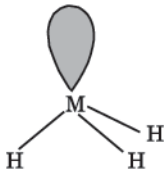
Q.8. Give the resonating structures of NO_2 and N_2O_5.

Ans.



Q.9. The HNH angle value is higher than HPH, HAsH and HSbH angles. Why?

Ans. All the hydrides of group (NH_3, PH_3, AsH_3 and SbH_3) involve sp^3 hybridisation of the central atom in which one of the position is occupied by a lone pair of electrons.



(M = N, P, As, Sb)

Now, as we move down the group from N to P to As to Sb, the size of the atom goes on increasing and its electronegativity decreases. Consequently, the position of bond pair shifts more and more away from the central atom in moving form NH_3 to SbH_3. For example, the bond pair in NH_3 is close to N in N–H bond than the bond pair in P–H bond in PH_3. As a result, the force of repulsion between the bonded pair of electrons in NH_3 is more than in PH_3. In general, the force of repulsion between bonded pairs of electrons decreases as we move from NH_3 to BiH_3 and therefore, the bond angle also decreases in the same order.

Q.10. Why does $R_3P = O$ exists but $R_3N = O$ does not ($R =$ alkyl group). (*A.I.S.B. 2014*)

Ans. $R_3N = O$ does not exist because nitrogen cannot have covalency more than four. Moreover, $R_3P = O$ exists because phosphorus can extend its covalency more than 4 as well as it can form $d\pi$-$p\pi$ bond whereas nitrogen cannot form $d\pi$-$p\pi$ bond.

Q.11. Explain why NH_3 is basic while BiH_3 is only feebly basic.

Ans. Both N and Bi have a lone pair of electrons in NH_3 and BiH_3 respectively. They can donate the electron pair and therefore behave as Lewis base. In NH_3, N has small size and the lone pair is concentrated on a small region and electron density on it is maximum. Consequently, it has greater electron releasing tendency. But the size of Bi is large and the electron density of the lone pair is less. As a result, it has lesser tendency to donate electron pair. Hence, NH_3 is basic while BiH_3 is only feebly basic.

Q.12. Nitrogen exists as diatomic molecule and phosphorus as P_4. Why ?

Ans. *Refer Solved Example 1 (Page 12)*

Q.13. Write main differences between the properties of white phosphorus and red phosphorus.

Ans. The main differences between white phosphorus and red phosphorus are:

Properties	White phosphorus	Red phosphorus
Colour	White but turns yellow on exposure	Dark red
State	Waxy solid	Brittle powder
Density	1.84 g cm^{-3}	2.1 g cm^{-3}
Ignition temperature	307 K	543 K
Stability	Less stable at ordinary temperature	More stable at ordinary temperature
Chemical reactivity	Very reactive	Less reactive

Q.14. Why does nitrogen shows catenation properties less than phosphorus?

Ans. *Refer Solved Example 5 (Page 13).*

Q.15. Give the disproportionation reaction of H_3PO_3.

Ans. H_3PO_3 disproportionate on heating as :

$$4H_3PO_3 \longrightarrow 3H_3PO_4 + PH_3$$

Q.16. Can PCl_5 act as an oxidising as well as a reducing agent? Justify.

Ans. Phosphorus can show maximum oxidation state of +5 in its compounds. In PCl_5, its oxidation state is +5. Since it cannot increase its oxidation state beyond +5, it cannot act as a reducing agent. However, it can act as an oxidising agent by undergoing decrease in its oxidation state from +5 to +3. For example, it oxidises silver to AgCl, Sn to $SnCl_4$ etc.

$$\overset{+5}{2Ag} + PCl_5 \longrightarrow \overset{+1}{2AgCl} + \overset{+3}{PCl_3}$$

Q.17. Justify the placement of O, S, Se, Te and Po in the same group of the periodic table in terms of electronic configuration, oxidation state and hydride formation.

Ans. *Refer Text (Page 48 — 51).*

Q.18. Why is dioxygen a gas but sulphur a solid?

Ans. Due to small size and high electronegativity, oxygen atom forms $p\pi$-$p\pi$ double bond, O = O. The intermolecular forces in oxygen are weak van der Waals forces and therefore, oxygen exists as a gas. On the other hand, sulphur does not form stable $p\pi$-$p\pi$ bonds and do not exists as S_2. It is linked by single bonds and form polyatomic complex molecules having eight atoms per molecule (S_8) and have puckered ring structure. Therefore, S atoms are strongly held together and it exists as a solid.

Q.19. Knowing the electron gain enthalpy values for $O \longrightarrow O^-$ and $O \longrightarrow O^{2-}$ as –141 and 702 kJ mol^{-1} respectively, how can you account for the formation of a large number of oxides having O^{2-} species and not O^-?

Ans. The second electron enthalpy of oxygen for the formation of O^{2-} is positive while first electron gain enthalpy of oxygen for the formation of O^- is negative. This means that if electron gain enthalpy is the only factor involved for the formation of divalent ions, we would except that oxygen would prefer to form O^- ions rather than O^{2-} ions. Actually, a large number of oxides have O^{2-} species and not O^-. This is because (*i*) divalent O^{2-} has the stable noble gas configuration. (*ii*) In the solid state, large amount of energy known as lattice enthalpy is released to form divalent O^{2-} ions than monovalent O^- ions. It is the greater lattice enthalpy of O^{2-} ion which compensates for the high energy required to remove the second electron. This is responsible for greater stability of O^{2-} ion as compared to O^- ion.

Q.20. Which aerosols deplete ozone?

Ans. Freons (Chlorofluorocarbon).

Q.21. Describe the manufacture of sulphuric acid by Contact process.

Ans. *Refer Text (Pages 74 — 75)*

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Q.22. How is SO_2 an air pollutant?

Ans. SO_2 dissolves in rain water and produces acid rain. The acid rain contains sulphuric acid.

$$SO_2 + \frac{1}{2}O_2 + H_2O \xrightarrow[\text{Particles}]{\text{Soot}} H_2SO_4$$

In addition to H_2SO_4, acid rain also contains HNO_3.

Q.23. Why are halogens strong oxidising agents?

Ans. Halogens have strong tendency to accept electrons and therefore, act as strong oxidising agents. Their oxidising power decreases from F_2 to I_2.

Q.24. Explain why fluorine forms only one oxoacid HOF?

Ans. *Refer Solved Example 54 (Page 109).*

Q.25. Explain why inspite of nearly the same electronegativity, oxygen forms hydrogen bonding while chlorine does not.

Ans. Oxygen has smaller size than chlorine, smaller size of oxygen favours hydrogen bonding.

Q.26. Write two uses of ClO_2.

Ans. *Refer Solved Example 53 (Page 109).*

Q.27. Why are halogens coloured? (*H.P.S.B. 2016*)

Ans. All the halogens are coloured. This is due to absorption of radiations in the visible region which results in the excitation of outer electrons to higher energy levels. By absorbing different quanta of radiations, they display different colours. Fluorine atom is the smallest and the force of attraction between the nucleus and the outer electrons is very large. As a result, it requires large excitation energy and absorbs violet light (high energy) and therefore, appears pale yellow. On the other hand, iodine needs very less excitation energy and absorbs yellow light of low energy. Thus, it appears dark violet. Similarly, we can explain the greenish yellow colour of chlorine and reddish brown colour of bromine.

Q.28. Write the reactions of F_2 and Cl_2 with water.

Ans. *Refer Solved Example 55 (Page 109).*

Q.29. How can you prepare Cl_2 from HCl and HCl from Cl_2. Write reactions only.

Ans. (*i*) Oxidation of hydrogen chloride gas by atmospheric oxygen in the presence of $CuCl_2$ catalyst at 723 K (Deacon's process).

$$4HCl + O_2 \xrightarrow{CuCl_2} 2Cl_2 + 2H_2O$$

(*ii*) $$H_2 + Cl_2 \longrightarrow 2HCl$$

Q.30. What inspired N. Bartlett for carrying out reaction between Xe and PtF_6?

Ans. In 1962, N. Bartlett noticed that platinum hexafluoride, PtF_6 is a powerful oxidising agent which combines with molecular oxygen to form ionic compound, dioxygenyl hexafluoroplatinate (V), $O_2^+[PtF_6]^-$.

$$O_2(g) + PtF_6(g) \longrightarrow O_2^+[PtF_6]^-$$

This indicates that PtF_6 has oxidised O_2 to O_2^+. Now, oxygen and xenon have some similarities:

(*i*) The first ionisation enthalpy of xenon gas (1170kJ mol^{-1}) is fairly close to that of oxygen (1166 kJ mol^{-1}).

(*ii*) The molecular diameter of oxygen and atomic radius of xenon are similar (4Å).

This prompted Bartlett to carry out the reaction between Xe and PtF_6.

Q.31. What are the oxidation states of phosphorus in the following :

(*a*) H_3PO_3 (*b*) PCl_3 (*c*) Ca_3P_2
(*d*) Na_3PO_4 (*e*) POF_3 ?

Ans. (*a*) H_3PO_3 : + 3
(*b*) PCl_3 : + 3
(*c*) Ca_3P_2 : – 3
(*d*) Na_3PO_4 : + 5
(*e*) POF_3 : + 5

Q.32. Write balanced equations for the following:

(*a*) NaCl is heated with sulphuric acid in the presence of MnO_2.

(*b*) Chlorine gas is passed into a solution of NaI in water.

Ans. (*a*) $$4NaCl + MnO_2 + 4H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow MnCl_2 + 4NaHSO_4 + 2H_2O + Cl_2$$

(*b*) $$2NaI\,(aq) + Cl_2(g) \longrightarrow 2NaCl(aq) + I_2(s)$$

Q.33. How are xenon fluorides XeF_2, XeF_4 and XeF_6 obtained?

Ans. *Refer Solved Example 68 (Page 117).*

Q.34. With what neutral molecule is ClO^- isoelectronic? Is that molecule a Lewis base?

Ans. *Refer Solved Example 56 (Page 109).*

Q.35. How are XeO_3 and $XeOF_4$ prepared?

Ans. $$XeF_6 + 3H_2O \longrightarrow XeO_3 + 6HF$$
$$XeF_6 + H_2O \longrightarrow XeOF_4 + 2HF$$

Q.36. Arrange the following in the order of property indicated for each set:

(*a*) F_2, Cl_2, Br_2, I_2 . increasing bond dissociation enthalpy.

(*b*) HF, HCl, HBr, HI. increasing acid strength.

(*c*) NH_3, PH_3, AsH_3, SbH_3, BiH_3 . increasing base strength.

Ans. (*a*) $I_2 < F_2 < Br_2 < Cl_2$
(*b*) HF < HCl < HBr < HI
(*c*) $BiH_3 < SbH_3 < AsH_3 < PH_3 < NH_3$

Q.37. Which one of the following does not exist?

(*a*) $XeOF_4$ (*b*) NeF_2 (*c*) XeF_2 (*d*) XeF_6

Ans. (*b*) NeF_2.

Q.38. Give the formula and describe the structure of a noble gas species which is isostructural with:

(*a*) ICl_4^- (*b*) IBr_2^- (*c*) BrO_3^-

Ans. (*a*) XeF_4 square planar
(*b*) XeF_2 linear structure
(*c*) XeO_3 pyramidal structure

For detail of structures refer Text Pages 114 — 115.

Q.39. Why do noble gases have comparatively large atomic sizes?

Ans. In case of noble gases, the atomic radii correspond to van der Waals radii, which are always large.

Q.40. List the uses of neon and argon gases.

Ans. *Refer Text (Page 116).*

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NCERT Exemplar Problems

Subjective Questions

Note: *Objective Questions from Exemplar Problems are given in Competition File, page 153.*

Short Answer Type Questions

1. In the preparation of H_2SO_4 by Contact Process, why is SO_3 not absorbed directly in water to form H_2SO_4?

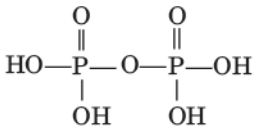
Ans. When SO_2 is absorbed directly in H_2SO_4, acid fog is formed which is difficult to condense.

2. Write a balanced chemical equation for the reaction showing catalytic oxidation of NH_3 by atmospheric oxygen.

Ans. $4NH_3 + 5O_2 \xrightarrow[500\ K,\ 9\ bar]{Pt/Rh\ gauge\ catalyst} 4NO + 6H_2O$

3. Write the structure of pyrophosphoric acid.

Ans.



Pyrophosphoric acid

4. PH_3 forms bubbles when passed slowly in water but NH_3 dissolves. Explain why?

Ans. NH_3 forms hydrogen bonds with water and therefore soluble in water but PH_3 cannot form hydrogen bonds with water and therefore, is not soluble in water. It escapes as gas.

5. In PCl_5, phosphorus is in sp^3d hybridised state but all its five bonds are not equivalent. Justify your answer with reason.

Ans. It has trigonal bipyramidal geometry in which all the four bonds are not equal.

6. Why is nitric oxide paramagnetic in gaseous state but the solid obtained on cooling it is diamagnetic?

Ans. In gaseous state NO_2 exists as monomer which has one unpaired electron. In the solid state it dimerises to N_2O_4 so no unpaired electron is left hence solid form is diamagnetic.

7. Give reason to explain why ClF_3 exists but FCl_3 does not exist.

Ans. Because fluorine is more electronegative than Cl and forms ClF_3. But F cannot exhibits more than one valency because of the absence of *d*-orbitals and therefore, cannot form FCl_3.

8. Out of H_2O and H_2S, which one has higher bond angle and why?

Ans. Oxygen is more electronegative than sulphur therefore bond pair of electrons of O—H bond will be closer to oxygen. As a result, there will be more bond pair-bond pair repulsion between bond pairs of two O—H bonds.

9. SF_6 is known but SCl_6 is not. Why?

Ans. Due to small size of S, six large Cl atoms cannot be accommodated around S atom. But small six F atoms can be easily accommodated around S atom to form SF_6. Moreover, because of low electronegativity of Cl, it cannot easily cause promotion of electrons in S to form S (VI).

10. On reaction with Cl_2, phosphorus forms two types of halides 'A' and 'B'. Halide A is yellowish-white powder but halide 'B' is colourless oily liquid. Identify A and B and write the formulas of their hydrolysis products.

Ans. A is PCl_5 (It is yellowish white powder)

$$P_4 + 10Cl_2 \longrightarrow 4PCl_5$$

B is PCl_3 (It is a colourless oily liquid)

$$P_4 + 6Cl_2 \longrightarrow 4PCl_3$$

The products of hydrolysis of PCl_3 and PCl_5 are :

$$PCl_3 + 3H_2O \longrightarrow H_3PO_3 + 3HCl$$

$$PCl_5 + 4H_2O \longrightarrow H_3PO_4 + 5HCl$$

11. In the ring test of NO_3^- ion, Fe^{2+} ion reduces nitrate ion to nitric oxide, which combines with Fe^{2+} (aq) ion to form brown complex. Write the reactions involved in the formation of brown ring.

Ans. $NO_3^- + 3Fe^{2+} + 4H^+ \longrightarrow NO + 3Fe^{3+} + 2H_2O$

$[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{2+} + NO \longrightarrow [Fe(H_2O)_5(NO)]^{2+} + H_2O$ (brown complex)

12. Explain why the stability of oxoacids of chlorine increases in the order given below:

$HClO < HClO_2 < HClO_3 < HClO_4$

Ans. Oxygen is more electronegative than chlorine, therefore dispersal of negative charge present on chlorine increases from ClO^- to ClO_4^- ion because number of oxygen atoms attached to chlorine is increasing. Therefore, stability of ions will increase in the order given below :

$ClO^- < ClO_2^- < ClO_3^- < ClO_4^-$

Thus due to increase in stability of conjugate base, acidic strength of corresponding acid increases in the following order

$HClO < HClO_2 < HClO_3 < HClO_4$

13. Explain why ozone is thermodynamically less stable than oxygen.

Ans. Ozone is thermodynamically unstable with respect to oxygen because it results in liberation of heat (ΔH = –ve) and increase in entropy (ΔS = +ve).

$$2O_3 \rightleftharpoons 3O_2$$

These two factors reinforce each other resulting in large negative Gibbs free energy change (ΔG = –ve) for its conversion into oxygen. Therefore, the high concentration of ozone can result into dangerous explosion.

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14. P_4O_6 reacts with water according to equation:

$P_4O_6 + 6H_2O \rightarrow 4H_3PO_3$

Calculate the volume of 0.1 M NaOH solution required to neutralise the acid formed by dissolving 1.1 g of P_4O_6 in H_2O.

Ans. $P_4O_6 + 6H_2O \longrightarrow 4H_3PO_3$

H_3PO_3 can be neutralised with NaOH as :

$4H_3PO_3 + 8NaOH \longrightarrow 4Na_2HPO_3 + 8H_2O$

$$\underset{1\text{ mol}}{P_4O_6} + \underset{8\text{ mol}}{8NaOH} \longrightarrow 4Na_2HPO_3 + 2H_2O$$

Moles of $P_4O_6 = \frac{1.1}{220} = 0.005$ mol

Acid formed by 1 mol of P_4O_6 require NaOH = 8 mol

Acid formed by 0.005 mol of P_4O_6 require NaOH $= 8 \times 0.005 = 0.04$ mol

0.1 M NaOH means 0.1 mol of NaOH is present in 1000 mL solution

0.04 M of NaOH is present in solution $= \frac{1000}{0.1} \times 0.04$

$= 400$ mL

15. White phosphorus reacts with chlorine and the product hydrolyses in the presence of water. Calculate the mass of HCl obtained by the hydrolysis of the product formed by the reaction of 62 g of white phosphorus with chlorine in the presence of water.

Ans. Phosphorus react with Cl_2 as :

$P_4 + 6Cl_2 \longrightarrow 4PCl_3$

PCl_3 is hydrolysed as :

$PCl_3 + 3H_2O \longrightarrow 3H_3PO_3 + 3HCl\ ] \times 4$

$P_4 + 6Cl_2 + 12H_2O \longrightarrow 4H_3PO_3 + 12HCl$

Moles of white $P = \frac{62}{124} = 0.5$ mol

1 mol of white P_4 produces HCl = 12 mol

0.5 mol of white P_4 will produce HCl $= 12 \times 0.5 = 6$ mol

Mass of HCl $= 6 \times 36.5 = 219.0$ g

16. Name three oxoacids of nitrogen. Write the disproportionation reaction of that oxoacid of nitrogen in which nitrogen is in +3 oxidation state.

Ans. Three oxoacids of nitrogen are

(*i*) HNO_2, Nitrous acid (*ii*) HNO_3, Nitric acid

(*iii*) Hyponitrous acid, $H_2N_2O_2$

Acid in which oxidation state of N is + 3, is HNO_2

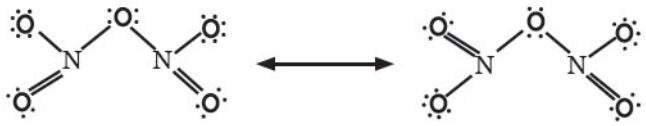
$3HNO_2 \xrightarrow{\text{Disproportionation}} HNO_3 + H_2O + 2NO$

17. Nitric acid forms an oxide of nitrogen on reaction with P_4O_{10}. Write the reaction involved. Also write the resonating structures of the oxide of nitrogen formed.

Ans. Reaction of nitric acid and P_4O_{10}.

$4HNO_3 + P_4O_{10} \longrightarrow 4HPO_3 + 2N_2O_5$

Resonating structures of N_2O_5 :



18. Phosphorus has three allotropic forms — (*i*) white phosphorus (*ii*) red phosphorus and (*iii*) black phosphorus. Write the difference between white and red phosphorus on the basis of their structure and reactivity.

Ans. For structures of three allotropes of P, refer chapter in Brief.

Differences between white P and red P

White phosphorus has discrete P_4 units. The four P atoms lie at the corners of a regular tetrahedron with $\angle PPP = 60°$. Each P is bonded to each of the other three P atoms by covalent bonds so that each P completes its valence shell.

Red phosphorus also consists of P_4 units but have polymeric structure consisting of P_4 tetrahedra linked together through P—P bonds to form the chain.

Reactivity. White phosphorus is much more reactive than red phosphorus. This is because in white phosphorus, there is angular strain in P_4 molecules because the bond angles are only 60°.

19. Give an example to show the effect of concentration of nitric acid on the formation of oxidation product.

Ans. Dilute and concentrated nitric acid give different oxidation products on reaction with metals. For example, copper reacts with dilute and conc. HNO_3 as:

$3Cu + 8HNO_3\ (dil.) \longrightarrow 3Cu(NO_3)_2 + 2NO + 4H_2O$

$3Cu + 4HNO_3\ (Conc.) \longrightarrow 3Cu(NO_3)_2 + 2NO_2 + 2H_2O$

20. PCl_5 reacts with finely divided silver on heating and a white silver salt is obtained, which dissolves on adding excess aqueous NH_3 solution. Write the reactions involved to explain what happens.

Ans. PCl_5 reacts with silver to form white silver salt (AgCl). This dissolves in aqueous ammonia to form soluble complex.

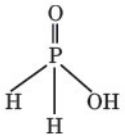
$$PCl_5 + 2Ag \longrightarrow \underset{\text{White ppt}}{2AgCl} + PCl_3$$

$$AgCl + 2NH_3\ (aq) \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Soluble complex}}{[Ag(NH_3)_2]^+ Cl^-}$$

21. Phosphorus forms a number of oxoacids. Out of these oxoacids phosphinic acid has strong reducing property. Write its structure and also write a reaction showing its reducing behaviour.

Ans. Structure of phosphinic acid (Hypophosphorous acid) is as follows:

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Reducing behaviour of phosphinic acid is observed when it reacts with silver nitrate as:

$4AgNO_3 + 2H_2O + H_3PO_2 \longrightarrow 4Ag + 4HNO_3 + H_3PO_4$.



QUICK MEMORY TEST

A. Say True or False

1. The covalence of N_2O_5 is five.
2. H_3PO_2 is a dibasic acid.
3. All the five bonds in PCl_5 are not equal.
4. The bleaching action of SO_2 is permanent while that of Cl_2 is temporary.
5. NH_3 is less basic than PH_3.
6. Sulphuric acid has high boiling point and a high viscosity because it forms intramolecular hydrogen bonding.
7. In group 16, the volatility of hydrides first increases from H_2O to H_2S and then decreases from H_2S to H_2Te.
8. Both pyrophosphoric acid and hypophosphoric acid have P–O–P linkages.
9. White phosphorous is most reactive while black phosphorus is least reactive.
10. In SF_4, S involves sp^3d hybridisation.
11. Nitrogen cannot form compounds of the type $R_3N = O$ while phosphorus can form compounds of the type $R_3P=O$.
12. As_2O_5 is amphoteric while Sb_2O_5 is acidic.
13. Concentrated H_2SO_4 can be used to prepare HBr from NaBr.
14. BrO_3^- and XeO_3 are isostructural.
15. I_2 cannot liberate Cl_2 from aqueous KCl but it can liberate Cl_2 from $KClO_3$.

B. Complete the missing links

1. Calcium phosphide on hydrolysis gives ..... and calcium hydroxide.
2. Sulphuric acid is viscous in nature due to .....
3. Iodine dissolves in aqueous KI solution due to the formation of .....
4. Concentrated nitric acid on dehydration with P_4O_{10} gives .....
5. The formula of acidic nitrogen hydride is .....
6. In brown ring test for nitrates, Fe^{2+} ion reduces NO_3^- ion to ..... which reacts with Fe^{2+} ion to form a brown ring complex having the molecular formula .....
7. PCl_5 in solid state exists as ionic compound having cation ..... and anion .....
8. The strongest reducing agent among all the halide ions is .....
9. In ClF_3 and SF_4, Cl involves ..... hybridisation and S involves ..... hybridisation.
10. Among hydrides of oxygen family, the strongest reducing agent is .....
11. Nitrogen is a gas because of its tendency to form .....
12. In XeF_4, xenon involves ..... hybridisation and its shape is .....
13. Oleum is formed when ..... is passed through conc. H_2SO_4.
14. The two neutral oxides of nitrogen are ..... and .....
15. In gaseous state nitric oxide is ..... while in the liquid or solid state it is .....
16. Among group 15 hydrides, ... is most stable.
17. P_4O_6 and P_4O_{10} dissolve in water to give ..... and .....
18. Calcium cyanamide is used as fertilizer under the name .....
19. The oxide of nitrogen obtained on heating lead nitrate is .....
20. Phosphorus reacts with nitric acid to form ..... acid.
21. Laughing gas is obtained on heating a mixture of NH_4Cl and ..... but nitrogen gas is obtained when a mixture of NH_4Cl and ..... is heated.
22. Hypophosphoric acid is ..... basic but pyrophosphorous acid is ..... basic.
23. Orthophosphorous acid on heating gives ..... and .....
24. The nitrogen oxide which is blue liquid below 253K .....is and which is brown gas is .....
25. The formula of epsom salt is ..... and that of baryte is .....

C. Choose the correct alternative

1. Reducing power of hydrides of group 16 *increases/decreases* from H_2O to H_2Te.
2. SF_4 molecule has *square planar/see saw* geometry.
3. Nitrogen gas is obtained by heating *ammonium nitrite/ammonium nitrate.*
4. Both In_2O_3 and Tl_2O_3 are *acidic/basic* oxides.
5. In $H_2S_2O_8$, the oxidation state of S is *+6/+7.*
6. The negative electron gain enthalpy of F is *less/more* than Cl.

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7. Out of F_2 and Cl_2, the stronger oxidising agent is *F_2/Cl_2*.
8. During electrolysis of molten ICl, both I_2 and Cl_2 are liberated at *anode/cathode*.
9. $HClO_4$ is *less/more* acidic than $HClO_3$.
10. Hydrogen chloride gas can be dried over *conc. sulphuric acid/phosphorus pentoxide*.
11. When Cl_2 gas is passed through hot milk of lime, *bleaching powder/calcium chlorate* is formed.
12. HI is *stronger/weaker* acid than HCl.
13. Bleaching action of SO_2 is *permanent/temporary*.
14. Dipole moment of SO_3 is *higher/lower* than that of SO_2.
15. BrO_4^- is *stronger/weaker* oxidising agent than ClO_4^-.
16. The halogen which normally does not form oxoacid is *fluorine/chlorine*.
17. In BrF_3, Br involves *sp^3/sp^3d* hybridisation.
18. The most abundant noble gas in atmosphere is *argon/helium*.
19. The square pyramidal shape is of *$XeOF_4$/XeO_2F_2*.
20. White phosphorus is *less/more* reactive than red phosphorus.

Answers QUICK MEMORY TEST

A. Say True or False

1. **False.** Maximum covalence of nitrogen cannot be more than 4 because of absence of *d*-orbitals.
2. **False.** H_3PO_2 is monobasic because it has only one ionisable hydrogen atom.
3. True.
4. **False.** The bleaching action of Cl_2 is due to oxidation and hence is permanent but that of SO_2 is due to reduction and hence is temporary.
5. **False.** NH_3 is more basic than PH_3.
6. **False.** High boiling point and viscosity of H_2SO_4 is because its molecules are associated due to intermolecular hydrogen bonding and not due to intramolecular hydrogen bonding.
7. True
8. **False.** Pyrophosphoric acid has P–O–P linkage but hypophosphoric acid does not have P–O–P linkage. It has only P–P linkage.
9. True **10.** True **11.** True
12. **False.** Acidic character decreases while basic character increases down the group and therefore, As_2O_5 is acidic while Sb_2O_5 is amphoteric.
13. **False.** Br_2 is produced instead of HBr because HBr is a stronger reducing agent than H_2SO_4. Therefore, HBr reduces H_2SO_4 to SO_2 and is itself gets oxidised to Br_2.
14. True
15. **False.** I_2 is a weaker oxidising agent than Cl_2 and therefore cannot oxidise KCl to Cl_2. However, $KClO_3$ is a stronger oxidising agent than I_2, it oxidises I_2 to IO_3^- and itself gets reduced to Cl_2.

$2KClO_3 + I_2 \longrightarrow 2KIO_3 + Cl_2$.

B. Complete the missing links

1. phosphine **2.** hydrogen bonding **3.** KI_3
4. N_2O_5 **5.** N_3H
6. NO, $[Fe(H_2O)_5NO]^{2+}$ **7.** $PCl_4^+PCl_6^-$
8. I^- **9.** sp^3d, sp^3d **10.** H_2Te
11. multiple bonds **12.** sp^3d^2, square planar **13.** SO_3
14. N_2O, NO **15.** paramagnetic, diamagnetic
16. NH_3 **17.** H_3PO_3, H_3PO_4 **18.** nitrolim
19. NO_2 **20.** phosphoric
21. $NaNO_3$, $NaNO_2$ **22.** tetra, di
23. phosphoric acid, phosphine **24.** N_2O_3, NO_2
25. $MgSO_4 \cdot 7H_2O$, $BaSO_4$.

C. Choose the correct alternative

1. increases **2.** see saw **3.** ammonium nitrite
4. basic **5.** + 6 **6.** less **7.** F_2
8. anode **9.** more **10.** conc. sulphuric acid
11. calcium chlorate **12.** stronger **13.** temporary
14. lower **15.** stronger **16.** fluorine **17.** sp^3d
18. argon **19.** $XeOF_4$ **20.** more.

HOTS Higher Order Thinking Skills & Advanced Level

QUESTIONS WITH ANSWERS

Q.1. Why is SO_2 a better reducing agent in alkaline medium than in acidic medium?

Ans. SO_2 acts as a reducing agent because of the liberation of nescent hydrogen in the presence of moisture :

$SO_2 + 2H_2O \rightleftharpoons H_2SO_4 + 2H$

Alkali neutralizes the acid (H_2SO_4) and shifts the equilibrium in the forward direction producing more nascent hydrogen. However, in acidic medium, the equilibrium is suppressed resulting

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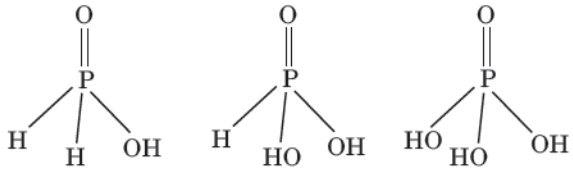
in a lesser amount of nascent hydrogen. Consequently, SO_2 is better reducing agent in alkaline medium than in the acidic medium.

Q.2. Elemental phosphorus does not exist as P_2 like N_2. Why ?

Ans. Nitrogen has a strong tendency to form multiple bonds because of its small size and high electronegativity. Therefore, it exists as a diatomic molecule, N≡N. On the otherhand, phosphorus because of its large size and small electronegativity does not show any tendency to form multiple bonds and therefore, diatomic molecule like P≡P is not formed. Instead, it prefers to form stable tetra atomic, P_4 molecules in which each P is linked to three other P atoms by three single covalent bonds. The four atoms in P_4 molecule lie at the corners of a regular tetrahedron.

Q.3. H_3PO_2 and H_3PO_3 act as good reducing agents but H_3PO_4 does not. Why?

Ans. The structures of H_3PO_2, H_3PO_3 and H_3PO_4 are:



Hypophosphorous acid (H_3PO_2) | Phosphorous acid (H_3PO_3) | Phosphoric acid (H_3PO_4)

Due to the presence of P—H bonds, both H_3PO_2 and H_3PO_3 act as reducing agents. On the other hand, H_3PO_4 does not have any P—H bond and hence it does not act as a reducing agent.

Q.4. Why is nitrous oxide called laughing gas ?

Ans. When nitrous oxide (N_2O) is inhaled in minor quantities, it causes hysterical laughter and therefore, it is called laughing gas.

Q.5. What is the action of heat on

(*i*) Pyrophosphoric acid

(*ii*) Metaphosphoric acid

(*iii*) Phosphorous acid

Ans. (*i*) Pyrophosphoric acid ($H_4P_2O_7$) on heating gives metaphosphoric acid.

$$H_4P_2O_7 \xrightarrow{\Delta} \underset{\text{Metaphosphoric acid}}{2HPO_3} + H_2O$$

(*ii*) Metaphosphoric acid (HPO_3) on heating gives phosphorus pentoxide.

$$2HPO_3 \longrightarrow \underset{\substack{\text{Phosphorus}\\ \text{pentaoxide}}}{P_2O_5} + H_2O$$

(*iii*) Phosphorous acid (H_3PO_3) on heating gives phosphine and phosphoric acid.

$$4H_3PO_3 \xrightarrow{200°C} \underset{\text{Phosphoric acid}}{3H_3PO_4} + \underset{\text{Phosphine}}{PH_3}$$

Q.6. What structures does PCl_5 adopt in the solid state and vapour state ?

Ans. In the solid state PCl_5 is ionic compound consisting of $[PCl_4]^+$ (tetrahedral) and $[PCl_6]^-$ (octahedral) ions. In vapour state, PCl_5 is monomeric having trigonal bipyramidal geometry.

Q.7. A translucent white waxy solid (A) on heating in an inert atmosphere is converted to its allotropic form (B). Allotrope (A) on reaction with very dilute aqueous KOH liberates a highly poisonous gas (C) having rotten fish smell. With excess of chlorine forms (D) which hydrolyses to compound (E). Identify compounds (A) to (E).

Ans. (A) The white waxy solid (A) is white phosphorus.

When white phosphorus is heated in an inert atmosphere at 573K, it changes to red phosphorus.

(B) is red phosphorus.

(A) on heating with KOH liberates phosphine (C) which is poisonous gas with rotten fish smell.

$$P_4 + 3KOH + 3H_2O \longrightarrow \underset{\substack{\text{Phosphine}\\ \text{(C)}}}{PH_3} + 3KH_2PO_2$$

White phosphorus (P_4) burns with excess of Cl_2 to form phosphorus pentachloride (D).

$$P_4 + 10Cl_2 \xrightarrow{\text{heat}} \underset{\text{(D)}}{4PCl_5}$$

Hydrolysis of (D) gives phosphoric acid (E).

$$PCl_5 + 4H_2O \longrightarrow \underset{\text{(E)}}{H_3PO_4} + 5HCl$$

Q.8. Concentrated sulphuric acid is added followed by heating to each of the following test tubes labelled *(i)* to *(v)*.



Cane sugar | **Sodium bromide** | **Copper turnings** | **Sulphur powder** | **Potassium chloride**

Identify in which of the above test tube the following change will be observed. Support your answer with the help of a chemical equation.

***(a)* Formation of black substance**

***(b)* Evolution of brown gas**

***(c)* Evolution of colourless gas**

***(d)* Formation of brown substance which on dilution becomes blue.**

***(e)* Disappearance of yellow powder along with evolution of colourless gas.**

Ans. (*a*) In test tube (*i*) because of charring

$$C_{12}H_{22}O_{11} \xrightarrow{\text{Conc. } H_2SO_4} 11\ H_2O + \underset{\text{Black residue}}{12C}$$

(*b*) In tube *(ii)* because of evolution of brown gas

$$2\ NaBr + 3H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow 2NaHSO_4 + SO_2 + \underset{\text{(Brown gas)}}{Br_2} + 2H_2O$$

(*c*) In tube *(v)* because of evolution of HCl gas

$$KCl + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow KHSO_4 + HCl$$

(*d*) In tube *(iii)*, first the brown substance is presumably a mixture of unreacted copper turnings and colourless anhydrous copper sulphate. This brown substance on dilution turns blue due to the formation of hydrated copper sulphate.

$$Cu + 2H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow CuSO_4 + SO_2 + 2H_2O$$

$$CuSO_4 + 5H_2O \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Hydrated copper sulphate (blue)}}{CuSO_4.5H_2O}$$

(*e*) In tube *(iv)* due to evolution of SO_2

$$S + 2H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{(Colourless pungent gas)}}{3\ SO_2} + 2H_2O$$

Q.9. When a mixture of ammonium chloride and potassium dichromate are heated, a stable colourless gas (A) was evolved which did not support combustion but magnesium continued to burn in it. The gas (A) reacted with calcium carbide in an electric furnance forming a solid (B). The compound (B) was slowly hydrolysed by

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water forming an insoluble substance (C) and the solution of substance (D) which turned Nessler's reagent brown. Identify (A) to (E) and give the reactions involved.

Ans. (*i*) $K_2Cr_2O_7 + 2NH_4Cl \longrightarrow (NH_4)_2Cr_2O_7 + 2KCl$
Ammonium dichromate

$(NH_4)_2Cr_2O_7 \xrightarrow{Heat} N_2 + Cr_2O_3 + 4H_2O$
(A)

N_2 does not support combustion but Mg burns in it

$3Mg + N_2 \xrightarrow{Heat} Mg_3N_2$

(*ii*) Gas (A) reacted with CaC_2

$CaC_2 + N_2 \xrightarrow{Heat} CaCN_2$
(B)

Calcium cyanamide

$CaCN_2 + 3H_2O \longrightarrow CaCO_3 + 2NH_3$
(C) (D)

(*iii*) D reacts with Nessler's reagent to give borwn colour as

$NH_3 + 2K_2HgI_4 + 3KOH \longrightarrow H_2NHgOHgI + 7KI + 2H_2O$
Nessler's reagent Brown ppt.

Q.10. When conc. H_2SO_4 was added to an unknown salt present in a test tube, a brown gas (A) was evolved. The gas intensified when copper turnings were also added into this test tube. On cooling the gas A changed into a colourless gas (B).

(*i*) Identify the gases (A) and (B).

(*ii*) Write the equations for the reactions involved.

Ans. The given salt is a nitrate salt which on reaction with conc. H_2SO_4 gives first vapours of HNO_3 which decompose to give brown gas (NO_2).

$2NaNO_3 + H_2SO_4 \xrightarrow{Heat} Na_2SO_4 + 2HNO_3$
Colourless

$4HNO_3 \xrightarrow{Heat} 4NO_2 + 2H_2O + O_2$
Brown gas
(A)

The gas intensified when copper turnings were added due to reduction of HNO_3 by Cu.

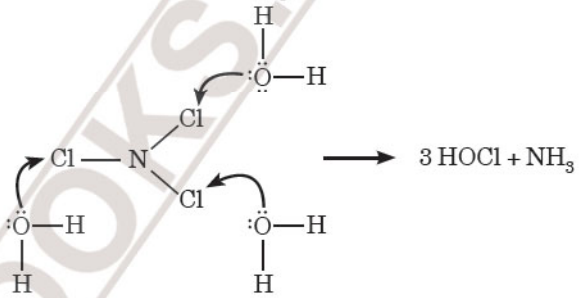
$Cu + 4HNO_3 \xrightarrow{Heat} Cu(NO_3)_2 + 2NO_2\uparrow + 2H_2O$
Brown gas
(A)

On cooling the gas A changes into a colourless gas (B), N_2O_4.

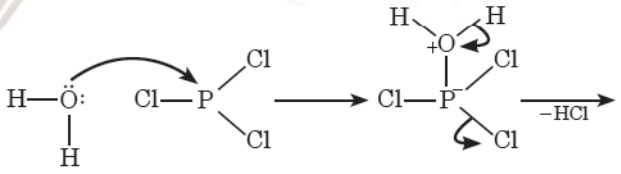
$2NO_2 \rightleftharpoons N_2O_4$
(A) (B)

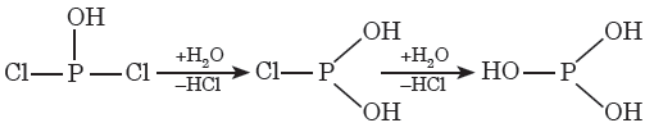
Q.11. Why does NCl_3 on hydrolysis give NH_3 and HOCl while PCl_3 on hydrolysis gives H_3PO_3 and HCl.

Ans. This is because N does not have *d*-orbitals to accommodate the electrons donated by O of water. Therefore, attack of H_2O occurs on Cl atom which has *d*-orbitals to accommodate the extra electrons donated by H_2O. As a result, Cl—O bond is formed leading to the formation of NH_3 and HOCl.



On the other hand, P and Cl both have *d*-orbitals to accommodate electrons donated by H_2O. But P—O bond is much stronger than Cl—O bond. Therefore, attack of H_2O molecules occur preferentially on P of PCl_3 to form H_3PO_3 and HCl.





or $PCl_3 + 3H_2O \longrightarrow H_3PO_3 + 3HCl$



Revision Exercises

Very Short Answer Questions *carrying 1 mark*

1. Out of H_2O and H_2S which has higher boiling point ?
2. Arrange HClO, HBrO and HIO in the decreasing order of their acidic strength.
3. Which halogen has a tendency to form cation?
4. What happens when sulphur heptoxide dissolves in water?
5. Why is yellow phosphorus kept under water?
6. Give one example in which ammonia acts as an oxidising agent.
7. Molten ICl_3 has high electrical conductivity. Explain. *(D.S.B. 2010)*
8. Draw the structure of XeF_2 molecule. *(D.S.B. 2011)*
9. Which xenon compound is isostructural with ICl_4^- ? *(CBSE Sample Paper 2011)*
10. Which one of PCl_4^+ and PCl_4^- is not likely to exist and why? *(D.S.B. 2012)*
11. Of PH_3 and H_2S which is more acidic and why? *(D.S.B. 2012)*
12. NH_3 has higher boiling point than PH_3. *(Chhatisgarh S.B. 2013)*
13. What happens when chlorine gas is passed through a hot concentrated solution of NaOH? *(Assam S.B. 2012)*
14. Mention the basicity of H_3PO_3. *(Assam S.B. 2016)*
15. Write the disproportionation reaction of H_3PO_3. *(Assam S.B. 2013)*

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16. What is the covalency of nitrogen in N_2O_5 ? *(D.S.B. 2013)*
17. Draw the structure of H_3PO_2 and explain why it is monobasic. *(Mizoram S.B. 2014)*
18. What is the basicity of H_3PO_4? *(D.S.B. 2015)*
19. Iodine is more soluble in KI than in water. Why? *(Karnataka S.B. 2018)*
20. Complete the following equation:
$$XeF_6 + H_2O \longrightarrow \text{.....} + 2HF$$
(Karnataka S.B. 2018)
21. N_2 is known whereas P_2 is not known. Why? *(Meghalaya S.B. 2018)*

CBSE QUESTIONS

22. Why is Bi(V) a stronger oxidant than Sb(V) ? *(A.I.S.B. 2008; D.S.B. 2009)*
23. Nitrogen is relatively inert as compared to phosphorus. Why ? *(A.I.S.B. 2010)*
24. Fluorine does not exhibit any positive oxidation state. Why ? *(A.I.S.B. 2010)*
25. Which is stronger reducing agent; SbH_3 or BiH_3 and why? *(A.I.S.B. 2012)*
26. Name two poisonous gases which can be prepared from chlorine gas. *(A.I.S.B. 2013)*
27. What is the basicity of H_3PO_3 and why ? *(A.I.S.B. 2013, 2014)*
28. Why does NH_3 act as a Lewis base? *(A.I.S.B. 2014)*
29. Why does NO_2 dimerise? *(A.I.S.B. 2014)*
30. Out of white phosphorus and red phosphorus, which one is more reactive and why? *(A.I.S.B. 2015)*
31. On heating $Pb(NO_3)_2$ a brown gas is evolved which undergoes dimerization on cooling. Identify the gas. *(A.I.S.B. 2016)*
32. Write the formula of the compound of sulphur which is obtained when conc. HNO_3 oxidises S_8. *(A.I.S.B. 2017)*
33. Write the formula of the compound of phosphorus which is obtained when conc. HNO_3 oxidises P_4. *(A.I.S.B. 2017)*
34. Write the formula of the compound of iodine which is obtained when conc. HNO_3 oxidises I_2. *(A.I.S.B. 2017)*

MCQs from State Boards' Questions

35. Which of the following compounds contains S=O and S=S bonds ?
(a) Sulphuric acid (b) Thiosulphuric acid
(c) Sulphurous acid (d) Thiosulphurous acid.
(Maharashtra S.B. 2013)

36. Which of the following halogen shows only negative oxidation state ?
(a) Chlorine (b) Bromine
(c) Fluorine (d) Iodine
(Meghalaya S.B. 2013, 2014)

37. Which of the following is the strongest acid?
(a) H_2O (b) H_2S
(c) H_2Se (d) H_2Te
(Meghalaya S.B. 2014)

38. The oxoacid of halogen having maximum acidic character is
(a) $HClO_4$ (b) $HClO_3$
(c) $HClO_2$ (d) HClO
(Mizoram S.B. 2015)

39. Which of the following oxide of nitrogen is called laughing gas ?
(a) NO_2 (b) N_2O
(c) N_2O_3 (d) N_2O_5 *(H.P.S.B. 2015)*

40. Among the following, which is the strongest oxidising agent?
(a) Br_2 (b) I_2
(c) Cl_2 (d) F_2 *(H.P.S.B. 2015)*

41. The basicity of H_3PO_2 is
(a) 1 (b) 2
(c) 3 (d) 4 *(H.P.S.B. 2016)*

42. The basicity of phosphorous acid H_3PO_3 is
(a) Two (b) Three
(c) One (d) Zero *(H.P.S.B. 2016)*

43. Which of the following is a neutral oxide of nitrogen?
(a) N_2O (b) N_2O_5
(c) NO_2 (d) N_2O_4 *(Kerala S.B. 2017)*

44. Among the trihalides of nitrogen, which one is least basic?
(a) NI_3 (b) NBr_3
(c) NCl_3 (d) NF_3 *(Mizoram S.B. 2017)*

45. The correct order of thermal stability of hydrogen halides (HX) is
(a) HI > HBr > HCl > HF
(b) HF > HCl > HBr > HI
(c) HCl < HF < HBr < HI
(d) HI > HCl > HF > HBr *(H.P.S.B. 2017)*

46. Maximum covalency of nitrogen is :
(a) 3 (b) 5
(c) 4 (d) 6 *(Hr.S.B. 2017)*

47. In the following compounds which has minimum boiling point?
(a) H_2Se (b) H_2Te
(c) H_2O (d) H_2S *(Hr.S.B. 2018)*

48. The shape of XeF_4 is
(a) square planar (b) tetrahedral
(c) square pyramidal (d) trigonal bipyramidal
(Mizoram S.B. 2018)

49. In the following which is dibasic acid?
(a) H_3PO_4 (b) H_3PO_3
(c) H_3PO_2 (d) $HClO_4$
(Hr. S.B. 2018)

50. In the following strongest reducing agent is:
(a) PH_3 (b) BiH_3
(c) SbH_3 (d) AsH_3
(Hr. S.B. 2018)

Short Answer Questions *carrying 2 or 3 marks*

1. Describe the trends in the elements of group 16 in order of increasing atomic number:
(i) Atomic radii (ii) Ionisation energy
(iii) Oxidation state (iv) Catenation
(v) Allotropy
(Meghalaya S.B. 2013, Jammu S.B. 2015)

2. Draw the structures of white phosphorus and red phosphorus. Which one of these two types of phosphorus is more reactive and why ? *(D.S.B. 2010)*

3. State reasons for each of the following :
(i) The N—O bond in NO_2^- is shorter than the N—O bond in NO_3^-.
(ii) SF_6 is kinetically an inert substance.

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Or

State reasons for each of the following :

(*i*) All the P–Cl bonds in PCl_5 molecule are not equivalent.

(*ii*) Sulphur has greater tendency for catenation than oxygen. (*D.S.B. 2011*)

4. Draw the shape of P_4O_{10}.

(*a*) Halogens are highly reactive. Why ?

(*b*) Complete the reaction :

$$XeF_2 + PF_5 \longrightarrow ?$$

(*c*) Compare the acidic character of $HClO_4$, $HClO_3$, $HClO_2$ and HClO. (*H.P S.B. 2013*)

5. (*a*) Draw structures of H_3PO_3 and H_3PO_4 molecules. Also give their basicity.

(*b*) Discuss abnormal behaviour of nitrogen. (*Hr. S.B. 2018*)

6. (*i*) HF is a liquid while HCl, HBr and HI are gases. Explain.

(*ii*) How is nitric acid manufactured by Ostwald process? Write the chemical equations involved. (*Mizoram S.B. 2014*)

7. Either

(*a*) Write the balanced chemical equation for the reaction of Cl_2 with hot concentrated NaOH. Is this reaction a disproportionation reaction? Justify.

Or

(*b*) OF_2 should be called oxygen difluoride and not fluorine oxide. Why? (*Meghalaya S.B. 2014*)

8. Give reason:

(*a*) H_3PO_4 is triprotic acid but H_3PO_3 is diprotic acid. Why?

(*b*) NCl_3 and PCl_3 are hydrolysed differently. Why? (*Pb. S.B. 2018*)

9. Explain, why

(*a*) O_3 acts as a powerful oxidising agent.

(*b*) Why are the elements of Group 18 known as noble gases?

Or

(*a*) Why does NH_3 act as a Lewis base?

(*b*) Bond angle in NH_4^+ is more than that in NH_3. (*H.P. S.B. 2014*)

10. Account for the following:

(*a*) PCl_5 is more covalent than PCl_3.

(*b*) Iron on reaction with HCl forms $FeCl_2$ and not $FeCl_3$.

(*c*) The two O—O bond lengths in the ozone molecule are equal. (*D.S.B. 2014*)

11. Account for the following:

(*a*) Bi(V) is a stronger oxidizing agent than Sb(V).

(*b*) N—N single bond is weaker than P—P single bond.

(*c*) Noble gases have very low boiling points. (*D.S.B. 2014*)

12. (*a*) Draw the structures of the following compounds:

(*i*) XeF_4 (*ii*) N_2O_5

(*b*) Write the structural difference between white phosphorus and red phosphorus. (*D.S.B. 2014*)

13. (*i*) Explain the basic strength of hydrides of group 15 elements.

(*ii*) Give reason for the following:

(*a*) Nitrogen does not form pentahalide like phosphorous.

(*b*) Electron gain enthalpy of chlorine is higher than fluorine. (*Nagaland S.B. 2018*)

14. (*a*) NCl_3 gets readily hydrolysed while NF_3 does not. Explain.

(*b*) Write the structure of H_3PO_3 and explain its diprotic nature. (*Mizoram S.B. 2018*)

15. (*a*) Stability of +5 oxidation state decreases and that of +3 oxidation state increases down the 15th group element. Explain.

(*b*) H_3PO_2 acts as a good reducing agent while H_3PO_4 does not . Why? (*Kerala S.B. 2018*)

16. (*a*) What is the formula of phosphine?

(*b*) How is phosphine prepared in laboratory? (*Kerala S.B. 2018*)

17. (*a*) (*i*) NH_3 is a strong base but NF_3 does not show any basic property. Why?

(*ii*) What is laughing gas?

(*b*) Draw the structure of XeF_4. What is the state of hybridisation of Xe in it? (*Pb.S.B. 2015*)

18. (*a*) Why does bond angle decrease in the hydrides of nitrogen family while going down the group?

(*b*) Why are halogens coloured?

(*c*) How will ozone oxidise the following:

(*i*) Lead sulphide to lead sulphate.

(*ii*) Potassium nitrite to potassium nitrate? (*Pb.S.B. 2015*)

19. (*a*) Why is ammonia more basic than phosphine?

(*b*) What is tailing of mercury?

(*c*) All the five bonds in PCl_5 are not equivalent. Justify.

(*d*) H_3PO_2 is monoprotic acid. Explain.

Or

(*a*) Halogens have maximum negative electron gain enthalpy in their respective periods of the periodic table. Explain.

(*b*) How will ozone oxidise the following:

(*i*) Copper sulphide to copper sulphate.

(*ii*) Potassium manganate to potassium permanganate. (*Pb.S.B. 2015*)

20. (*a*) Explain why moist chlorine can bleach dry coloured articles but dry chlorine cannot.

(*b*) Write down the structure of SO_2 and state with reason whether it is polar or non-polar. (*Kolkata S.B. 2016*)

21. (*a*) Complete the following reactions:

(*i*) $NaOH\ (hot, conc.) + Cl_2\ (g) \longrightarrow$

(*ii*) $P_4 + SO_2Cl_2 \longrightarrow$

(*iii*) $NH_3(excess) + Cl_2 \longrightarrow$

(*b*) Draw the structural formula of H_3PO_2. How do you account for the reducing behaviour of H_3PO_2 on the basis of its structure?

Or

(*a*) When HCl reacts with finely powdered iron, it forms ferrous chloride and not ferric chloride. Explain why?

(*b*) What are interhalogen compounds? Give a method of preparation of any one interhalogen compound. (*Assam S.B. 2016*)

22. (*a*) Why is N_2 less reactive at room temperature?

(*b*) Explain why NO_2 dimerises. (*Assam S.B. 2018*)

23. (*a*) Why does phosphorus exist as P_4 and nitrogen exists as N_2 gas?

(*b*) Why has concentrated sulphuric acid high boiling point?

(*c*) Fluorine exhibits only –1 oxidation state whereas other halogens also show + 1, +3, +5 and +7 oxidation states. Explain. (*H.P.S.B. 2016*)

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24. Describe the Contact process for the manufacture of sulphuric acid. (*Jharkhand S.B. 2016*)

25. (*a*) What are interhalogen compounds? Give examples. (*Hr.S.B. 2018, Jammu S.Z. 2018, Assam S.B. 2018*)

(*b*) Why are interhalogen compounds more reactive than halogens? (*Hr.S.B. 2018*)

26. (*a*) Draw the structures of the following:

(*i*) XeF_2

(*ii*) BrF_3

(*b*) H_2O, H_2S, H_2Se and H_2Te, Arrange these in their increasing acidic character.

(*c*) Bond dissociation energy of F_2 is less than that of Cl_2. Why? (*Hr.S.B. 2018*)

27. (*a*) Give the geometry of XeO_3.

(*b*) Describe the manufacture of H_2SO_4 by Contact process.

(*c*) What is the basicity of H_3PO_4 ?

(*d*) PCl_5 exists, while NCl_5 does not exist. Why ?

(*e*) What is tincture of iodine and what is it used for? (*H.P.S.B. 2017*)

28. (*a*) Discuss the structure of PF_5.

(*b*) What are main reasons for anomalous properties of nitrogen ?

(*c*) How will you prepare HNO_3 by Ostwald process ? (*Hr. S.B. 2017, Nagaland S.B. 2017*)

29. (*a*) Why does ClF_3 exist but FCl_3 not?

(*b*) Why is ICl_3 more reactive than I_2?

(*c*) Using VBT theory describe shape of XeO_4. (*Pb.S.B. 2018*)

30. (*a*) Draw the structure of XeF_4.

(*b*) Define interhalogen compounds.

(*c*) Draw structure of SF_6.

(*d*) H_2SO_4 is viscous in nature, why? (*H.P.S.B. 2018*)

31. (*a*) Interhalogens are more reactive than halogens, why?

(*b*) Out of HClO and HBrO which is more acidic?

(*c*) Draw the shape of ClF_3. (*H.P.S.B. 2018*)

32. Give reasons for the following:

(*a*) Bleaching by chlorine is permanent, while that by sulphur dioxide is temporary.

(*b*) NH_3 acts as a Lewis base.

(*c*) NO_2 dimerises.

(*d*) In the reaction between HCl and powdered iron, ferric chloride is not formed. (*Assam S.B. 2017*)

33. (*a*) Draw the structure of $H_2S_2O_7$. What is the oxidation state of sulphur in it?

(*b*) Write the balanced chemical equations for the following:

(*i*) Excess of ammonia with chlorine

(*ii*) Conc. H_2SO_4 with calcium fluoride (*Meghalaya S.B. 2018*)

34. Ozone is an oxidising as well as reducing agent. Support the statement by giving one example of each. (*Manipur S.B. 2017*)

35. Complete the following equations:

(*a*) $2NaOH + Cl_2 \rightarrow NaCl + \ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots + H_2O$

(*b*) $Na_2SO_3 + 2HCl \rightarrow 2NaCl + H_2O + \ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots$

(*c*) $Cl_2 + 3F_2 \xrightarrow{573\,K} \ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots$

(*d*) $XeF_6 + H_2O \rightarrow \ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots + 2HF$ (*Karnataka S.B. 2018*)

36. (*a*) Write the chemical equation of the following reactions:

(*i*) Preparation of XeO_3 from XeF_6.

(*ii*) Mixing PtF_6 and Xe.

(*b*) H_2O is less acidic than H_2S. Why? (*Kerala S.B. 2018*)

37. (*i*) How is XeF_4 prepared?

(*ii*) Mention the types of hybridization of Xe in XeF_4 and $XeOF_4$. Draw their structures. (*Nagaland S.B. 2018*)

38. Give reasons :

(*i*) Thermal stability decreases from H_2O to H_2Te.

(*ii*) Fluoride ion has higher hydration enthalpy than chloride ion.

(*iii*) Nitrogen does not form pentahalide. (*D.S.B. 2017*)

39. Complete the following chemical equations :

(*i*) $F_2 + 2Cl^- \longrightarrow$

(*ii*) $2XeF_2 + 2H_2O \longrightarrow$

Or

What happens when

(*i*) HCl is added to MnO_2?

(*ii*) PCl_5 is heated?

Write the equations involved. (*D.S.B. 2017*)

40. (*a*) What are noble gases? Give any two reasons for the inertness of noble gases. (*Mizoram S.B. 2018*)

(*b*) Why does fluorine show only –1 oxidation state whereas other halogens show positive oxidation states also? (*Mizoram S.B. 2018, Assam S.B. 2018*)

41. (*a*) Explain the various oxidation states of Group 17.

(*b*) What happens when chlorine is treated with slaked lime and turpentine?

(*c*) Write electronic configuration of noble gases. (*Jammu S.Z. 2018*)

42. (*i*) Why is H_2O a liquid and H_2S a gas at normal temperature?

(*ii*) What is oleum?

(*iii*) Why have noble gases very low boiling points? (*Assam S.B. 2018*)

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43. How would you account for the following :

(*i*) NCl_3 is an endothermic compound while NF_3 is an exothermic one.

(*ii*) XeF_2 is a linear molecule without a bend.

(*iii*) The electron gain enthalpy with negative sign for fluorine is less than that for chlorine, still fluorine is a stronger oxidising agent than chlorine. (*A.I.S.B. 2010*)

44. How would you account for the following :

(*i*) H_2S is more acidic than H_2O.

(*ii*) Both O_2 and F_2 stabilize high oxidation states but the ability of oxygen to stabilize the higher oxidation state exceeds that of fluorine. (*A.I.S.B. 2011*)

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(*iii*) NF_3 is an exothermic compound but NCl_3 is not.
(*iv*) The acidic strength of compounds increases in the order : $PH_3 < H_2S < HCl$.
(*v*) SF_6 is kinetically inert. *(A.I.S.B. 2011)*

45. Give reasons for the following :
(*i*) Where R is an alkyl group $R_3P = O$ exists but $R_3N = O$ does not.
(*ii*) $PbCl_4$ is more covalent than $PbCl_2$.
(*iii*) At room temperature, N_2 is much less reactive. *(A.I.S.B. 2013)*

46. Give reasons for the following :
(*i*) Though nitrogen exhibits +5 oxidation state, it does not form pentahalide.
(*ii*) Electron gain enthalpy with negative sign of fluorine is less than that of chlorine.
(*iii*) The two oxygen-oxygen bond lengths in ozone molecule are identical. *(A.I.S.B. 2013)*

47. Give reasons for the following:
(*a*) $(CH_3)_3P = O$ exists but $(CH_3)_3N = O$ does not.
(*b*) Oxygen has less electron gain enthalpy with negative sign than sulphur.
(*c*) H_3PO_2 is a stronger reducing agent that H_3PO_3. *(A.I.S.B. 2014)*

48. (*a*) Complete the following equations:
(*i*) $C + H_2SO_4$ (conc.) $\longrightarrow$
(*ii*) $XeF_2 + H_2O \longrightarrow$
(*b*) Draw the structures of the following molecules:
(*i*) XeO_3 (*ii*) H_2SO_4 *(A.I.S.B. 2014)*

49. Assign reason for the following:
(*i*) H_3PO_2 is a stronger reducing agent than H_3PO_4.
(*ii*) Sulphur shows more tendency for catenation than oxygen.
(*iii*) Reducing character increases from HF to HI. *(A.I.S.B. 2016)*

50. Give reasons for the following :
(*i*) Red phosphorus is less reactive than white phosphorus.
(*ii*) Electron gain enthalpies of halogens are largely negative.
(*iii*) N_2O_5 is more acidic than N_2O_3. *(A.I.S.B. 2017)*

51. (*i*) Draw the structures of the following :
(*a*) H_2SO_3 (*b*) $HClO_3$ *(A.I.S.B. 2017)*
(*ii*) Draw the structures of the following :
(*a*) XeF_4 (*b*) BrF_5 *(A.I.S.B. 2017)*

52. Draw the structures of the following :
(*i*) $H_2S_2O_7$ (*ii*) XeF_6 *(A.I.S.B. 2017)*

53. Among the hydrides of group 15 elements, which have the
(*a*) lowest boiling point?
(*b*) maximum basic character?
(*c*) highest bond angle?
(*d*) maximum reducing character? *(A.I.S.B. 2018)*

Long Answer Questions *carrying 5 marks*

1. (*a*) Write down the steps involved in the manufacture of HNO_3 by Ostwald process.
(*b*) Draw the structure of $HClO_4$. What is the oxidation number of Cl in this compound? Write the formula of oxyacid of Cl in its +5 oxidation state.
(*c*) Write the reaction of XeF_4 with H_2O.

Or

(*d*) Write down the preparation of ozone from oxygen. Mention the conditions required to maximize the yield of ozone.
(*e*) Write the structural formula of PCl_5 in solid state and also indicate the hybridisation of phosphorus atoms.
(*f*) What happens, when sulphur is treated with conc. HNO_3? *(Meghalaya S.B. 2014)*

2. (*a*) Give reasons for the following:
(*i*) Bond enthalpy of F_2 is lower than that of Cl_2.
(*ii*) PH_3 has lower boiling point than NH_3.
(*b*) Draw the structures of the following molecules:
(*i*) BrF_3 (*ii*) $(HPO_3)_3$ (*iii*) XeF_4

Or

(*a*) Account for the following:
(*i*) Helium is used in diving apparatus.
(*ii*) Fluorine does not exhibit positive oxidation state.
(*iii*) Oxygen shows catenation behaviour less than sulphur.
(*b*) Draw the structures of the following molecules.
(*i*) XeF_2 (*ii*) $H_2S_2O_8$ *(D.S.B.2013)*

3. Either
(*a*) Write the principle and conditions involved, giving stepwise reactions, in the manufacture of H_2SO_4 by Contact process.
(*b*) Give two examples of amphoteric oxide.
(*c*) HCl reacts with powdered Fe to give $FeCl_2$ and not $FeCl_3$. Why?
(*d*) Give the chemistry of brown ring test.

Or

(*a*) Mention the conditions required to maximise the yield of ammonia in its synthesis by Haber's process.
(*b*) Which form of sulphur shows paramagnetism and why?
(*c*) Unlike HCl, why HBr cannot be prepared by the action of concentrated sulphuric acid on sodium bromide? Explain.
(*d*) Write the reaction of white P with NaOH solution. *(Maghalaya S.B. 2014)*

4. (*a*) State the hybridisation of the central atom and draw the structure of PCl_3 and H_2SO_4.
(*b*) The first ionisation enthalpy of nitrogen is higher than that of oxygen but the second ionisation enthalpy is higher in oxygen than that of nitrogen. Explain.

Or

(*a*) Give the laboratory preparation of sulphur dioxide and write the chemical reaction involved.
(*b*) SF_4 is easily hydrolysed while SF_6 is not easily hydrolysed. *(Mizoram S.B. 2015)*

5. (*a*) Although electron gain enthalpy of fluorine is less negative as compared to chlorine, fluorine is stronger oxidizing agent than chlorine. Why?
(*b*) Dry chlorine does not act as a bleaching agent. Why?
(*c*) Why is H_3PO_4 tribasic and H_3PO_3 dibasic?

Or

(*a*) Why is ICl more reactive than I_2 ?
(*b*) Nitrogen exists as diatomic molecule, N_2 and phosphorus as P_4. Why?
(*c*) Write the principle and conditions involved giving stepwise reactions in the manufacture of H_2SO_4 by Contact process. *(Meghalaya S.B. 2015)*

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6. (*a*) Account for the following:

(*i*) Acidic character increases from HF to HI.

(*ii*) There is large difference between the melting and boiling points of oxygen and sulphur.

(*iii*) Nitrogen does not form pentahalide.

(*b*) Draw the structures of the following:

(*i*) ClF_3 (*ii*) XeF_4

Or

(*a*) Which allotrope of phosphorus is more reactive and why?

(*b*) How are the supersonic jet aeroplanes responsible for the depletion of ozone layer?

(*c*) F_2 has lower bond dissociation enthalpy than Cl_2. Why?

(*d*) Which noble gas is used in filling balloons for meteorological observations ?

(*e*) Complete the equation:

$XeF_2 + PF_5 \longrightarrow$ (*D.S.B. 2015*)

7. (*a*) Give the structure and basicity of H_3PO_4.

(*b*) SF_6 is known but SCl_6 is not. Why?

(*c*) Give the shape of IF_7.

Or

(*a*) Why does nitric acid act as an oxidising agent? How it oxidises

(*i*) carbon to carbonic acid

(*ii*) sulphur dioxide to sulphuric acid.

(*b*) Give the structure of $XeOF_4$ and state of hybridization of Xe in it. (*Pb.S.B. 2016*)

8. (*a*) Give the structure and basicity of H_3PO_2.

(*b*) SF_6 is known but SH_6 is not. Why?

(*c*) Give the shape of IF_5.

Or

(*a*) Why does nitric acid act as an oxidising agent? How it oxidises

(*i*) sulphur to sulphuric acid.

(*ii*) ferrous sulphate to ferric sulphate.

(*b*) Give the structure of XeO_2F_2 and state of hybridization of Xe in it. (*Pb.S.B. 2016*)

9. (*a*) Write the structure of the following compounds:

(*i*) $H_2S_2O_8$ (*ii*) XeF_4

(*b*) Explain with reasons:

(*i*) The negative electron gain enthalpy of oxygen is less than that of sulphur.

(*ii*) the reducing power of phosphine is higher than that of ammonia.

(*iii*) The majority of known noble gas compounds are those of xenon.

Or

(*a*) Write the structures of the following compounds:

(*i*) H_3PO_3 (*ii*) $HClO_3$

(*b*) Explain with reasons:

(*i*) H_2S is more acidic than H_2O.

(*ii*) The electron affinity of chlorine is higher than that of fluorine.

(*iii*) Red phosphorus is more stable than white phosphorus. (*Tripura S.B. 2016*)

10. (*a*) Account for the following:

(*i*) NH_3 acts as a Lewis base.

(*ii*) PCl_3 fumes in moist air.

(*iii*) Fluorine shows only –1 oxidation state.

(*b*) (*i*) Suggest any two fluorides of xenon.

(*ii*) Write a method to prepare any one of the above mentioned xenon fluorides.

Or

(*a*) Account for the following:

(*i*) H_2O is a liquid while H_2S is a gas.

(*ii*) Noble gases have very low boiling points.

(*iii*) NO_2 dimerises to N_2O_4.

(*b*) (*i*) What are interhalogen compounds?

(*ii*) Suggest any two examples of interhalogen compounds. (*Kerala S.B. 2016*)

11. (*a*) (*i*) Explain the steps involved in the manufacture of sulphuric acid by Contact process.

(*ii*) Arrange the following oxoacids in decreasing order of acidic strength: $HClO$, $HClO_2$, $HClO_3$, $HClO_4$.

Or

(*b*) (*i*) How is XeF_4 prepared?

(*ii*) Draw the structures of XeF_2, XeF_4, $XeOF_4$ and mention the type of hybridization of Xe in each case. (*Nagaland S.B. 2016*)

12. (*a*) Account for the following:

(*i*) Ozone is thermodynamically unstable.

(*ii*) Solid PCl_5 is ionic in nature.

(*iii*) Fluorine forms only one oxoacid HOF.

(*b*) Draw the structure of

(*i*) BrF_5 (*ii*) XeF_4

Or

(*a*) Compare the oxidising action of F_2 and Cl_2 by considering parameters such as bond dissociation enthalpy, electron gain enthalpy and hydration enthalpy.

(*b*) Write the conditions to maximize the yield of H_2SO_4 by Contact process.

(*c*) Arrange the following in the increasing order of property mentioned:

(*a*) H_3PO_3, H_3PO_4, H_3PO_2 (Reducing character)

(*b*) NH_3, PH_3, AsH_3, SbH_3, BiH_3 (Base strength) (*D.S.B. 2016*)

13. (*a*) $PbCl_2$ is known but $PbCl_4$ is not known. Explain with inert pair effect.

(*b*) Why is SF_6 much less reactive than SF_4 ?

(*c*) Give hybridization and draw structure of XeF_2.

Or

(*a*) Draw flow chart for Haber's process for the manufacture of ammonia.

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(*b*) Write down the reaction of ozone with potassium nitrite.

(*c*) Draw structure of IF_5. (*Pb.S.B. 2017*)

14. (*a*) Unlike phosphorus, nitrogen shows little tendency for catenation. Why?

(*b*) SF_6 is known but SH_6 is not known. Explain.

(*c*) Give hybridization and draw structure of XeF_4.

Or

(*a*) Explain the steps involved in manufacture of sulphuric acid by Contact process.

(*b*) Write down the reaction of ozone with potassium iodide.

(*c*) Draw structure of ClF_3. (*Pb.S.B. 2017*)

15. (*a*) Give a laboratory method of preparation of dinitrogen. (*Assam S.B. 2017*)

(*b*) Complete the following chemical equations

(*i*) $Mg + N_2 \xrightarrow{\text{heat}} .....$

(*ii*) $Ba(N_3)_2 \xrightarrow{\text{decomposition}} ..... + ...$

(*iii*) $(NH_4)_2Cr_2O_7 \xrightarrow{\text{heat}} ..... + ... H_2O$

(*Assam S.B. 2017*)

Or

(*a*) Explain why HNO_2 behaves both as oxidising as well as reducing agent. (*Assam S.B. 2017*)

(*b*) Give chemical equations for the following processes :

(*i*) Decomposition of ozone at 523 K.

(*ii*) Ozone oxidises lead sulphide to lead sulphate.

(*iii*) Ozone reacts with aqueous solution of potassium iodide to liberate iodine. (*Assam S.B. 2017*)

16. (*a*) Mention the conditions required to maximize the yield of ammonia in its synthesis by Haber's process.

(*b*) Draw the structure of $HClO_4$.

(*c*) Why does PCl_3 fume in moisture?

(*d*) Halogens have the maximum negative electron gain enthalpy in the respective periods of the periodic table. Why?

Or

(*a*) Draw the structure of H_3PO_2. How do you account for the reducing behaviour of H_3PO_2 on the basis of its structure ?

(*b*) What happens when $(NH_4)_2 Cr_2O_7$ is heated?

(*c*) How does ammonia react with a solution of Cu^{2+}?

(*d*) Explain why fluorine forms only one oxoacid, HOF. (*Meghalaya S.B. 2017*)

17. (*a*) F-atom is more electronegative than I-atom, yet HF has lower acid strength than HI. Why?

(*b*) Explain why oxygen is a gas while other members of the same group are solids.

(*c*) For interhalogens of the type AX_n (A, X = halogen atoms; n = 1 or 3 or 5 or 7), what relation exists between A and X ? How does their reactivity vary with individual halogens? (*Meghalaya S.B. 2018*)

18. (*a*) Bleaching of flowers by chlorine is permanent while that by sulphur dioxide is temporary. Explain.

(*b*) OF_2 should be called oxygen difluoride and not fluorine oxide. Why?

(*c*) H_2S acts only as a reducing agent but SO_2 acts both as a reducing agent as well as an oxidizing agent. Why? (*Meghalaya S.B. 2018*)

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19. (*a*) Draw the structures of the following molecules :

(*i*) H_3PO_2 (*ii*) ClF_3

(*b*) Explain the following observations :

(*i*) Nitrogen is much less reactive than phosphorus.

(*ii*) Despite having greater polarity, hydrogen fluoride boils at a lower temperature than water.

(*iii*) Sulphur has greater tendency for catenation than oxygen in the same group.

Or

(*a*) Draw the structures of the following molecules :

(*i*) N_2O_5 (*ii*) $HClO_4$

(*b*) Explain the following observations :

(*i*) H_2S is more acidic than H_2O

(*ii*) Fluorine does not exhibit any positive oxidation state.

(*iii*) Helium forms no real chemical compound. (*A.I.S.B. 2012*)

20. (*a*) Account for the following:

(*i*) Interhalogens are more reactive than pure halogens.

(*ii*) N_2 is less reactive at room temperature.

(*iii*) Reducing character decreases from NH_3 to BiH_3.

(*b*) Draw the structures of the following:

(*i*) $H_4P_2O_7$ (Pyrophosphoric acid)

(*ii*) XeF_4

Or

(*a*) Which poisonous gas is evolved when white phosphorus is heated with conc. NaOH solution? Write the chemical equations involved.

(*b*) Which noble gas has the lowest boiling point ?

(*c*) Fluorine is a stronger oxidizing agent than chlorine. Why?

(*d*) What happens when H_3PO_3 is heated?

(*e*) Complete the equation:

$PbS + O_3 \longrightarrow$ (*A.I.S.B. 2015*)

21. (a) Give reasons:

(*i*) When Cl_2 reacts with excess of F_2, ClF_3 is formed and not FCl_3.

(*ii*) Dioxygen is a gas while sulphur is a solid at room temperature.

(*b*) Draw the structures of the following:

(*i*) XeF_4

(*ii*) $HClO_3$

(*c*) Arrange the following in the decreasing order of their reducing character:

HF, HCl, HBr, HI

(*d*) Complete the following reaction:

$XeF_4 + SbF_5 \longrightarrow$ (*A.I.S.B. 2018*)

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Hints & Answers for Revision Exercises

Very Short Answer Questions

1. H_2O because of hydrogen bonding
2. HClO > HBrO > HIO **3.** Iodine.
4. Forms persulphuric acid : $S_2O_7 + H_2O \longrightarrow H_2S_2O_8$
5. Because it catches fire in air.
7. The high conductivity of ICl is due to its ionization into ICl_2^+ and ICl_4^- ions.

$$2ICl_3 \rightleftharpoons ICl_2^+ + ICl_4^-$$

9. XeF_4
10. PCl_4^- is not likely to exist because lone pair on P in PCl_3 can be donated to Cl^+ and not to Cl^-.
11. H_2S is more acidic because of weak S – H bonds.
12. NH_3 forms hydrogen bonds but PH_3 does not.
13. On treatment with hot concentrated NaOH, Cl_2 undergoes disproportionation to form sodium chloride and sodium chlorate.

$$\overset{0}{3Cl_2} + 3NaOH(aq) \xrightarrow{\text{(hot)}} \overset{-1}{5NaCl} + \overset{+5}{NaClO_3} + 3H_2O$$

14. two **15.** $4H_3PO_3 \longrightarrow 3H_3PO_4 + PH_3$
16. Five **18.** tribasic (3)
19. Iodine combines with KI to form a soluble complex.
$KI + I_2 \longrightarrow KI_3$ (soluble)
20. XeF_6

$$XeF_4 + O_2F_2 \xrightarrow{143K} XeF_6 + O_2$$

25. BiH_3 because BiH_3 is less stable than SbH_3 because of larger size of Bi than Sb.
26. (*i*) Phosgene ($COCl_2$)
(*ii*) Mustard gas ($ClCH_2CH_2SCH_2CH_2Cl$)
27. Two, because it contains two P–OH bonds and therefore, can give two H^+ ions.
30. White P is more reactive because of angular strain in P_4 molecules where the angles are only 60°
31. NO_2

$$2Pb(NO_3)_2 \xrightarrow{\Delta} 2PbO + 4NO_2 + O_2$$

$$2NO_2 \xrightarrow{Cool} N_2O_4$$

32. H_3PO_4	**33.** H_2SO_4	**34.** HIO_3	**35.** (*b*)
36. (*c*)	**37.** (*d*)	**38.** (*a*)	**39.** (*b*)
40. (*d*)	**41.** (*a*)	**42.** (*a*)	**43.** (*a*)
44. (*d*)	**45.** (*b*)	**46.** (*c*)	**47.** (*c*)
48. (*a*)	**49.** (*b*)	**50.** (*b*)	

Competition File

Additional Useful Information and Objective Questions

ADDITIONAL USEFUL INFORMATION

IMPORTANT REACTIONS

Complete the following reactions :

1. $IO_3^- + I^- + H^+ \longrightarrow$
2. $S_2O_3^{2-} + I_2 \longrightarrow$
3. $NaClO_3 + I_2 \longrightarrow$
4. $XeF_6 + H_2O \longrightarrow$
5. $Br_2 + NaI \longrightarrow$
6. $PCl_3 + H_2O \longrightarrow$
7. $SbCl_3 + H_2O \longrightarrow$
8. $As_4 + Cl_2 \longrightarrow$
9. $SCl_2 + NaF \longrightarrow$
10. $H_2S_2O_7 + H_2O \longrightarrow$
11. $P_4O_{10} + H_2O \longrightarrow$
12. $H_4P_2O_7 \xrightarrow{600°C}$
13. $HPO_3 \xrightarrow{Heat}$
14. $XeF_6 + H_2O \xrightarrow[\text{hydrolysis}]{\text{Partial}}$
15. $NCl_3 + H_2O \longrightarrow$
16. $HNO_3 + P_4O_{10} \longrightarrow$
17. Zn + dil. HNO_3
18. P + NaOH + $H_2O \longrightarrow$
19. $HgCl_2 + PH_3 \longrightarrow$
20. $P_4 + SO_2Cl_2 \longrightarrow$

Ans.

1. $IO_3^- + 5I^- + 6H^+ \longrightarrow 3I_2 + 3H_2O$
2. $I_2 + 2S_2O_3^{2-} \longrightarrow S_4O_6^{2-} + 2I^-$
3. $2NaClO_3 + I_2 \longrightarrow 2NaIO_3 + Cl_2$
4. $XeF_6 + H_2O \longrightarrow XeOF_4 + 2HF$
5. $Br_2 + 2NaI \longrightarrow 2NaBr + I_2$
6. $PCl_3 + 3H_2O \longrightarrow H_3PO_3 + 3HCl$
7. $SbCl_3 + H_2O \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Antimony oxychloride}}{SbOCl} + 2HCl$
8. $As_4 + 3Cl_2 \longrightarrow 4AsCl_3$
9. $2SCl_2 + 4NaF \longrightarrow SF_4 + 4NaCl + S$
10. $H_2S_2O_7 + H_2O \longrightarrow 2H_2SO_4$
11. $P_4O_{10} + 6H_2O \longrightarrow 4H_3PO_4$
12. $H_4P_2O_7 \xrightarrow{600°C} 2HPO_3 + H_2O$
13. $2HPO_3 \xrightarrow{Heat} P_2O_5 + H_2O$
14. $XeF_6 + H_2O \xrightarrow[\text{hydrolysis}]{\text{Partial}} XeOF_4 + 2HF$
15. $NCl_3 + 3H_2O \longrightarrow NH_3 + 3HOCl$
16. $4HNO_3 + P_4O_{10} \longrightarrow 4HPO_3 + 2N_2O_5$
17. $4Zn + 10HNO_3\,(dil.) \longrightarrow 4\,Zn(NO_3)_2 + 5H_2O + N_2O$
18. $P_4 + 3NaOH + 3H_2O \longrightarrow PH_3 + 3NaH_2PO_2$
19. $3HgCl_2 + 2PH_3 \longrightarrow Hg_3P_2 + 6HCl$
20. $P_4 + 10SO_2Cl_2 \longrightarrow 4\,PCl_5 + 10\,SO_2$

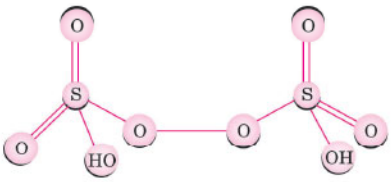
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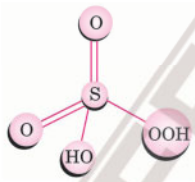
(*a*) Acidic strength (in water) : HF, HCl, HBr, HI
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(*c*) Oxidising power : BrO_4^-, IO_4^-, ClO_4^-
(*d*) Ionic character of bond : M–F, M–Cl, M–Br, M–I
(*e*) Boiling point : H_2O, H_2S, H_2Se, H_2Te
(*f*) Base strength : NH_3, PH_3, AsH_3, SbH_3
(*g*) Hydration enthalpy : F^-, Cl^-, Br^-, I^-
(*h*) Bond angle : H_2O, H_2S, H_2Te, H_2Se
(*i*) Electron affinity : F, Cl, Br, I
(*j*) Reducing character : NH_3, AsH_3, PH_3, SbH_3, BiH_3
(*k*) Thermal stability : NH_3, PH_3, AsH_3, SbH_3
(*l*) Acidic character : SO_3, CO_2, SiO_2, N_2O_5
(*m*) Acidic strength : HClO, $HClO_2$, $HClO_3$, $HClO_4$
(*n*) Acidic strength : HIBrO, HIClO, HIIO
(*o*) Oxidation state of P : H_2PO_2, H_3PO_3, $H_4P_2O_7$, $H_4P_2O_6$
(*p*) Boiling point : He, Ne, Ar, Kr
(*q*) Oxidation state of S : $H_2S_2O_8$, H_2SO_3, $H_2S_2O_3$
(*r*) Melting point : F_2, Cl_2, Br_2, I_2

Ans. (*a*) HI > HBr > HCl > HF
(*b*) $Cl_2 > Br_2 > F_2 > I_2$
(*c*) $BrO_4^- > IO_4^- > ClO_4^-$
(*d*) M–F > M–Cl > M–Br > M–I
(*e*) $H_2O > H_2Te > H_2Se > H_2S$
(*f*) $NH_3 > PH_3 > AsH_3 > SbH_3$
(*g*) $F^- > Cl^- > Br^- > I^-$
(*h*) $H_2O > H_2S > H_2Se > H_2Te$
(*i*) Cl > F > Br > I
(*j*) $BiH_3 > SbH_3 > AsH_3 > PH_3 > NH_3$
(*k*) $NH_3 > PH_3 > AsH_3 > SbH_3$
(*l*) $SO_3 > N_2O_5 > CO_2 > SiO_2$
(*m*) $HClO_4 > HClO_3 > HClO_2 > HClO$
(*n*) HClO > HBrO > HIO
(*o*) $H_4P_2O_7 > H_4P_2O_6 > H_3PO_3 > H_2PO_2$
(*p*) Kr > Ar > Ne > He
(*q*) $H_2S_2O_8 > H_2SO_3 > H_2S_2O_3$
(*r*) $I_2 > Br_2 > Cl_2 > F_2$.

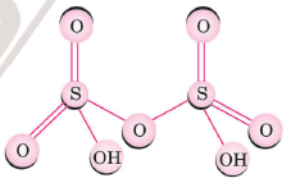
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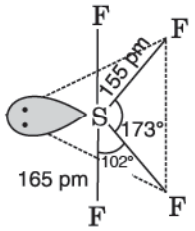
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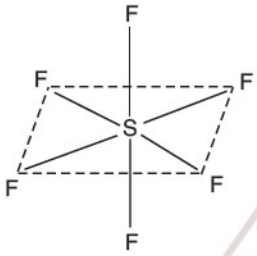
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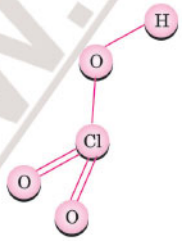
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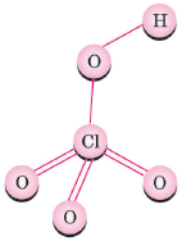
SF_4
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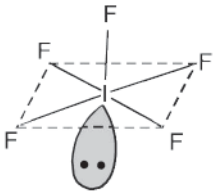
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(sp^3d^2 hybridisation)



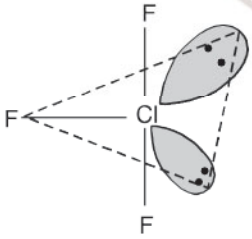
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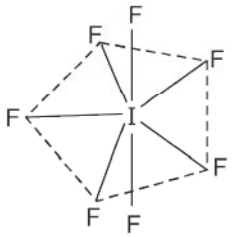
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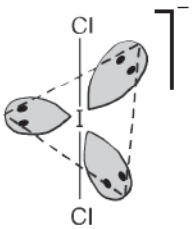
IF_5
Square pyramidal
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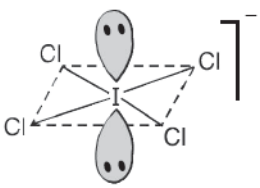
ClF_3
T-shaped
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IF_7
Pentagonal bipyramidal
(sp^3d^3 hybridisation)



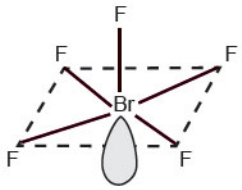
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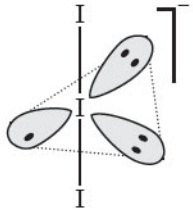
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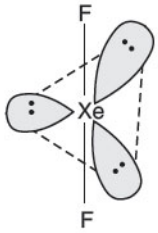
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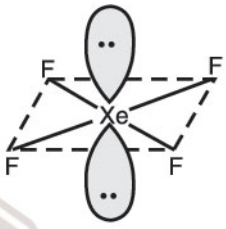
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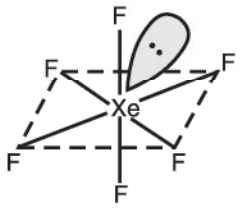
I_3^-
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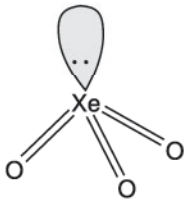
XeF_2
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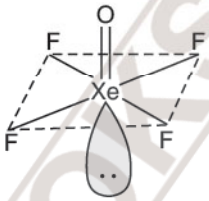
XeF_4
Square planar
(sp^3d^2 hybridisation)



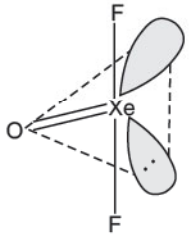
XeF_6
Distorted octahedral
(sp^3d^3 hybridisation)



XeO_3
Pyramidal
(sp^3 hybridisation)



$XeOF_4$
Square pyramidal
(sp^3d^2 hybridisation)



$XeOF_2$
T-shaped
(sp^3d hybridisation)

OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTIONS

Multiple Choice Questions *M. C. Q.*

A Topicwise MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS *with only one correct answer*

Select the Correct Answer :

Group 15 Elements

A1. The brown gas formed when HNO_3 is reduced by metals is
(*a*) N_2O (*b*) N_2O_3 (*c*) NO_2 (*d*) NO.

A2. The hydride of group 15 having largest bond angle is :
(*a*) NH_3 (*b*) PH_3 (*c*) AsH_3 (*d*) BiH_3.

A3. The oxoacid of P having oxidation state + 4 is :
(*a*) Phosphorus acid (*b*) Hypophosphoric acid
(*c*) Phosphoric acid (*d*) Metaphosphoric acid.

A4. Nitric acid (conc.) oxidises phosphorus to
(*a*) H_3PO_4 (*b*) P_2O_5
(*c*) H_3PO_3 (*d*) $H_4P_2O_7$.

A5. Ammonia gas can be dried over
(*a*) $CaCl_2$ (*b*) Conc. H_2SO_4
(*c*) PCl_5 (*d*) Quick lime

A6. Of the following hydrides which is the strongest reducing agent ?
(*a*) NH_3 (*b*) SbH_3
(*c*) AsH_3 (*d*) PH_3.

A7. Pure nitrogen gas is obtained from
(*a*) $NH_3 + NaNO_2$ (*b*) $NH_4Cl + NaNO_2$
(*c*) $N_2O + Cu$ (*d*) $(NH_4)_2Cr_2O_7$.

A8. Which of the following is a coloured gas ?
(*a*) NO_2 (*b*) N_2O_5 (*c*) N_2O_4 (*d*) N_2O.

A9. The oxide of nitrogen obtained by dehydration of nitric acid with phosphorus pentoxide is
(*a*) NO_2 (*b*) N_2O_5 (*c*) N_2O_4 (*d*) N_2O.

A10. Among the trihalides of nitrogen, which one is least basic ?
(*a*) NF_3 (*b*) NCl_3 (*c*) NBr_3 (*d*) NI_3.

A11. On heating ammonium dichromate, the gas evolved is
(*a*) Oxygen (*b*) Ammonia
(*c*) Nitric acid (*d*) Nitrogen.

A12. The number of σ–bonds in P_4O_{10} is
(*a*) 6 (*b*) 16 (*c*) 20 (*d*) 7.

Group 16 Elements

A13. The oxidation state of sulphur in anion SO_3^{2-}, $S_2O_4^{2-}$ and $S_2O_6^{2-}$ follows the order :
(*a*) $S_2O_6^{2-} < S_2O_4^{2-} < SO_3^{2-}$
(*b*) $S_2O_4^{2-} < SO_3^{2-} < S_2O_6^{2-}$
(*c*) $SO_3^{2-} < SO_3^{2-} < S_2O_6^{2-}$
(*d*) $S_2O_4^{2-} < S_2O_6^{2-} < SO_3^{2-}$

Answers

A1. (*c*) **A2.** (*a*) **A3.** (*b*) **A4.** (*a*) **A5.** (*d*) **A6.** (*b*) **A7.** (*b*) **A8.** (*a*) **A9.** (*b*) **A10.** (*a*)
A11. (*d*) **A12.** (*b*) **A13.** (*b*)

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A14. Most volatile hydride of element of group 16 is
(*a*) H_2O (*b*) H_2S (*c*) H_2Te (*d*) H_2Se.

A15. The oxoacid of sulphur which contains a lone pair of electrons on sulphur is
(*a*) Sulphurous acid
(*b*) Sulphuric acid
(*c*) Peroxodisulphuric acid
(*d*) Pyrosulphuric acid.

A16. The boiling points of hydrides of group 16 elements are in the order:
(*a*) $H_2O > H_2S > H_2Te > H_2Se$
(*b*) $H_2Te > H_2Se > H_2S > H_2O$
(*c*) $H_2O > H_2Te > H_2Se > H_2S$
(*d*) $H_2Te > H_2O > H_2S > H_2Se$.

A17. Which of the following has lowest reducing character?
(*a*) H_2O (*b*) H_2S
(*c*) H_2Te (*d*) H_2Se.

A18. Dehydration of formic acid with sulphuric acid gives
(*a*) CO (*b*) C
(*c*) CO and CO_2 (*d*) $C_2H_2O_4$.

A19. Ozone oxidises moist iodine to
(*a*) I_2O_5 (*b*) IO_3^-
(*c*) HIO_3 (*d*) HI

A20. There is no S—S bond in
(*a*) $S_2O_4^{2-}$ (*b*) $S_2O_5^{2-}$
(*c*) $S_2O_3^{2-}$ (*d*) $S_2O_7^{2-}$.

A21. The number of S–S bonds in sulphur trioxide trimer (S_3O_9) is
(*a*) three (*b*) two (*c*) one (*d*) zero.

A22. Oxygen exhibits positive oxidation state in
(*a*) H_2O_2 (*b*) OF_2 (*c*) N_2O (*d*) NaO_2

A23. Bleaching action of SO_2 is due to:
(*a*) reduction (*b*) oxidation
(*c*) acidic nature (*d*) hydrolysis.

A24. Chlorine oxidises $Na_2S_2O_3$ to
(*a*) $Na_2S_4O_6$ (*b*) Na_2SO_3, SO_2
(*c*) Na_2SO_4, S (*d*) Na_2SO_3, Na_2SO_4.

Group 17 Elements

A25. Out of all the halogen hydracids, the weakest in aqueous solution is :
(*a*) HI (*b*) HBr (*c*) HF (*d*) HCl.

A26. Which of the following gives blue colour with starch solution?
(*a*) F_2 (*b*) Cl_2 (*c*) Br_2 (*d*) I_2.

A27. The chlorine atom in ClF_5 involves
(*a*) sp^3 hybridisation (*b*) sp^3d hybridisation
(*c*) sp^3d^2 hybridisation (*d*) sp^3d^3 hybridisation.

A28. Which of the following has maximum boiling point?
(*a*) HF (*b*) HCl (*c*) HBr (*d*) HI.

A29. When Br_2 is added to aqueous solution of NaF, NaCl and NaI separately
(*a*) F_2, Cl_2 and I_2 are liberated
(*b*) only F_2 and Cl_2 are liberated
(*c*) only Cl_2 is liberated
(*d*) only I_2 is liberated.

A30. Which of the following is strongest reducing agent?
(*a*) HCl (*b*) HI (*c*) HBr (*d*) HF.

A31. The low bond energy of F_2 is best explained by:
(*a*) the attainment of noble gas configuration (F^-)
(*b*) the low electron affinity of F
(*c*) repulsion by electron pairs on F
(*d*) the small size of F.

A32. Which of the polyhalide ions is not known?
(*a*) F_3^- (*b*) Br_2^- (*c*) Cl_3^- (*d*) I_3^-

A33. Which of the following halogen exhibits only one oxidation state?
(*a*) Cl (*b*) Br (*c*) F (*d*) I

A34. Cl_2O_7 dissolves in water to give
(*a*) $HClO_3$ (*b*) $HClO_4$
(*c*) $HClO + ClO_2$ (*d*) $ClO_2 + ClO$

Group 18 Elements

A35. XeF_4 reacts with water at – 80°C to give
(*a*) $XeOF_2$ (b) $XeOF_4$
(*c*) XeO_3 (d) XeO_2F_2.

A36. The geometry of $XeOF_2$ is :
(*a*) Pyramidal (*b*) T-shaped
(*c*) Octahedral (*d*) Tetrahedral.

A37. Which of the following is called stranger gas?
(*a*) Xe (*b*) Ne (*c*) Ar (*d*) Kr

A38. Among the following the square planar geometry is for:
(*a*) $XeOF_4$ (*b*) XeF_4 (*c*) XeF_2 (*d*) XeO_3.

A39. The noble gas compound prepared by Bartlett was:
(*a*) XeO_3 (*b*) $XePtF_6$
(*c*) KrF_2 (*d*) XeF_2.

A40. Hydrolysis of XeF_6 gives:
(*a*) $XeOF_4$ (*b*) XeO_3 (*c*) XeO_2F_2 (*d*) $XeOF_2$.

Answers

A14. (*b*) **A15.** (*a*) **A16.** (*c*) **A17.** (*a*) **A18.** (*a*) **A19.** (*c*) **A20.** (*d*) **A21.** (*d*) **A22.** (*b*) **A23.** (*a*) **A24.** (*c*) **A25.** (*c*) **A26.** (*d*) **A27.** (*c*)
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B MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS *from competitive examinations*

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B1. The correct order of acid strength is
(a) $HClO_4 < HClO_3 < HClO_2 < HClO$
(b) $HClO < HClO_2 < HClO_3 < HClO_4$
(c) $HClO_4 < HClO < HClO_2 < HClO_4$
(d) $HClO_2 < HClO_3 < HClO_4 < HClO$
(C.B.S.E. Med. 2005, 2007, NEET 2016)

B2. Among the following which is the strongest oxidising agent?
(a) Br_2 (b) I_2
(c) Cl_2 (d) F_2 *(C.B.S.E. Med. 2009)*

B3. The correct order of increasing bond angles in the following species is:
(a) $Cl_2O < ClO_2^- < ClO_2$ (b) $ClO_2^- < Cl_2O < ClO_2$
(c) $Cl_2O < ClO_2 < ClO^-_2$ (d) $ClO_2 < Cl_2O < ClO_2^-$
(C.B.S.E. P.M.T. 2010)

B4. Sulphur trioxide can be obtained by which of the following reaction?
(a) $CaSO_4 + C \xrightarrow{\Delta}$ (b) $Fe_2(SO_4)_3 \xrightarrow{\Delta}$
(c) $S + H_2SO_4 \xrightarrow{\Delta}$ (d) $H_2SO_4 + PCl_5 \xrightarrow{\Delta}$
(A.I.P.M.T. 2012)

B5. Which of the following statements is not valid for oxoacids of phosphorus?
(a) Orthophosphoric acid is used in the manufacture of triple superphosphate.
(b) Hypophosphorous acid is a diprotic acid.
(c) All oxoacids contain tetrahedral four coordinated phosphorus.
(d) All oxoacids contain at least one P = O unit and one P – OH group. *(A.I.P.M.T. 2012)*

B6. When Cl_2 gas reacts with hot and concentrated sodium hydroxide solution, the oxidation number of chlorine changes from
(a) zero to + 1 and zero to – 5
(b) zero to – 1 and zero to + 5
(c) zero to – 1 and zero to + 3
(d) zero to + 1 and zero to – 3 *(A.I.P.M.T. 2012)*

B7. Roasting of sulphides gives the gas X as a by-product. This is a colourless gas with choking damage to the respiratory organs as a result of acid rain. Its aqueous solution is acidic, acts as a reducing agent and its acid has never been isolated. The gas 'X' is
(a) SO_2 (b) CO_2
(c) SO_3 (d) H_2S *(NEET 2013)*

B8. Which is the strongest acid in the following:
(a) $HClO_4$ (b) H_2SO_3
(c) H_2SO_4 (d) $HClO_3$ *(NEET 2013)*

B9. Acidity of diprotic acids in aqueous solution increases in the order
(a) $H_2S < H_2Se < H_2Te$ (b) $H_2Se < H_2S < H_2Te$
(c) $H_2Te < H_2S < H_2Se$ (d) $H_2Se < H_2Te < H_2S$
(AIPMT 2014)

B10. Strong reducing behaviour of H_3PO_2 is due to:
(a) High oxidation state of phosphorus
(b) Presence of two –OH groups and one P—H bond
(c) Presence of one –OH group and two P—H bonds
(d) High electron gain enthalpy of phosphorus
(AIPMT 2015)

B11. Which of the statements given below is incorrect?
(a) ONF is isoelectronic with O_2N^-
(b) OF_2 is an oxide of fluorine
(c) Cl_2O_7 is an anhydride of perchloric acid
(d) O_3 molecule is bent *(AIPMT 2015)*

B12. The variation of the boiling points of the hydrogen halides is in the order HF > HI > HBr > HCl. What explains the higher boiling point of hydrogen fluoride?
(a) The bond energy of HF molecules is greater than in other hydrogen halides.
(b) The effect of nuclear shielding is much reduced in fluorine which polarises the HF molecule.
(c) The electronegativity of fluorine is much higher than for other elements in the group.
(d) There is strong hydrogen bonding between HF molecules. *(AIPMT 2015)*

B13. Nitrogen dioxide and sulphur dioxide have some properties in common. Which property is shown by one of these compounds, but not by the other?
(a) Is soluble in water.
(b) Is used as a food preservative.
(c) Forms 'acid–rain.
(d) Is a reducing agent. *(AIPMT 2015)*

B14. Which is the correct statement for the given acids?
(a) Phosphinic acid is a monoprotic acid while phosphonic acid is a diprotic acid.
(b) Phosphinic acid is a diprotic acid while phosphonic acid is a monoprotic acid.
(c) Both are diprotic acids.
(d) both are triprotic acids. *(NEET 2016)*

B15. Match the compounds given in column I with the hybridisation and shape given in column II and mark the correct option.

Column I	Column II
(A) XeF_6	(i) Distorted octahedral
(B) XeO_3	(ii) Square planar
(C) $XeOF_4$	(iii) Pyramidal
(D) XeF_4	(iv) Square pyramidal

	A	B	C	D
(a)	(iv)	(iii)	(i)	(ii)
(b)	(iv)	(i)	(ii)	(iii)
(c)	(i)	(iii)	(iv)	(ii)
(d)	(i)	(ii)	(iv)	(iii)

(NEET 2016)

Answers

B1. (b) **B2.** (d) **B3.** (b) **B4.** (b) **B5.** (b) **B6.** (b) **B7.** (a) **B8.** (a) **B9.** (a) **B10.** (c)
B11. (b) **B12.** (d) **B13.** (b) **B14.** (a) **B15.** (c)

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B16. Which one of the following order is correct for the bond dissociation enthalpy of halogen molecules?
(*a*) $Br_2 > I_2 > F_2 > Cl_2$ (*b*) $F_2 > Cl_2 > Br_2 > I_2$
(*c*) $I_2 > Br_2 > Cl_2 > F_2$ (*d*) $Cl_2 > Br_2 > F_2 > I_2$
(NEET 2016)

B17. When copper is heated with conc. HNO_3 it produces
(*a*) $Cu(NO_3)_2$, NO and NO_2
(*b*) $Cu(NO_3)_2$ and N_2O
(*c*) $Cu(NO_3)_2$ and NO_2
(*d*) $Cu(NO_3)_2$ and NO *(NEET 2016)*

B18. Hot concentrated sulphuric acid is a moderately strong oxidizing agent. Which of the following reactions does not show oxidizing behaviour?
(*a*) $Cu + 2H_2SO_4 \rightarrow CuSO_4 + SO_2 + 2H_2O$
(*b*) $S + 2H_2SO_4 \rightarrow 3SO_2 + 2H_2O$
(*c*) $C + 2H_2SO_4 \rightarrow CO_2 + 2SO_2 + 2H_2O$
(*d*) $CaF_2 + H_2SO_4 \rightarrow CaSO_4 + 2HF$ *(NEET 2016)*

B19. Among the following, which one is a wrong statement?
(*a*) PH_5 and $BiCl_5$ do not exist.
(*b*) pπ-dπ bonds are present in SO_2.
(*c*) SeF_4 and CH_4 have same shape.
(*d*) I_3 has bent geometry. *(NEET 2016)*

B20. Match the interhalogen compounds of column–I with the geometry in column–II and assign the correct code.

Column–I	Column–II
(A) XX′	(*i*) T-shape
(B) XX'_3	(*ii*) Pentagonal bipyramidal
(C) XX'_5	(*iii*) Linear
(D) XX'_7	(*iv*) Square pyramidal
	(*v*) Tetrahedral

Code :

	A	B	C	D
(*a*)	(*iii*)	(*i*)	(*iv*)	(*ii*)
(*b*)	(*v*)	(*iv*)	(*iii*)	(*ii*)
(*c*)	(*iv*)	(*iii*)	(*ii*)	(*i*)
(*d*)	(*iii*)	(*iv*)	(*i*)	(*ii*)

(NEET 2017)

B21. In which pair of ions, both the species contain S—S bond?
(*a*) $S_4O_6^{2-}$, $S_2O_3^{2-}$ (*b*) $S_2O_7^{2-}$, $S_2O_8^{2-}$
(*c*) $S_4O_6^{2-}$, $S_2O_7^{2-}$ (*d*) $S_2O_7^{2-}$, $S_2O_3^{2-}$ *(NEET 2017)*

B22. The correct order of N-compounds in its decreasing order of oxidation states is
(*a*) HNO_3, NO, N_2, NH_4Cl
(*b*) HNO_3, NO, NH_4Cl, N_2
(*c*) HNO_3, NH_4Cl, NO, N_2
(*d*) NH_4Cl, N_2, NO, HNO_3 *(NEET 2018)*

B23. Which of the following statements is not true for halogens?
(*a*) All form monobasic oxyacids.
(*b*) All are oxidizing agents.
(*c*) All but fluorine show positive oxidation states.
(*d*) Chlorine has the highest electron-gain enthalpy.
(NEET 2018)

B24. In the structure of ClF_3, the number of lone pairs of electrons on central atom 'Cl' is
(*a*) one (*b*) two
(*c*) four (*d*) three
(NEET 2018)

B25. Which of the following is the correct order of increasing enthalpy of vaporisation ?
(*a*) $NH_3 < PH_3 < AsH_3$ (*b*) $AsH_3 < PH_3 < NH_3$
(*c*) $PH_3 < AsH_3 < NH_3$ (*d*) $NH_3 < AsH_3 < PH_3$
(*e*) $AsH_3 < NH_3 < PH_3$ *(Kerala P.M.T. 2007)*

B26. The maximum number of P–H bonds are contained in which of the following molecules?
(*a*) H_3PO_2 (*b*) H_3PO_3
(*c*) H_3PO_4 (*d*) $H_4P_2O_7$ *(A.M.U. Med 2010)*

B27. Which of the following has – O – O – linkage ?
(*a*) $H_2S_2O_6$ (*b*) $H_2S_2O_8$
(*c*) $H_2S_2O_3$ (*d*) $H_2S_4O_6$ *(A.M.U. Med. 2011)*

B28. When Br_2 is treated with aqueous solutions of NaF, NaCl and NaI separately
(*a*) F_2, Cl_2 and I_2 are liberated
(*b*) only F_2 and Cl_2 are liberated
(*c*) only I_2 is liberated
(*d*) only Cl_2 is liberated
(*e*) only Cl_2 and I_2 are liberated *(Kerala PMT 2011)*

B29. The basicity of pyrophosphorous acid is
(*a*) 2 (*b*) 4 (c) 1
(*d*) 5 (*e*) 3 *(Kerala PMT 2011)*

B30. The oxidation state of phosphorus in cyclotrimetaphosphoric acid is
(*a*) + 3 (*b*) + 5 (c) – 3
(*d*) + 2 (*e*) – 2 *(Kerala PMT 2011)*

B31. The oxyacid of sulphur that contains a lone pair of electrons on sulphur is
(*a*) sulphurous acid (*b*) sulphuric acid
(*c*) peroxodisulphuric acid
(*d*) pyrosulphuric acid *(A.M.U.Med. 2013)*

B32. Which one of the following is used for the production of UF_6 in the enrichment of U^{235}?
(*a*) ClF_3 (*b*) KF (*c*) KHF_2
(*d*) HF (*e*) PF_3 *(Kerala PMT 2014)*

B33. The oxoacid of phosphorus that reduces silver nitrate into metallic silver is
(*a*) H_3PO_2 (*b*) $H_4P_2O_6$ (*c*) H_3PO_4
(*d*) $H_4P_2O_7$ (*e*) $(HPO_3)_n$ *(Kerala PMT 2015)*

Answers

B16. (*d*) **B17.** (*c*) **B18.** (*d*) **B19.** (*c*) **B20.** (*a*) **B21.** (*a*) **B22.** (*a*) **B23.** (*d*) **B24.** (*b*) **B25.** (*a*)
B26. (*a*) **B27.** (*b*) **B28.** (*c*) **B29.** (*a*) **B30.** (*b*) **B31.** (*a*) **B32.** (*a*) **B33.** (*a*)

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B34. What products are expected from the disproportionation reaction of hypochlorous acid ?
(a) $HClO_2$ and $HClO_4$ (b) HCl and Cl_2O
(c) HCl and $HClO_3$ (d) $HClO_3$ and Cl_2O
(A.I.E.E.E. 2006)

B35. In which of the following arrangements, the sequence is not strictly according to the property written against it ?
(a) $CO_2 < SiO_2 < SnO_2 < PbO_2$: Increasing oxidising power
(b) HF < HCl < HBr < HI : Increasing acid strength
(c) $NH_3 < PH_3 < AsH_3 < SbH_3$: Increasing basic strength
(d) B < C < O < N : Increasing first ionisation enthalpy.
(A.I.E.E.E. 2009)

B36. Three reactions involving $H_2PO_4^-$ are given below :
(i) $H_3PO_4 + H_2O \longrightarrow H_3O^+ + H_2PO_4^-$
(ii) $H_2PO_4^- + H_2O \longrightarrow HPO_4^{2-} + H_3O^+$
(iii) $H_2PO_4^- + OH^- \longrightarrow H_3PO_4 + O^{2-}$
In which of the above does $H_2PO_4^-$ act as an acid ?
(a) (iii) only (b) (i) only
(c) (ii) only (d) (i) and (ii) *(A.I.E.E.E 2010)*

B37. Which of the following statement is wrong ?
(a) The stability of hydrides increases from NH_3 to BiH_3 in group 15 of the periodic table.
(b) Nitrogen cannot form $d\pi$-$p\pi$ bond.
(c) Single N – N bond is weaker than the single P – P bond.
(d) N_2O_4 has two resonance structures. *(A.I.E.E.E. 2011)*

B38. Which of the following statement regarding sulphur is incorrect ?
(a) S_2 molecule is paramagnetic.
(b) The vapour at 200°C consists mostly of S_8 rings.
(c) At 600°C the gas mainly consists of S_2 molecules.
(d) The oxidation state of sulphur is never less than +4 in its compounds. *(A.I.E.E.E. 2011)*

B39. Which of the following is the wrong statement?
(a) Ozone is diamagnetic gas.
(b) ONCl and ONO^- are not isoelectronic
(c) O_3 molecule is linear
(d) Ozone is violet-black in solid state. *(JEE Main 2013)*

B40. Which among the following is the most reactive?
(a) I_2 (b) ICl
(c) Cl_2 (d) Br_2 *(JEE Main 2015)*

B41. Which one has the highest boiling point?
(a) Kr (b) Xe
(c) He (d) Ne *(JEE Main 2015)*

B42. The reaction of zinc with dilute and concentrated nitric acid, respectively produces
(a) N_2O and NO_2 (b) NO and NO_2
(c) NO and N_2O (d) NO_2 and N_2O
(JEE Main 2016)

B43. The pair in which phosphorus atoms have a formal oxidation state of +3 is
(a) orthophosphorous and pyrophosphorous acids
(b) pyrophosphorous and hypophosphoric acids
(c) orthophosphorous and hypophosphoric acids
(d) pyrophosphorous and pyrophosphoric acids.
(JEE Main 2016)

B44. Which of the following reactions is an example of a redox reaction ?
(a) $XeF_4 + O_2F_2 \rightarrow XeF_6 + O_2$
(b) $XeF_2 + PF_5 \rightarrow [XeF]^+PF_6^-$
(c) $XeF_6 + H_2O \rightarrow XeOF_4 + 2HF$
(d) $XeF_6 + 2H_2O \rightarrow XeO_2F_2 + 4HF$ *(JEE Main 2017)*

B45. The products obtained when chlorine gas reacts with cold and dilute aqueous NaOH are :
(a) ClO^- and ClO_3^- (b) ClO_2^- and ClO_3^-
(c) Cl^- and ClO^- (d) Cl^- and ClO_2^-
(JEE Main 2017)

B46. The compound that does not produce nitrogen gas by the thermal decomposition is:
(a) $Ba(N_3)_2$ (b) $(NH_4)_2Cr_2O_7$
(c) NH_4NO_2 (d) $(NH_4)_2SO_4$
(JEE Main 2018)

B47. $Na_2S_2O_3$ is reduced by I_2 to
(a) Na_2S (b) Na_2SO_4
(c) $NaHSO_3$ (d) $Na_2S_4O_6$
(Orissa J.E.E. 2008)

B48. Sulphur trioxide gas when dissolved in H_2SO_4, the product obtained is
(a) H_2SO_3 (b) H_2SO_5
(c) $H_2S_2O_7$ (d) $H_2S_2O_8$ *(Orissa JEE 2010)*

B49. Which of the following contains P — O — P bond ?
(a) Hypophosphorous acid (b) Phosphorus acid
(c) Pyrophosphoric acid (d) Orthophosphoric acid

B50. The least stable hydride of 15th group elements is
(a) NH_3 (b) PH_3
(c) AsH_3 (d) SbH_3
(e) BiH_3 *(Kerala PET 2011)*

B51. Pick out the wrong statement.
(a) Nitrogen has the ability to form $p\pi$-$p\pi$ bonds with itself.
(b) Bismuth forms metallic bonds in elemental state.
(c) Catenation tendency is higher in nitrogen when compared with other elements of the same group.
(d) Nitrogen has higher first ionisation enthalpy when compared with other elements of the same group.
(e) Arsenic forms $d\pi$-$d\pi$ bonds with transition metals.
(Kerala P.E.T. 2012)

Answers

B34. (c) **B35.** (c) **B36.** (c) **B37.** (a) **B38.** (d) **B39.** (c) **B40.** (b) **B41.** (b) **B42.** (a) **B43.** (a)
B44. (a) **B45.** (c) **B46.** (d) **B47.** (d) **B48.** (c) **B49.** (c) **B50.** (e) **B51.** (c)

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B52. Nitric acid can be obtained from ammonia via the formation of the intermediate compounds
(*a*) nitric oxide and nitrogen dioxide
(*b*) nitrogen and nitric oxide
(*c*) nitric oxide and dinitrogen pentoxide
(*d*) nitrogen and nitrous oxide *(W.B.J.E.E. Engg. 2013)*

B53. An inorganic salt (A) is decomposed on heating to give two products (B) and (C). Compound (C) is a liquid at room temperature and is neutral to litmus while the compound (B) is a colourless neutral gas. Compounds (A), (B) and (C) are
(*a*) NH_4NO_3, N_2O, H_2O (*b*) NH_4NO_2, NO, H_2O
(*c*) CaO, H_2O, $CaCl_2$ (*d*) $Ba(NO_3)_2$, H_2O, NO_2
(*e*) $Mg(NO_3)_2$, N_2O_5, H_2O *(Kerala P.E.T. 2013)*

B54. If Cl_2 is passed through hot aqueous NaOH, the products formed have Cl in different oxidation states. These are indicated as
(*a*) –1 and +1 (*b*) –1 and +5
(*c*) +1 and +5 (*d*) –1 and +3 *(WB JEE 2014)*

B55. The statement that is not correct is
(*a*) Hypophosphorous acid reduces silver nitrate to silver
(*b*) In solid state PCl_5 exists as $[PCl_4]^+$ $[PCl_6]^-$
(*c*) Pure phosphine is non-inflammable
(*d*) Phosphorous acid on heating disproportionates to give metaphosphoric acid and phosphine.
(Karnataka CET 2014)

B56. On heating with concentrated NaOH solution in an inert atmosphere of CO_2, white phosphorus gives a gas. Which of the following statements is incorrect about the gas?
(*a*) It is more basic than NH_3.
(*b*) Its solution in water decomposes in the presence of light.
(*c*) It is less basic than NH_3.
(*d*) It is highly poisonous and has smell like rotten fish.
(Karnataka CET 2015)

B57. Sulphuryl chloride (SO_2Cl_2) reacts with white phosphorus (P_4) to give
(*a*) PCl_5, SO_2 (*b*) $OPCl_3$, $SOCl_2$
(*c*) PCl_5, SO_2, S_2Cl_2 (*d*) $OPCl_3$, SO_2, S_2Cl_2
(WB JEE 2015)

B58. What is the basicity of orthophosphorus acid?
(*a*) One (*b*) Two
(*c*) Three (*d*) Four *(MH-CET 2015)*

B59. Which of the following does not have S—S bond?
(*a*) $S_2O_3^{2-}$ (*b*) $S_2O_4^{2-}$
(*c*) $S_2O_7^{2-}$ (*d*) $S_2O_5^{2-}$ *(MH-CET 2015)*

B60. The boiling points of HF, HCl, HBr and HI follow the order
(*a*) HF > HCl > HBr > HI
(*b*) HF > HI > HBr > HCl
(*c*) HI > HBr > HCl > HF
(*d*) HCl > HF > HBr > HI *(WB JEE 2016)*

B61. In the solid state, PCl_5 exists as
(*a*) $[PCl_4]^-$ and $[PCl_6]^+$ ions
(*b*) covalent PCl_5 molecules only
(*c*) $[PCl_4]^+$ and $[PCl_6]^-$ ions
(*d*) covalent P_2Cl_{10} molecules only. *(WB JEE 2016)*

B62. Which one of the following group 16 element does not exist in –2 oxidation state?
(*a*) S (*b*) Se
(*c*) O (*d*) Po
(*e*) Te *(Kerala PET 2016)*

B63. Thermal decomposition of ammonium dichromate gives
(*a*) N_2, H_2O and Cr_2O_3 (*b*) N_2, NH_3 and CrO
(*c*) $(NH_4)_2CrO_4$ and H_2O (*d*) N_2, H_2O and CrO_3
(Kerala PET 2016)

B64. The property which is not true about fluorine is
(*a*) most of its reactions are exothermic
(*b*) it forms only one oxo acid
(*c*) highest electronegativity
(*d*) high F–F bond dissociation enthalpy.
(Karnataka C.E.T. 2016)

B65. Select wrong chemical reaction among the following:
(*a*) $MnO_2 + 4HCl \rightarrow MnCl_2 + Cl_2 + 2H_2O$
(*b*) $8NH_3 + 3Cl_2 \rightarrow 6NH_4Cl + N_2$
(*c*) $2NaOH + Cl_2 \rightarrow 2NaCl + H_2 + O_2$
(*d*) $2Ca(OH)_2 + 2Cl_2 \rightarrow Ca(OCl)_2 + CaCl_2 + 2H_2O$
(Karnataka C.E.T. 2017)

B66. Which of the following element forms $p\pi - p\pi$ bond with itself?
(*a*) N (*b*) Te
(*c*) P (*d*) Se *(Karnataka C.E.T. 2017)*

B67. The shape of XeF_5^- will be
(*a*) square pyramid (*b*) trigonal bipyramidal
(*c*) planar (*d*) pentagonal bipyramidal.
(W.B. J.E.E. 2017)

B68. What is the hybridization and geometry of the given species? The species are XeF_2 and ICl_2^-.
(*a*) sp^3d and trigonal bipyramidal
(*b*) sp^3d^2 and square planar
(*c*) sp^3d and linear
(*d*) sp^3 and irregular tetrahedron *(J.K. CET 2018)*

B69. What will be the resultant products formed when the phosphorus halide PBr_5 splits up?
(*a*) $[PBr_4]^+$ and Br^- (*b*) $[PBr_6]^-$ and $[PBr_4]^+$
(*c*) $[PBr_4]^+$ (*d*) $[PBr_6]^-$
(J.K. CET 2018)

B70. Which of the following is the correct reason for HI solution turning brown on exposure to air?
(*a*) HI reacts with H_2O to form I_2.
(*b*) HI dissolves NO_2.
(*c*) HI reacts with O_2 to form I_2.
(*d*) HI reacts with N_2 and O_2 to form NO_2.
(J.K. CET 2018)

Answers

B52. (*a*)	**B53.** (*a*)	**B54.** (*b*)	**B55.** (*d*)	**B56.** (*a*)	**B57.** (*a*)	**B58.** (*b*)	**B59.** (*c*)	**B60.** (*b*)	**B61.** (*c*)
B62. (*d*)	**B63.** (*a*)	**B64.** (*d*)	**B65.** (*c*)	**B66.** (*a*)	**B67.** (*c*)	**B68.** (*c*)	**B69.** (*a*)	**B70.** (*c*)	

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B71. Cl_2O_7 is the anhydride of
(a) HOCl (b) $HClO_2$
(c) $HClO_3$ (d) $HClO_4$ *(WB JEE 2018)*

B72. At room temperature, the reaction between water and fluorine produces
(a) HF and H_2O_2 (b) HF, O_2 and F_2O_2
(c) F^-, O_2 and H^+ (d) HOF and HF.
(WB JEE 2018)

B73. When SO_2 gas is passed into aqueous Na_2CO_3, the product(s) formed is (are)
(a) $NaHSO_4$ (b) Na_2SO_4
(c) $NaHSO_3$ (d) Na_2SO_3 and $NaHSO_3$
(e) $NaHSO_4$ and Na_2SO_4 *(Kerala PET 2018)*

B74. Select the correct option(s) for the following statements.
1. Cl_2O and ClO_2 are used as bleaching agents.
2. OCl^- salts are used as detergents.
3. OCl^- disproportionates in alkaline medium.
4. BrO_3^- is oxidized in acidic medium.

(a) 1, 2, 3 correct (b) 2, 3, 4 correct
(c) 1, 2, 4 correct (d) 1, 3, 4 correct
(e) All are correct *(Kerala PET 2018)*

B75. Maximum number of covalent bonds formed by N and P are
(a) 3, 5 (b) 3, 6
(c) 3, 4, 5 (d) 3, 4, 6 *(Kerala PET 2018)*

B76. Consider the following statements concerning N_2H_4.
1. It is an exothermic compound.
2. It burns in air with the evolution of heat.
3. It has kinetic stability.
4. It reduces Fe^{3+} to Fe^{2+} in acidic medium.

Which of the following combination is correct?
(a) 2 and 3 are correct (b) 1 and 2 are correct
(c) All are correct (d) 3 and 4 are correct
(e) 2, 3 and 4 are correct
(Kerala PET 2018)

B77. Consider the following compounds
1. $(NH_4)_2CrO_7$ 2. NH_4NO_2
3. NH_4VO_3 4. NH_4NO_3

Which compound(s) yield nitrogen gas upon heating?
(a) 1 and 2 (b) 2 and 3
(c) 3 and 4 (d) 1 and 4
(e) All
(Kerala PET 2018)

B78. Very pure N_2 can be obtained by
(a) thermal decomposition of ammonium dichromate
(b) treating aqueous solution of NH_4Cl and $NaNO_2$
(c) liquefaction and fractional deistillation of liquid air
(d) thermal decomposition of sodium azide
(Karnataka CET 2018)

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B79. The reaction of P_4 with X leads selectively to P_4O_6. The X is
(a) Dry O_2 (b) A mixture of O_2 and N_2
(c) Moist O_2
(d) O_2 in the presence of aqueous NaOH *(I.I.T. 2009)*

B80. Extra pure N_2 can be obtained by heating
(a) NH_3 with CuO (b) NH_4NO_3
(c) $(NH_4)_2Cr_2O_7$ (d) $Ba(N_3)_2$ *(I.I.T. JEE 2011)*

B81. The reaction of white phosphorus with aqueous NaOH gives phosphine along with another phosphorus containing compound. The reaction type; the oxidation states of phosphorus in phosphine and the other product are respectively.
(a) redox reaction; – 3 and – 5
(b) redox reaction; + 3 and + 5
(c) disproportionation reaction; – 3 and + 5
(d) disproportionation reaction; – 3 and + 3
(I.I.T. J.E.E. 2012)

B82. Concentrated nitric acid, upon long standing, turns yellow-brown due to the formation of
(a) NO (b) NO_2
(c) N_2O (d) N_2O_4 *(J.E.E. Advance 2013)*

B83. The product formed in the reaction of $SOCl_2$ with white phosphorus is
(a) PCl_3 (b) SO_2Cl_2
(c) SCl_2 (d) $POCl_3$ *(JEE Advance 2014)*

B84. Under ambient conditions, the total number of gases released as products in the final step of the reaction scheme shown below is

$XeF_6 \xrightarrow{\text{Complete hydrolysis}} P + \text{other product} \xrightarrow{OH^-/H_2O} Q \xrightarrow[\text{in } OH^-/H_2O]{\text{slow disproportionation}} \text{products}$

(a) 0 (b) 1
(c) 2 (d) 3 *(JEE Advance 2014)*

B85. The order of the oxidation state of the phosphorus atom in H_3PO_2, H_3PO_4, H_3PO_3, and $H_4P_2O_6$ is
(a) $H_3PO_4 > H_3PO_2 > H_3PO_3 > H_4P_2O_6$
(b) $H_3PO_2 > H_3PO_3 > H_4P_2O_6 > H_3PO_4$
(c) $H_3PO_3 > H_3PO_2 > H_3PO_4 > H_4P_2O_6$
(d) $H_3PO_4 > H_4P_2O_6 > H_3PO_3 > H_3PO_2$
(JEE Advance 2017)

Answers

B71. (d) **B72.** (c) **B73.** (d) **B74.** (a) **B75.** (a) **B76.** (e) **B77.** (a) **B78.** (d) **B79.** (b) **B80.** (d)
B81. (c) **B82.** (b) **B83.** (a) **B84.** (c) **B85.** (d)

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C MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS
with more than one correct answer

C1. White phosphorus has
(*a*) four P—P bonds (*b*) bond angle ∠PPP = 60°
(*c*) six P—P bonds (*d*) polymeric structure.

C2. A solution of colourless salt H on boiling with excess NaOH produces a non-flammable gas. The gas evolution ceases after some time. Upon addition of Zn dust to the same solution, the gas evolution restarts. The colourless salt(s) H is (are)
(*a*) NH_4NO_3 (*b*) NH_4NO_2
(*c*) NH_4Cl (*d*) $(NH_4)_2SO_4$ *(I.I.T. 2008)*

C3. Nitrogen oxide(s) that contain(s) N—N bond(s) is (are)
(*a*) N_2O (*b*) N_2O_3
(*c*) N_2O_4 (*d*) N_2O_5 *(I.I.T. JEE 2009)*

C4. Ionization potential values of noble gases decrease down the group with increase in atomic size. Xenon forms binary fluorides by the direct reaction of elements. Identify the correct statement(s) from below:
(*a*) Only the heavier noble gases form such compounds.
(*b*) It happens because the noble gases have higher ionization energies.
(*c*) It happens because the compounds are formed with electronegative ligands.
(*d*) Octet of electrons provide the stable arrangements.
(J.E.E. Advanced 2015)

C5. The correct statement(s) regarding, (*i*) HClO, (*ii*) $HClO_2$, (*iii*) $HClO_3$ and (*iv*) $HClO_4$, is(are)
(*a*) The number of Cl=O bonds in (*ii*) and (*iii*) together is two
(*b*) The number of lone pairs of electrons in Cl in (*ii*) and (*iii*) together is three
(*c*) The hybridization of Cl in (*iv*) is sp^3
(*d*) Amongst (*i*) to (*iv*), the strongest acid is (*i*)
(J.E.E. Advanced 2015)

C6. The nitrogen containing compound produced in the reaction of HNO_3 with P_4O_{10}
(*a*) can also be prepared by reaction of P_4 and HNO_3
(*b*) is diamagnetic
(*c*) contains one N—N bond
(*d*) reacts with Na metal producing brown gas.
(JEE Advance 2016)

C7. The compounds with two lone pairs of electrons on the central atom is/are
(*a*) ClF_3 (*b*) BrF_5
(*c*) XeF_4 (*d*) SF_4 *(JEE Advance 2016)*

C8. The colour of the X_2 molecules of group 17 elements changes gradually from yellow to violet down the group. This is due to
(*a*) the physical state of X_2 at room temperature changes from gas to solid down the group
(*b*) decrease in HOMO-LUMO gap down the group
(*c*) decrease in π^*–σ^* gap down the group
(*d*) decrcease in ionization energy down the group.
(JEE Advance 2017)

C9. The correct statement(s) about the oxoacids, $HClO_4$ and HClO, is(are)
(*a*) the conjugate base of $HClO_4$ is weaker base than H_2O
(*b*) the central atom in both $HClO_4$ and HClO is sp^3 hybridized
(*c*) $HClO_4$ is formed in the reaction between Cl_2 and H_2O
(*d*) $HClO_4$ is more acidic than HClO because of the resonance stabilization of its anion.
(JEE Advance 2017)

C10. White phosphorus P_4 has the following characteristics
(*a*) 6 P – P single bonds
(*b*) 4 P – P single bonds
(*c*) 4 lone pair of electrons
(*d*) P – P – P angle of 60° *(WB JEE 2018)*

C11. The compound(s) which generate(s) N_2 gas upon thermal decomposition below 300 °C is (are)
(*a*) NH_4NO_3 (*b*) $(NH_4)_2Cr_2O_7$
(*c*) $Ba(N_3)_2$ (*d*) Mg_3N_2 *(JEE Advance 2018)*

C12. Based on the compounds of group 15 elements, the correct statement(s) is (are)
(*a*) Bi_2O_5 is more basic than N_2O_5
(*b*) NF_3 is more covalent than BiF_3
(*c*) PH_3 boils at lower temperature than NH_3
(*d*) the N–N single bond is stronger than the P–P single bond. *(JEE Advance 2018)*

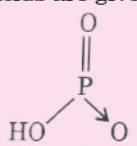
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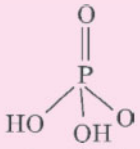
D MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS
based on the given passage/comprehension

Passage I.

Phosphorus forms a variety of oxyacids. In all these, phosphorus is sp^3 hybridised and is tetrahedrally bonded to four neighbouring atoms. These contain P—OH bonds, the hydrogen of which are ionisable giving acidic character to these compounds. These also contain P—H bonds in which hydrogens are not ionisable because P and H have nearly same electronegativity. The presence of P—H group in these oxyacids is responsible for their reducing properties. The structures of some oxyacids are given below :



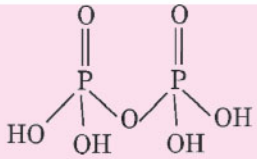
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(A)

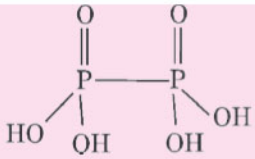


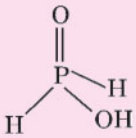
ortho-phosphoric acid
(B)

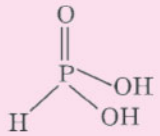
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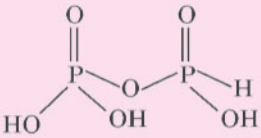
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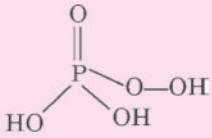

Pyrophosphoric acid (C)


Hypophosphoric acid (D)


Hypophosphorus acid (E)


Phosphorus acid (F)


Pyrophosphorous acid (G)


Peroxomonophosphoric acid (H)

Answer the following questions :

D1. The oxyacid of P having tetrabasicity is/are
(*a*) C and H (*b*) C and E
(*c*) C and D (*d*) B and E

D2. Which of the acids show reducing properties ?
(*a*) E, F and G (*b*) E, G and H
(*c*) E only (*d*) E and F

D3. Monobasic oxyacids of phosphorus is/are
(*a*) H and E (*b*) A and E
(*c*) C and G (*d*) E only

D4. Which of these can exist as polymeric ?
(*a*) A and E (*b*) A only
(*c*) C and G (*d*) H only.

D5. Which of these is dibasic as well as reducing ?
(*a*) E (*b*) A
(*c*) G (*d*) F.

Passage II.

There are some deposits of nitrates and phosphates in earth's crust. Nitrates are more soluble in water. Nitrates are difficult to reduce under the laboratory conditions but microbes do it easily. Ammonia forms large number of complexes with transition metal ions. Hybridization easily explains the ease of sigma donation capability of NH_3 and PH_3. Phosphine is a flammable gas and is prepared from white phosphorus.

Answer the following questions :

D6. Among the following, the correct statement is
(*a*) Phosphates have no biological significance in humans
(*b*) Between nitrates and phosphates, phosphates are less abundant in earth's crust
(*c*) Between nitrates and phosphates, nitrates are less abundant in earth's crust
(*d*) Oxidation of nitrates is possible in soil.

D7. Among the following, the correct statement is
(*a*) Between NH_3 and PH_3, NH_3 is a better electron donor because the lone pair of electrons occupies spherical '*s*' orbital and is less directional.
(*b*) Between NH_3 and PH_3, PH_3 is a better electron donor because the lone pair of electrons occupies sp^3 orbital and is more directional
(*c*) Between NH_3 and PH_3, NH_3 is a better electron donor because the lone pair of electrons occupies sp^3 orbital and is more directional
(*d*) Between NH_3 and PH_3, PH_3 is a better electron donor because the lone pair of electrons occupies spherical '*s*' orbital and is less directional.

D8. White phosphorus on reaction with NaOH gives PH_3 as one of the products. This is a
(*a*) dimerization reaction (*b*) disproportionation reaction
(*c*) condensation reaction (*d*) precipitation reaction.

Passage III.

The reactions of Cl_2 gas with cold-dilute and hot-concentrated NaOH in water give sodium salts of two (different) oxoacids of chlorine, P and Q, respectively. The Cl_2 gas reacts with SO_2 gas, in the presence of charcoal, to give a product R. R reacts with white phosphorus to give a compound S. On hydrolysis, S gives an oxoacid of phosphorus, T.

Answer the following questions :

D9. R, S and T, respectively, are
(*a*) SO_2Cl_2, PCl_5 and H_3PO_4
(*b*) SO_2Cl_2, PCl_3 and H_3PO_3
(*c*) $SOCl_2$, PCl_3 and H_3PO_2
(*d*) $SOCl_2$, PCl_5 and H_3PO_4

D10. P and Q, respectively are the sodium salts of
(*a*) hypochlorous and chloric acids
(*b*) hypochlorous and chlorous acids
(*c*) chloric and perchloric acids
(*d*) chloric and hypochlorous acids. *(I.I.T. 2013)*

Passage IV.

Upon heating $KClO_3$ in the presence of catalytic amount of MnO_2, a gas W is formed. Excess amount of W reacts with white phosphorus to give X. The reaction of X with pure HNO_3 gives Y and Z.

Answer the following questions :

D11. Y and Z are, respectively
(*a*) N_2O_5 and HPO_3 (*b*) N_2O_3 and H_3PO_4
(*c*) N_2O_4 and H_3PO_3 (*d*) N_2O_4 and HPO_3
(JEE Advance 2017)

D12. W and X are, respectively
(*a*) O_2 and P_4O_6 (*b*) O_2 and P_4O_{10}
(*c*) O_3 and P_4O_6 (*d*) O_3 and P_4O_{10}
(JEE Advance 2017)

Answers

Passage I. **D1.** (*c*) **D2.** (*a*) **D3.** (*d*) **D4.** (*a*) **D5.** (*d*). **Passage II.** **D6.** (*c*) **D7.** (*c*) **D8.** (*b*).
Passage III. **D9.** (*a*) **D10.** (*a*). **Passage IV.** **D11.** (*a*) **D12.** (*b*).

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Assertion Reason Type Questions

The questions given below consist of an Assertion and Reason. Use the following key to choose the appropriate answer.

(*a*) If both assertion and reason are CORRECT and reason is the correct explanation of the assertion.

(*b*) If both assertion and reason are CORRECT, but reason is NOT THE CORRECT explanation of the assertion.

(*c*) If assertion is CORRECT but, reason is INCORRECT.

(*d*) If assertion is INCORRECT but, reason is CORRECT.

(*e*) If both assertion and reason are INCORRECT.

1. Assertion : Ozone is a powerful oxidising agent in comparison to O_2.
Reason : Ozone is diamagnetic but O_2 is paramagnetic. (*A.I.I.M.S. 2005*)

2. Assertion : F_2 has low reactivity.
Reason : F—F bond has low bond dissociation enthalpy. (*A.I.I.M.S. 2002*)

3. Assertion : F—F bond in F_2 molecule is strong.
Reason : F atom is small in size.

4. Assertion : P_4 is more reactive than N_2.
Reason : P—P single bond in P_4 is much weaker than N≡N in N_2 molecule.

5. Assertion : Xenon forms fluorides.
Reason : Because 5*d*-orbitals are available for valence shell expansion. (*A.I.I.M.S. 2003*)

6. Assertion : $HClO_4$ is stronger acid than $HClO_3$.
Reason : Oxidation state of Cl in $HClO_4$ is +7 and in $HClO_3$ is +5.

7. Assertion : Iodine dissolves in aqueous solution of potassium iodide.
Reason : Potassium iodide behaves as an organic solvent and therefore, dissolves non-polar iodine.

8. Assertion : $HClO_4$ is less acidic than $HBrO_4$.
Reason : $HClO_4$ ionises less in water than $HBrO_4$.

9. Assertion : H_3PO_3 is a dibasic acid.
Reason : There are two H atoms directly bonded to P.

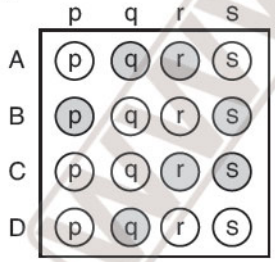
10. Assertion : Reaction of SO_2 and H_2S in the presence of Fe_2O_3 catalyst gives elemental sulphur.
Reason : SO_2 is reducing agent.

Answers

1. (*b*) **2.** (*d*) **3.** (*d*) **4.** (*a*) **5.** (*a*) **6.** (*b*) **7.** (*c*) **8.** (*e*) **9.** (*c*) **10.** (*b*)

Matrix Match Type Questions

Each question contains statements given in two columns, which have to be matched. Statements in Column I are labelled as A, B, C and D whereas statements in Column II are labelled as *p*, *q*, *r* and *s*. Match the entries of Column I with appropriate entries of Column II. Each entry in Column I may have one or more than one correct option from Column II. The answers to these questions have to be appropriately bubbled as illustrated in the following example.



If the correct matches are A-*q*, A-*r*, B-*p*, B-*s*, C-*r*, C-*s* and D-*q*, then the correctly bubbled matrix will look like the following:

1. Match the compound in Column I with the property in Column II.

Column I	Column II
(A) Pyrophosphoric acid	(*p*) Dibasic
(B) Thiosulphuric acid	(*q*) has oxidiation of +3 of central atom
(C) Orthophosphoric acid	(*r*) has +5 oxidation state of central atom
(D) Phosphoric acid	(*s*) tribasic

2. Match the compound in Column I with the property in Column II.

Column I	Column II
(A) XeF_6	(*p*) has square pyramidal structure
(B) BrF_5	(*q*) does not exist
(C) XeF_4	(*r*) has +5 oxidation state of central atom
(D) FCl_3	(*s*) gets hydrolysed.

3. Match each of the reactions given in Column I with the corresponding product(s) given in Column II.

Column I	Column II
(A) Cu + dil. H_2SO_4	(*p*) NO
(B) Cu + conc. HNO_3	(*q*) NO_2
(C) Zn + dil. HNO_3	(*r*) N_2O
(D) Zn + conc. HNO_3	(*s*) $Cu(NO_3)_2$
	(*t*) $Zn(NO_3)_2$

(*I.I.T. 2009*)

Answers

(1) : (A) – (*r*) (B) – (*p*) (C) – (*r*), (*s*) (D) – (*p*), (*q*)
(2) : (A) – (*s*) (B) – (*p*), (*r*), (*s*) (C) – (*p*), (*s*) (D) – (*q*)
(3) : (A) – (*p*), (*s*) (B) – (*q*), (*s*) (C) – (*r*), (*t*) (D) – (*q*), (*t*)

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Matching Type Questions

Match the entries of **column I** with appropriate entries of **column II** and choose the correct option out of the four options (*a*), (*b*), (*c*), or (*d*) given at the end of each question.

1. The incomplete chemical reactions given in **List I** show missing reagent or conditions (?) which are provided in **List II**. Match **List I** with **List II** and select the correct answer using the code given below the lists.

List I		List II
P.	$PbO_2 + H_2SO_4 \xrightarrow{?} PbSO_4 + O_2$	**1.** NO
Q.	$Na_2S_2O_3 + H_2O \xrightarrow{?} NaHSO_4$	**2.** I_2
R.	$N_2H_4 \xrightarrow{?} N_2$ + other products	**3.** Warm
S.	$XeF_6 \xrightarrow{?} Xe$ + other products	**4.** Cl_2

	P	Q	R	S
(*a*)	4	2	3	1
(*b*)	3	2	1	4
(*c*)	1	4	2	3
(*d*)	3	4	2	1

(*I.I.T. (Advance) 2013*)

2. Math the compound given in **List I** with structure and number of lone pairs in **List II**.

List I	List II
P. $XeOF_4$	**1.** T shaped, 2
Q. ClF_3	**2.** Square, 2
R. ICl_2^-	**3.** Square pyramidal, 1
S. ICl_4^-	**4.** Linear, 3

	P	Q	R	S
(*a*)	3	2	4	1
(*b*)	3	1	4	2
(*c*)	2	1	4	3
(*d*)	1	3	4	2

(*I.I.T. Advance 2014*)

Answers

1. (*d*) **2.** (*b*)

Integer Type or Numerical Value Type Questions

Integer Type: The answer to each of the following question is a **single-digit**-integer ranging from 0 to 9.

1. The number of molecules/ions having one lone pair of electrons among the following

AsH_3, $XeOF_4$, ClF_3, SF_4, XeO_3, XeF_2, SO_2, XeF_4, ICl_4^-, BrO_3^-, $XeOF_2$, XeF_6 is

2. The number of oxoacids of sulphur having oxidation state of + 6 among : sulphuric acid, dithionous acid, pyrosulphuric acid, peroxomonosulphuric acid, sulphurous acid, thiosulphuric acid, peroxodisulphuric acid is

3. The number of acidic oxides among N_2O_5, Cl_2O_7, Al_2O_3, CO, P_4O_{10}, Fe_2O_3, MgO, CO_2, SO_2, SO_3, NO, Na_2O is

4. Total number of dibasic acids among H_3PO_4, $H_4P_2O_7$, $H_4P_2O_6$, H_3PO_5, H_3PO_3, $H_4P_2O_5$, H_3PO_2 is

5. Among phosphonic acid, phosphinic acid, pyrophosphorous acid, hypophosphorous acid, hypophosphoric acid, orthophosphoric acid, diphosphoric acid, metaphosphoric acid, peroxophosphoric acid, the acids having +3 oxidation state of P are

6. The difference in the oxidation numbers of the two types of sulphur atoms in $Na_2S_4O_6$ is

(*I.I.T. JEE 2011*)

7. Reaction of Br_2 with Na_2CO_3 in aqueous solution gives sodium bromide and sodium bromate with evolution of CO_2 gas. The number of sodium bromide molecules involved in the balanced chemical equation is

(*I.I.T. JEE 2011*)

8. Among the following, the number of compounds that can react with PCl_5 to give $POCl_3$ is O_2, CO_2, SO_2, H_2O, H_2SO_4, P_4O_{10}.

(*I.I.T. 2011*)

9. The difference between the number of lone pairs and P – O bonds in P_4O_6 molecule is

10. The total number of lone pairs of elections in N_2O_3 is

(*JEE Advance 2015*)

Answers

1. 7. **2.** 4. **3.** 6. **4.** 2. **5.** 2. **6.** 5 **7.** 5 **8.** 5 **9.** 4 **10.** 8

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NCERT Exemplar Problems

Objective Questions

Multiple Choice Questions (Type-I)

1. On addition of conc. H_2SO_4 to a chloride salt, colourless fumes are evolved but in case of iodide salt, violet fumes come out. This is because
(a) H_2SO_4 reduces HI to I_2 (b) HI is of violet colour
(c) HI gets oxidised to I_2 (d) HI changes to HIO_3

2. In qualitative analysis, when H_2S is passed through an aqueous solution of salt acidified with dil. HCl, a black precipitate is obtained. On boiling the precipitate with dil. HNO_3, it forms a solution of blue colour. Addition of excess of aqueous solution of ammonia to this solution gives _____.
(a) deep blue precipitate of $Cu(OH)_2$
(b) deep blue solution of $[Cu(NH_3)_4]^{2+}$
(c) deep blue solution of $Cu(NO_3)_2$
(d) deep blue solution of $Cu(OH)_2.Cu(NO_3)_2$

3. In a cyclotrimetaphosphoric acid molecule, how many single and double bonds are present?
(a) 3 double bonds; 9 single bonds
(b) 6 double bonds; 6 single bonds
(c) 3 double bonds; 12 single bonds
(d) Zero double bonds; 12 single bonds

4. Which of the following elements can be involved in $p\pi$–$d\pi$ bonding?
(a) Carbon (b) Nitrogen
(c) Phosphorus (d) Boron

5. Which of the following pairs of ions are isoelectronic and isostructural?
(a) CO_2^{3-}, NO_3^- (b) ClO_3^-, CO_3^{2-}
(c) SO_3^{2-}, NO_3^- (d) ClO_3^-, SO_3^{2-}

6. Affinity for hydrogen decreases in the group from fluorine to iodine. Which of the halogen acids should have highest bond dissociation enthalpy?
(a) HF (b) HCl
(c) HBr (d) HI

7. Bond dissociation enthalpy of E—H (E = element) bonds is given below. Which of the compounds will act as strongest reducing agent?

Compound	NH_3	PH_3	AsH_3	SbH_3
Δ_{diss} (E—H)/kJ mol^{-1}	389	322	297	255

(a) NH_3 (b) PH_3
(c) AsH_3 (d) SbH_3

8. On heating with concentrated NaOH solution in an inert atmosphere of CO_2, white phosphorus gives a gas. Which of the following statement is **incorrect** about the gas?
(a) It is highly poisonous and has smell like rotten fish.
(b) It's solution in water decomposes in the presence of light.
(c) It is more basic than NH_3.
(d) It is less basic than NH_3.

9. Which of the following acids forms three series of salts?
(a) H_3PO_2 (b) H_3BO_3
(c) H_3PO_4 (d) H_3PO_3

10. Strong reducing behaviour of H_3PO_2 is due to
(a) Low oxidation state of phosphorus
(b) Presence of two –OH groups and one P–H bond
(c) Presence of one –OH group and two P–H bonds
(d) High electron gain enthalpy of phosphorus

11. On heating lead nitrate forms oxides of nitrogen and lead. The oxides formed are _____.
(a) N_2O, PbO (b) NO_2, PbO
(c) NO, PbO (d) NO, PbO_2

12. Which of the following elements does not show allotropy?
(a) Nitrogen (b) Bismuth
(c) Antimony (d) Arsenic

13. Maximum covalency of nitrogen is _____.
(a) 3 (b) 5
(c) 4 (d) 6

14. Which of the following statements is wrong?
(a) Single N–N bond is stronger than the single P–P bond.
(b) PH_3 can act as a ligand in the formation of coordination compound with transition elements.
(c) NO_2 is paramagnetic in nature.
(d) Covalency of nitrogen in N_2O_5 is four.

15. A brown ring is formed in the ring test for NO_3^- ion. It is due to the formation of
(a) $[Fe(H_2O)_5(NO)]^{2+}$ (b) $FeSO_4.NO_2$
(c) $[Fe(H_2O)_4(NO)_2]^{2+}$ (d) $FeSO_4.HNO_3$

16. Elements of group-15 form compounds in +5 oxidation state. However, bismuth forms only one well characterised compound in +5 oxidation state. The compound is
(a) Bi_2O_5 (b) BiF_5
(c) $BiCl_5$ (d) Bi_2S_5

17. On heating ammonium dichromate and barium azide separately we get
(a) N_2 in both cases
(b) N_2 with ammonium dichromate and NO with barium azide
(c) N_2O with ammonium dichromate and N_2 with barium azide
(d) N_2O with ammonium dichromate and NO_2 with barium azide

Answers

1. (c) **2.** (b) **3.** (a) **4.** (c) **5.** (a) **6.** (a) **7.** (d) **8.** (c) **9.** (c) **10.** (c)
11. (b) **12.** (a) **13.** (c) **14.** (a) **15.** (a) **16.** (b) **17.** (a)

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18. In the preparation of HNO_3, we get NO gas by catalytic oxidation of ammonia. The moles of NO produced by the oxidation of two moles of NH_3 will be _____.
(*a*) 2 (*b*) 3
(*c*) 4 (*d*) 6

19. The oxidation state of central atom in the anion of compound NaH_2PO_2 will be _____.
(*a*) +3 (*b*) +5
(*c*) +1 (*d*) –3

20. Which of the following is **not** tetrahedral in shape?
(*a*) NH_4^+ (*b*) $SiCl_4$
(*c*) SF_4 (*d*) SO_4^{2-}

21. Which of the following are peroxoacids of sulphur?
(*a*) H_2SO_5 and $H_2S_2O_8$ (*b*) H_2SO_5 and $H_2S_2O_7$
(*c*) $H_2S_2O_7$ and $H_2S_2O_8$ (*d*) $H_2S_2O_6$ and $H_2S_2O_7$

22. Hot conc. H_2SO_4 acts as moderately strong oxidising agent. It oxidises both metals and non metals. Which of the following element is oxidised by conc. H_2SO_4 into two gaseous products?
(*a*) Cu (*b*) S (*c*) C (*d*) Zn

23. A black compound of manganese reacts with a halogen acid to give greenish yellow gas. When excess of this gas reacts with NH_3 an unstable trihalide is formed. In this process the oxidation state of nitrogen changes from _____.
(*a*) – 3 to +3 (*b*) – 3 to 0
(*c*) – 3 to +5 (*d*) 0 to – 3

24. In the preparation of compounds of Xe, Bartlett had taken $O_2^+ PtF_6^-$ as a base compound. This is because
(*a*) both O_2 and Xe have same size.
(*b*) both O_2 and Xe have same electron gain enthalpy.
(*c*) both O_2 and Xe have almost same ionisation enthalpy.
(*d*) both Xe and O_2 are gases.

25. In solid state PCl_5 is a _____.
(*a*) covalent solid
(*b*) octahedral structure
(*c*) ionic solid with $[PCl_6]^+$ octahedral and $[PCl_4]^-$ tetrahedra
(*d*) ionic solid with $[PCl_4]^+$ tetrahedral and $[PCl_6]^-$ octahedra

26. Reduction potentials of some ions are given below. Arrange them in decreasing order of oxidising power.

Ion	ClO_4^-	IO_4^-	BrO_4^-
Reduction potential E°/V	1.19V	1.65V	1.74V

(*a*) $ClO_4^- > IO_4^- > BrO_4^-$ (*b*) $IO_4^- > BrO_4^- > ClO_4^-$
(*c*) $BrO_4^- > IO_4^- > ClO_4^-$ (*d*) $BrO_4^- > ClO_4^- > IO_4^-$

27. Which of the following is isoelectronic pair?
(*a*) ICl_2, ClO_2 (*b*) BrO_2^-, BrF_2^+
(*c*) ClO_2, BrF (*d*) CN^-, O_3

Answers

18. (*a*) **19.** (*c*) **20.** (*c*) **21.** (*a*) **22.** (*c*) **23.** (*a*) **24.** (*c*) **25.** (*d*) **26.** (*c*) **27.** (*b*)

II. Multiple Choice Questions (Type-II)

Note : *In the following questions two or more options may be correct.*

28. If chlorine gas is passed through hot NaOH solution, two changes are observed in the oxidation number of chlorine during the reaction. These are _____ and _____.
(*a*) 0 to +5 (*b*) 0 to +3
(*c*) 0 to –1 (*d*) 0 to +1

29. Which of the following options are **not** in accordance with the property mentioned against them?
(*a*) $F_2 > Cl_2 > Br_2 > I_2$ – Oxidising power.
(*b*) MI > MBr > MCl > MF – Ionic character of metal halide.
(*c*) $F_2 > Cl_2 > Br_2 > I_2$ – Bond dissociation enthalpy.
(*d*) HI < HBr < HCl < HF – Hydrogen-halogen bond strength.

30. Which of the following is correct for P_4 molecule of white phosphorus?
(*a*) It has 6 lone pairs of electrons.
(*b*) It has six P–P single bonds.
(*c*) It has three P–P single bonds.
(*d*) It has four lone pairs of electrons.

31. Which of the following statements are correct?
(*a*) Among halogens, radius ratio between iodine and fluorine is maximum.
(*b*) Leaving F—F bond, all halogens have weaker X—X bond than X—X' bond in interhalogens.
(*c*) Among interhalogen compounds maximum number of atoms are present in iodine fluoride.
(*d*) Interhalogen compounds are more reactive than halogen compounds.

32. Which of the following statements are correct for SO_2 gas?
(*a*) It acts as bleaching agent in moist conditions.
(*b*) It's molecule has linear geometry.
(*c*) It's dilute solution is used as disinfectant.
(*d*) It can be prepared by the reaction of dilute H_2SO_4 with metal sulphide.

33. Which of the following statements are correct?
(*a*) All the three N—O bond lengths in HNO_3 are equal.
(*b*) All P—Cl bond lengths in PCl_5 molecule in gaseous state are equal.
(*c*) P_4 molecule in white phohsphorus have angular strain therefore white phosphorus is very reactive.
(*d*) PCl_5 is ionic in solid state in which cation is tetrahedral and anion is octahedral.

34. Which of the following orders are correct as per the properties mentioned against each?
(*a*) $As_2O_3 < SiO_2 < P_2O_3 < SO_2$ – Acid strength.
(*b*) $AsH_3 < PH_3 < NH_3$ – Enthalpy of vapouri-sation.
(*c*) S < O < Cl < F – More negative electron gain enthalpy.
(*d*) $H_2O > H_2S > H_2Se > H_2Te$ – Thermal stability.

Answers

28. (*a, c*) **29.** (*b, c*) **30.** (*b, d*) **31.** (*a, c, d*) **32.** (*a, c*) **33.** (*c, d*) **34.** (*a, d*)

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35. Which of the following statements are correct?
(*a*) S–S bond is present in $H_2S_2O_6$.
(*b*) In peroxosulphuric acid (H_2SO_5) sulphur is in +6 oxidation state.
(*c*) Iron powder along with Al_2O_3 and K_2O is used as a catalyst in the preparation of NH_3 by Haber's process.
(*d*) Change in enthalpy is positive for the preparation of SO_3 by catalytic oxidation of SO_2.

36. In which of the following reactions conc. H_2SO_4 is used as an oxidising reagent?
(*a*) $CaF_2 + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow CaSO_4 + 2HF$
(*b*) $2HI + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow I_2 + SO_2 + 2H_2O$
(*c*) $Cu + 2H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow CuSO_4 + SO_2 + 2H_2O$
(*d*) $NaCl + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow NaHSO_4 + HCl$

37. Which of the following statements are true?
(*a*) Only type of interactions between particles of noble gases are due to weak dispersion forces.
(*b*) Ionisation enthalpy of molecular oxygen is very close to that of xenon.
(*c*) Hydrolysis of XeF_6 is a redox reaction.
(*d*) Xenon fluorides are not reactive.

Answers

35. (*a, b*) **36.** (*b, c,*) **37.** (*a, b,*)

Matching Type Questions

Note : *Match the items of Column I and Column II in the following questions.*

38. Match the compounds given in Column I with the hybridisation and shape given in Column II and mark the correct option.

Column I	Column II
(A) XeF_6	(1) sp^3d^3 – distorted octahedral
(B) XeO_3	(2) sp^3d^2 – square planar
(C) $XeOF_4$	(3) sp^3 – pyramidal
(D) XeF_4	(4) $sp^3\,d^2$ square pyramidal

Code :

(*a*)	A (1)	B (3)	C (4)	D (2)
(*b*)	A (1)	B (2)	C (4)	D (3)
(*c*)	A (4)	B (3)	C (1)	D (2)
(*d*)	A (4)	B (1)	C (2)	D (3)

39. Match the formulas of oxides given in Column I with the type of oxide given in Column II and mark the correct option.

Column I	Column II
(A) Pb_3O_4	(1) Neutral oxide
(B) N_2O	(2) Acidic oxide
(C) Mn_2O_7	(3) Basic oxide
(D) Bi_2O_3	(4) Mixed oxide

Code :

(*a*)	A (1)	B (2)	C (3)	D (4)
(*b*)	A (4)	B (1)	C (2)	D (3)
(*c*)	A (3)	B (2)	C (4)	D (1)
(*d*)	A (4)	B (3)	C (1)	D (2)

40. Match the items of Columns I and II and mark the correct option.

Column I	Column II
(A) H_2SO_4	(1) Highest electron gain enthalpy
(B) CCl_3NO_2	(2) Chalcogen
(C) Cl_2	(3) Tear gas
(D) Sulphur	(4) Storage batteries

Code:

(*a*)	A (4)	B (3)	C (1)	D (2)
(*b*)	A (3)	B (4)	C (1)	D (2)
(*c*)	A (4)	B (1)	C(2)	D (3)
(*d*)	A (2)	B (1)	C (3)	D (4)

41. Match the species given in Column I with the shape given in Column II and mark the correct option.

Column I	Column II
(A) SF_4	(1) Tetrahedral
(B) BrF_3	(2) Pyramidal
(C) BrO_3^-	(3) Sea-saw shaped
(D) NH_4^+	(4) Bent T-shaped

Code :

(*a*)	A (3)	B (2)	C (1)	D (4)
(*b*)	A (3)	B(4)	C (2)	D (1)
(*c*)	A (1)	B (2)	C (3)	D (4)
(*d*)	A (1)	B (4)	C (3)	D (2)

42. Match the items of Columns I and II and mark the correct option.

Column I	Column II
(A) Its partial hydrolysis does not change oxidation state of central atom	(1) He
(B) It is used in modern diving apparatus	(2) XeF_6
(C) It is used to provide inert atmosphere for filling electrical bulbs	(3) XeF_4
(D) Its central atom is in sp^3d^2 hybridisation	(4) Ar

Code :

(*a*)	A (1)	B (4)	C (2)	D (3)
(*b*)	A (1)	B (2)	C (3)	D (4)
(*c*)	A (2)	B (1)	C (4)	D (3)
(*d*)	A (1)	B (3)	C (2)	D (4)

Answers

38. (*a*) **39.** (*b*) **40.** (*a*) **41.** (*b*) **42.** (*c*)

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Assertion and Reason Type Questions

Note : *In the following questions a statement of assertion followed by a statement of reason is given. Choose the correct answer out of the following choices.*

(*a*) Both assertion and reason are correct statements, and reason is the correct explanation of the assertion.
(*b*) Both assertion and reason are correct statements, but reason is not the correct explanation of the assertion.
(*c*) Assertion is correct, but reason is wrong statement.
(*d*) Assertion is wrong but reason is correct statement.
(*e*) Both assertion and reason are wrong statements.

43. Assertion : N_2 is less reactive than P_4.
Reason : Nitrogen has more electron gain enthalpy than phosphorus.

44. Assertion : HNO_3 makes iron passive.
Reason : HNO_3 forms a protective layer of ferric nitrate on the surface of iron.

45. Assertion : HI cannot be prepared by the reaction of KI with concentrated H_2SO_4
Reason : HI has lowest H–*X* bond strength among halogen acids.

46. Assertion : Both rhombic and monoclinic sulphur exist as S_8 but oxygen exists as O_2.
Reason : Oxygen forms $p\pi - p\pi$ multiple bond due to small size and small bond length but $p\pi - p\pi$ bonding is not possible in sulphur.

47. Assertion : NaCl reacts with concentrated H_2SO_4 to give colourless fumes with pungent smell. But on adding MnO_2 the fumes become greenish yellow.
Reason : MnO_2 oxidises HCl to chlorine gas which is greenish yellow.

48. Assertion : SF_6 cannot be hydrolysed but SF_4 can be.
Reason : Six F atoms in SF_6 prevent the attack of H_2O on sulphur atom of SF_6.

Answers

43. (*c*) **44.** (*c*) **45.** (*b*) **46.** (*a*) **47.** (*a*) **48.** (*a*)

Hints & Explanations for *Difficult Objective Type Questions*

A. *mcq with only one correct answer*

A3. (*b*) : Hypophosphoric acid is $H_4P_2O_6$
oxidation state of P = +4.

A4. (*a*) : $P_4 + 20HNO_3(conc.) \longrightarrow 4H_3PO_4 + 20NO_2 + 4H_2O$

A7. (*b*) : Ammonium nitrite ($NH_4Cl + NaNO_2$) gives N_2 on heating.

A8. (*a*) : NO_2 is a brown coloured gas.

A9. (*b*) : $2HNO_3 \xrightarrow{-H_2O} N_2O_5 + H_2O$

A10. (*a*) : NF_3 is least basic because electron pair on N is least available due to high electronegativity of F.

A11. (*d*) : $(NH_4)_2Cr_2O_7 \xrightarrow{Heat} Cr_2O_3 + N_2 + 4H_2O$

A12. (*b*) : No. of σ bonds = 16

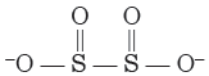
A13. (*b*) : O.S. of S in SO_3^{2-} (+4), $S_2O_4^{2-}$(+3), $S_2O_6^{2-}$(+5)

A14. (*b*) : In general, the boiling points of hydrides increase down the group. However, H_2O has highest boiling point due to hydrogen bonding. Therefore, the correct order of boiling points is: $H_2S < H_2Se < H_2Te < H_2O$
Therefore, most volatile hydride is H_2S.

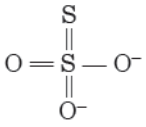
A18. (*a*) : $HCOOH \xrightarrow{H_2SO_4} CO + H_2O$

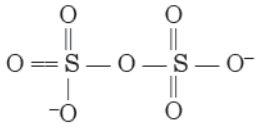
A19. (*c*) : $I_2 + 5O_3 + H_2O \longrightarrow 2HIO_3 + 5O_2$

A20. (*d*) : $S_2O_7^{2-}$ has no S–S bond because sulphur atoms are linked through O–atoms. All others have S–S bond.

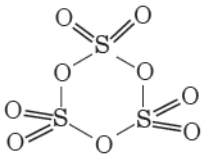








A21. (*d*) : SO_3 trimer has the structure :



There is no S–S bond.

A22. (*b*) : In F_2O, the oxidation state of oxygen is +2.

A24. (*c*) : $Na_2S_2O_3 + Cl_2 + H_2O \longrightarrow Na_2SO_4 + 2HCl + S$

A26. (*d*) : Iodine gives blue colour with starch solution.

A29. (*d*) : Bromine being stronger oxidising agent displaces weaker oxidising agent (I_2) from its salt (NaI).

$$2NaI + Br_2 \longrightarrow 2NaBr + I_2$$

A32. (*a*) : F_3^- does not exist because of the absence of *d*-orbitals in F atom.

A34. (*b*) : $Cl_2O_7 + H_2O \longrightarrow 2HClO_4$

A35. (*a*) : $XeF_4 + H_2O \xrightarrow{-80°C} XeOF_2 + 2HF$

A40. (*b*) : $XeF_6 + 3H_2O \longrightarrow XeO_3 + 6HF$

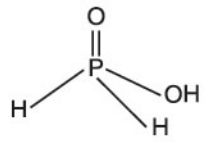
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B. *mcq from Competitive Examinations*

B4. (*b*) : $Fe_2(SO_4)_3 \xrightarrow{Heat} Fe_2O_3 + 3SO_3$

B5. (*b*) : Hypophosphorous acid is monoprotic acid.



B6. (*b*) : $3\overset{0}{Cl_2} + 6NaOH \xrightarrow[\text{(hot \& conc.)}]{} Na\overset{-1}{Cl} + Na\overset{+5}{Cl}O_3 + 3H_2O$

: In this case, oxidation state of chlorine changes from 0 to –1 and + 5 and hence is an example of disproportionation reaction.

B8. (*a*) : $HClO_4$ is the strongest acid. It has highest oxidation state (+7 for Cl) and its conjugate base is resonance stabilised.

B10. (*c*) : Reducing behaviour of H_3PO_2 is due to the presence of one —OH bond and two P—H bonds.

B11. (*b*) : OF_2 is fluoride of oxygen not oxide of fluorine because electronegativity of fluorine is more than that of oxygen.

B13. (*b*) : NO_2 is not used as food preservative but SO_2 is used as a food preservative.

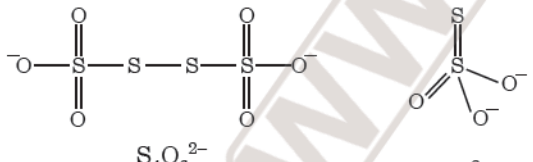
B14. (*a*) : Phosphinic acid (H_3PO_2) is monoprotic and phosphonic acid (H_3PO_3) is a diprotic acid.

B17. (*c*) : $Cu + 4HNO_3\,(conc.) \longrightarrow Cu(NO_3)_2 + 2NO_2 + 2H_2O$

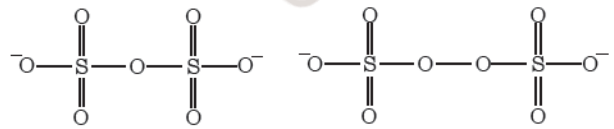
B18. (*d*) : During the reaction: $CaF_2 + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow CaSO_4 + 2HF$, the oxidation state of S remains same. Therefore, it does not behave as an oxidising agent.

B20. (*a*) : (A) XX′ (*e.g.* ClF) : (*iii*) Linear
(B) XX'_3 (*e.g.* ClF_3) : (*i*) T-shape
(C) XX'_5 (*e.g.* ClF_5) : (*iv*) Square pyramidal
(D) XX'_7 (*e.g.* IF_7) : (*ii*) Pentagonal bipyramidal

B21. (*a*) : $S_4O_6^{2-}$ and $S_2O_3^{2-}$ contain S—S bonds.



$S_4O_6^{2-}$ $S_2O_3^{2-}$

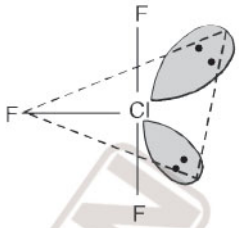


$S_2O_7^{2-}$ $S_2O_8^{2-}$

B22. (*a*) : HNO_3 (+5), NO (+2), N_2 (0), NH_4Cl (–3)

B23. (*d*) : Chlorine has the highest negative electron gain enthalpy.

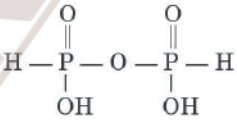
B24. (*b*) : ClF_3 has two lone pairs of electrons on Cl.



B27. (*b*) : $H_2S_2O_8$ peroxodisulphuric acid (Marshall's acid) has peroxo (– O – O –) linkage.

B28. (*c*) : Br_2 reacts with NaI only to give I_2.
$2NaI + Br_2 \longrightarrow 2NaBr + I_2$.

B29. (*a*) : Pyrophosphorous acid ($H_4P_2O_5$) is a dibasic acid because it contains two P – O – H bonds :



B30. (*b*) : Cyclotrimetaphosphoric acid is $(HPO_3)_3$.
Oxidation state of P is
$+ 1 + x + 3(-2) = 0 \therefore x = + 5$.

B32. (*a*) : ClF_3 is mainly used to produce UF_6, as a part of nuclear fuel processing and reprocessing.
$U(s) + 3ClF_3\,(g) \longrightarrow UF_6\,(g) + 3ClF\,(g)$

B33. (*a*) : The P—H bond present in H_3PO_2 imparts reducing property to the acid.
$4\,AgNO_3 + 2H_2O + H_3PO_2 \longrightarrow 4Ag + 4HNO_3 + H_3PO_4$

B34. (*c*) : $3\overset{+1}{H}OCl \longrightarrow 2H\overset{-1}{Cl} + H\overset{+5}{Cl}O_3$

B35. (*c*) : On moving down the group, the size of central atom increases. Due to this, availability of lone pair of electrons decreases. Hence the basic character decreases.

B36. (*c*) : (*ii*) $H_2PO_4^-$ because it loses a proton and therefore, it is a Bronsted acid.

B37. (*a*) : The stability of hydrides decreases from NH_3 to BiH_3 due to increase in size of the central atom.

B38. (*d*) : The oxidation state of sulphur in its compounds varies from – 2 to + 6.

B39. (*c*) : O_3 molecule is a bent molecule.

B40. (*b*) : Interhalogen compoundd (ICl) are more reactive because of weak bond between dissimilar atoms than between similar atoms in halogens.

B41. (*b*) : Down the group, van der Waals forces of attraction increase and hence Xe has the highest boiling point.

B42. (*a*) : $4Zn + 10HNO_3\,(dil.) \longrightarrow 4Zn(NO_3)_2 + N_2O + 5H_2O$
$Zn + 4HNO_3\,(conc.) \longrightarrow Zn(NO_3)_2 + 2NO_2 + 2H_2O$

B43. (*a*) : Orthophosphorous acid: H_3PO_3
Oxidation state of P = +3
Pyrophosphorous acid : $H_4P_2O_5$
Oxidation state of P = +3

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B44. (*a*) : $\overset{+4}{XeF_4} + \overset{+1}{O_2F_2} \longrightarrow \overset{+6}{XeF_6} + \overset{0}{O_2}$

Xe is oxidised from +4 to +6.

Oxygen is reduced from +1 to 0.

This is a redox reaction.

B45. (*c*) : $Cl_2 + 2NaOH \xrightarrow[\text{and dil}]{\text{cold}} NaCl + NaClO + H_2O$

B46. (*d*) : $Ba(N_3)_2 \xrightarrow{\Delta} Ba + 3N_2$

$(NH_4)_2Cr_2O_7 \xrightarrow{\Delta} N_2 + 4H_2O + Cr_2O_3$

$NH_4NO_2 \xrightarrow{\Delta} N_2 + 2H_2O$

$(NH_4)_2SO_4 \xrightarrow{\Delta} 2NH_3 + H_2SO_4$

B47. (*d*) : $2Na_2S_2O_3 + I_2 \longrightarrow Na_2S_4O_6 + 2NaI$

B50. (*e*) : Stability decreases down the group because size of central atom increases and its tendency to form covalent bond with small atom decreases.

B51. (*c*) : In group 15, catenation tendency of P is higher as compared to other elements of the group.

B52. (*a*) : In Ostwald's process, the formation of HNO_3 occurs as:

$4NH_3 + 5O_2 \xrightarrow[750-908\,^\circ C]{Pt} 4NO + 6H_2O + \text{Energy}$

$2NO + O_2 \longrightarrow 2NO_2$

$3NO_2 + H_2O \longrightarrow 2HNO_3 + NO$

B54. (*b*) : $3Cl_2 + 6NaOH(aq) \longrightarrow 5\overset{-1}{NaCl} + \underset{\text{(Hot)}}{\overset{+5}{NaCl}}O_3 + 3H_2O$

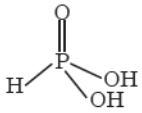
B55. (*d*) : $\underset{\text{Phosphorous acid}}{4H_3PO_3} \xrightarrow{\Delta} \underset{\text{Orthophosphoric acid}}{3H_3PO_4} + \underset{\text{Phosphine}}{PH_3}$

B56. (*a*) : $P_4 + 3NaOH + 3H_2O \xrightarrow{CO_2} PH_3 + 3NaH_2PO_4$

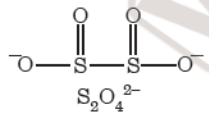
PH_3 is less basic than NH_3.

B57. (*a*) : $P_4(s) + 10\,SO_2Cl_2\,(l) \longrightarrow 4\,PCl_5(s) + 10SO_2$

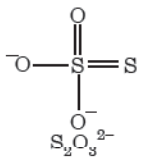
B58. (*b*) : Basicity of H_3PO_3 is two because it has two ionizable H atoms



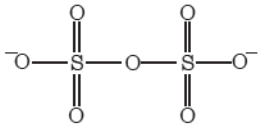
B59. (*c*) :



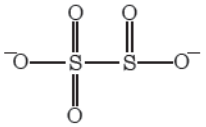
$S_2O_4^{2-}$



$S_2O_3^{2-}$



$S_2O_7^{2-}$



$S_2O_5^{2-}$

$S_2O_7^{2-}$ does not have S—S bond.

B61. (*c*) : In solid state, PCl_5 exists as $[PCl_4]^+\,[PCl_6]^-$

B62. (*d*) : Po is a metal and therefore, it does not show any negative oxidation state.

B63. (*a*) : $(NH_4)_2Cr_2O_7 \xrightarrow{\Delta} N_2 + Cr_2O_3 + 4H_2O$

B64. (*d*) : Fluorine has low F – F bond dissociation enthalpy.

B65. (*c*) : NaCl and NaClO are formed when Cl_2 reacts with cold dil. NaOH.

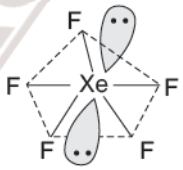
$2NaOH + Cl_2 \xrightarrow{\text{cold}} NaCl + NaClO + H_2O$

With hot NaOH, NaCl and $NaClO_3$ are formed.

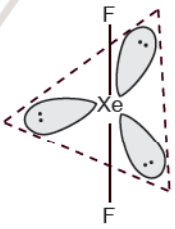
$6NaOH + 3Cl_2 \xrightarrow{\text{hot}} 5NaCl + NaClO_3 + 3H_2O$

B66. (*a*) : Nitrogen forms $p\pi$-$p\pi$ bonds with itself.

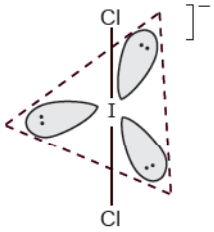
B67. (*c*) : XeF_5^- is sp^3d^3 hybridised with two lone pair of electrons. Its shape is pentagonal planar.



B68. (*c*) :



sp^3d, linear



sp^3d, linear

B69. (*a*) : $PBr_5 \rightleftharpoons [PBr_4]^+\,[Br^-]$

B70. (*c*) : HI is a strong reducing agent and its aqueous solution gets oxidised even by atmospheric oxygen.

$4HI + O_2 \longrightarrow 2H_2O + 2I_2$

B71. (*d*) : $Cl_2O_7 + H_2O \longrightarrow 2HClO_4$

$\therefore$ Cl_2O_7 is anhydride of $HClO_4$

B72. (*c*) : $2H_2O + 2F_2 \longrightarrow 4HF + O_2$ or (H^+, F^-, O_2)

B73. (*d*) : $2SO_2(g) + Na_2CO_3(aq) + H_2O(l) \longrightarrow 2NaHSO_3(aq) + CO_2$

$NaHSO_3(aq) + Na_2CO_3 \longrightarrow Na_2SO_3 + H_2O + CO_2$

Both $NaHSO_3$ and Na_2SO_3 are formed.

B74. (*a*) : Cl_2O and ClO_2 are both gases and are used to prepare $NaClO_2$ which is used as a bleaching agent.

B77. (*a*) : $(NH_4)_2Cr_2O_7 \xrightarrow{\Delta} Cr_2O_3 + N_2 + 4H_2O$

$NH_4NO_2 \xrightarrow{\Delta} N_2 + 2H_2O$

$2NH_4VO_3 \xrightarrow{\Delta} V_2O_5 + 2NH_3 + H_2O$

$NH_4NO_3 \xrightarrow{\Delta} N_2O + 2H_2O$

B78. (*d*) : $2NaN_3 \xrightarrow{\Delta} 3N_2 + 2Na$

B79. (*b*) : P_4 gives P_4O_6 when oxygen is in limited supply. Hence a mixture of O_2 and N_2 is most suitable.

$P_4 + 3O_2 \xrightarrow{N_2} P_4O_6$

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B80. (*d*) : $Ba(N_3)_2 \xrightarrow{Heat} Ba + 3N_2$.

B81. (*c*) :

$$P_4(s) + 3NaOH(aq) + 3H_2O \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Sodium hypophosphite}}{3\overset{+1}{N}aH_2\overset{+1}{P}O_2(aq)} + \underset{\text{Phosphine}}{\overset{-3}{P}H_3(g)}$$

$$3\overset{+1}{N}aH_2\overset{+1}{P}O_2(aq) \longrightarrow \overset{+5}{N}a_3\overset{+5}{P}O_4 + \overset{-3}{2}PH_3$$

In the above reactions, phosphorus undergoes simultaneous oxidation and reduction to + 5 and – 3 oxidation states respectively. The reaction in which species undergoes oxidation and reduction are called disproportionation reactions.

B82. (*b*) : Nitric acid upon long standing turns yellow brown due to decomposition by sunlight into NO_2.

$$4HNO_3 \xrightarrow{Sunlight} 4NO_2 + 2H_2O + O_2$$

B83. (*a*) : $P_4 + 8\ SOCl_2 \longrightarrow 4PCl_3 + 4\ SO_2 + 2\ S_2Cl_2$
(white)

B84. (*c*) : $XeF_6 + 3H_2O \xrightarrow{\text{Complete hydrolysis}} \underset{(P)}{XeO_3} + 6HF$

$XeO_3 \xrightarrow{OH^-/H_2O} HXeO_4^-$ (Q)

$HXeO_4^- \xrightarrow[\text{in } OH^-/H_2O]{\text{Slow disproportionation}} XeO_6^{4-} + Xe\,(g) + H_2O + O_2(g)$

Therefore 2 gases are released.

B85. (*d*) : The correct order is:

$$\overset{+5}{H_3}PO_4 > \overset{+4}{H_4}P_2O_6 > \overset{+3}{H_3}PO_3 > \overset{+1}{H_3}PO_2$$

C. *mcq with more than one correct answer*

C1. (*b, c*) : P_4 has six PP bond and each $\angle$ PPP is 60°.

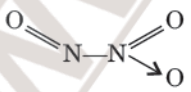
C2. (*a, b*) : $NH_4X + NaOH \longrightarrow NaX + H_2O + NH_3\uparrow$

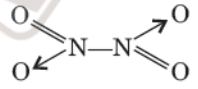
($X^- = NO_3^-, NO_2^-, Cl^-, SO_4^{2-}$)

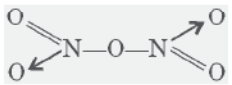
$NO_3^- + 4\ Zn + 7OH^- \longrightarrow 4ZnO_2^{2-} + 2H_2O + NH_3\uparrow$

$NO_2^- + 3\ Zn + 5OH^- \longrightarrow 3ZnO_2^{2-} + H_2O + NH_3$

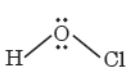
C3. (*a, b, c*) : N_2O $N\equiv N\longrightarrow O$

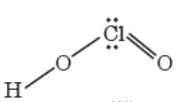
N_2O_3 

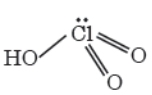
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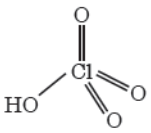
N_2O_5 

C5. (*b, c*) :


(*i*)


(*ii*)


(*iii*)


(*iv*)

(*a*) is wrong because number of Cl = O bonds in (*ii*) and (*iii*) together is three.

(*b*), (*c*) are correct.

(*d*), (*iv*) is the strongest acid.

C6. (*b, d*) : $P_4O_{10} + 4HNO_3 \longrightarrow 2N_2O_5 + 4\,HPO_3$

The nitrogen containing compound produced above is N_2O_5.

It cannot be prepared by the reaction of P_4 and HNO_3.

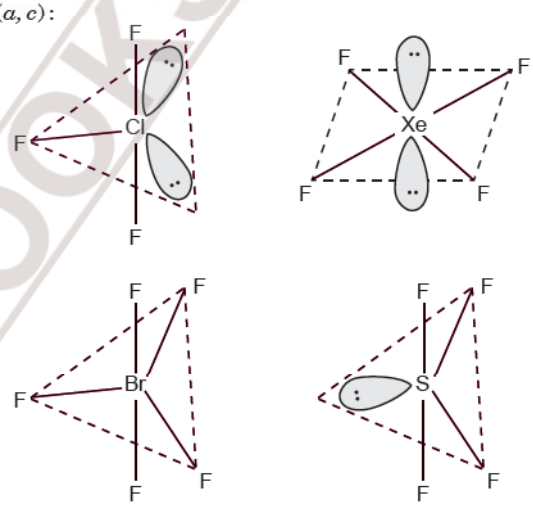
It is diamagnetic.

It does not contain N – N bond.

N_2O_5 is decomposed by alkali metals.

$N_2O_5 + Na \longrightarrow NaNO_3 + NO_2$
Brown gas.

C7. (*a, c*) :



C8. (*b, c*) : $X_2(F_2)$: $KK(\sigma 2s)^2, (\sigma^*2s)^2, (\sigma 2p_z)^2, (\pi 2p_x)^2 = (\pi 2p_y)^2,$

$\underbrace{(\pi^*2p_x)^2 = (\pi^*2p_y)^2}_{\text{HOMO}}, \underbrace{(\sigma 2p_z)^0}_{\text{(LUMO)}}$

The colours of halogens arise because of absorption of light on promoting an electron from HOMO (π^*) to LUMO (σ^*). On descending down the group, the energy levels become closer and gap between HOMO and LUMO decreases.

C11. (*b, c*) : $NH_4NO_3 \longrightarrow N_2O + H_2O$

$(NH_4)_2Cr_2O_7 \xrightarrow{\Delta} N_2 + Cr_2O_3 + 4H_2O$

$Ba(N_3)_2 \xrightarrow{\Delta} 3N_2 + Ba$

$Mg_3N_2 \xrightarrow{>700\,^\circ C} 3Mg + N_2$

Only $(NH_4)_2Cr_2O_7$ and $Ba(N_3)_2$ give N_2 on heating below 300 °C.

C12. (*a, b, c*) : Bi_2O_5 is more acidic than N_2O_5

NF_3 is more covalent than BiF_3 because of lesser electronegativity difference.

Boiling point of NH_3 is more than PH_3 because of hydrogen bonding in NH_3.

P–P bond is stronger than N–N single bond because in N due to smaller size of atoms lone pair-lone pair repulsions will be more.

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D. mcq based on passage/comprehension

D6. (*c*) : Nitrates being water soluble and as they get reduced by microbes so obviously its abundance will decrease.

D7. (*c*) : NH_3 is a stronger Lewis base than PH_3.

D8. (*b*) : $\overset{0}{P_4} + 3NaOH + 3H_2O \longrightarrow 3NaH_2\overset{+1}{P}O_2 + \overset{+3}{P}H_3$

Here P_4 is oxidized to NaH_2PO_2 and it is reduced to PH_3

D9. (*a*) : R, S and T, are respectively, SO_2Cl_2, PCl_5, H_3PO_4

$$Cl_2 + 2NaOH\ (dil) \xrightarrow{Cold} \underset{(P)}{NaCl} + NaClO + H_2O$$

$$3Cl_2 + 6NaOH\ (conc.) \xrightarrow{hot} 5NaCl + \underset{(Q)}{NaClO_3} + 3H_2O$$

P and Q are salts of hypochlorous acid (HClO) and chloric acid ($HClO_3$) respectively.

$$Cl_2 + SO_2 \xrightarrow{Charcoal} \underset{(R)}{SO_2Cl_2}$$

$$10\ SO_2Cl_2 + P_4 \longrightarrow \underset{(S)}{4PCl_5} + 10SO_2$$

$$PCl_5 + 4H_2O \longrightarrow H_3PO_4 + 5HCl$$

For Questions D11 and D12,

$$2KClO_3 \xrightarrow[MnO_2]{\Delta} 2KCl + \underset{(W)}{3O_2}$$

$$SO_2 + P_4 \xrightarrow{\Delta} \underset{(X)}{P_4O_{10}}$$

$$P_4O_{10} + 4HNO_3 \longrightarrow \underset{(Y)}{2N_2O_5} + \underset{(Z)}{4HPO_3}$$

D11. (*a*)

D12. (*b*)

Matrix Match Type Questions

3. (*p, s*) : $3Cu + 8\ \underset{(dil.)}{HNO_3} \longrightarrow 3Cu(NO_3)_2 + 4H_2O + 2NO\uparrow$

(*q, s*) : $Cu + 4\ \underset{(conc.)}{HNO_3} \longrightarrow Cu(NO_3)_2 + 2H_2O + 2NO_2\uparrow$

(*r, t*) : $4Zn + 10\ \underset{(dil.)}{HNO_3} \longrightarrow 4\ Zn(NO_3)_2 + 5\ H_2O + N_2O\uparrow$

(*q, t*) : $Zn + 4\ \underset{(conc.)}{HNO_3} \longrightarrow Zn(NO_3)_2 + 2H_2O + 2NO_2\uparrow$

Integer Type Questions

1. 7 : The molecules/ions having one lone pair of electrons are :

AsH_3, $XeOF_4$, SF_4, XeO_3, SO_2, BrO_3^-, $XeOF_2$.

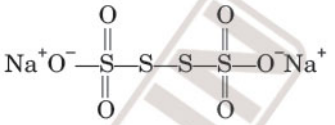
2. 4. : Sulphuric acid (H_2SO_4), pyrosulphuric acid ($H_2S_2O_7$), peroxomonosulphuric acid (H_2SO_5), peroxodisulphuric acid ($H_2S_2O_8$).

3. 6. : N_2O_5, Cl_2O_7, P_4O_{10}, CO_2, SO_2, SO_3 are acidic oxides.

4. 2. : H_3PO_3 and $H_4P_2O_5$ are dibasic acids.

5. 2. : Phosphonic acid (H_3PO_3), pyrophosphoric acid ($H_4P_2O_5$) have oxidation state of +3 for phosphorus.

6. 5. :



Sulphur has oxidation number = + 5, 0

Difference in oxidation number = 5

7. 5. : $3Br_2 + 3Na_2CO_3 \longrightarrow 5NaBr + NaBrO_3 + 3CO_2$

Number of NaBr molecules = 5

8. 5. :

$$PCl_5 + SO_2 \longrightarrow POCl_3 + SOCl_2$$

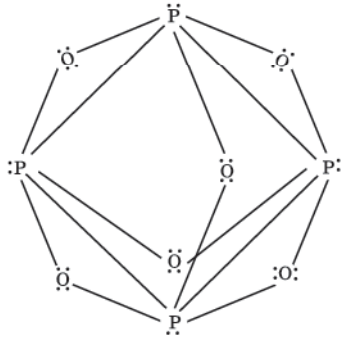
$$PCl_5 + H_2O \longrightarrow POCl_3$$

$$PCl_5 + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow POCl_3$$

$$6PCl_5 + P_4O_{10} \longrightarrow 10\ POCl_3$$

$$PCl_5 + O_2 \xrightarrow{Heat} POCl_3 + Cl_2$$

9. 4. : In the structure of P_4O_6.

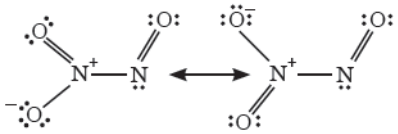


Number of lone pairs = 16

Number of P – O bonds = 12

Difference = 16 – 12 = 4

10. 8 :



It has 8 lone pairs of electrons.

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1. (*c*) : In case of iodine, the halogen acid obtained (*HI*) is oxidised to free iodine.

$$2NaI + 3H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow 2NaHSO_4 + SO_2 + I_2 + 2H_2O$$

2. (*b*) : $Cu^{2+} + H_2S \longrightarrow \underset{Black}{CuS} + 2H^+,$

$$CuS + dil\ HNO_3 \longrightarrow \underset{Blue}{Cu(NO_3)_2}$$

$$Cu(NO_3)_2 + 4NH_4OH \longrightarrow \underset{Deep\ blue}{[Cu(NH_3)_4]^{2+}}$$

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4. (*c*) : Phosphorus involves $p\pi - d\pi$ bonds.

7. (*d*) : because it has lowest bond dissociation enthalpy (E—H bond) and hence strongest reducing agent.

8. (*c*) : $4P + 3NaOH + 3H_2O \longrightarrow NaH_2PO_2 + PH_3$

PH_3 is less basic than NH_3.

9. (*c*) : Basicity of H_3PO_4 is three and it has three ionisable OH^-.

10. (*c*) : Strong reducing behaviour of H_3PO_2 is due to the presence of two P—H bonds.

11. (*b*) : $2Pb(NO_3)_2 \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} 2PbO + 4NO_2 + O_2$

13. (*c*) : Maximum covalency of nitrogen is four.

14. (*a*) : Single P—P bond is stronger than N—N bond.

16. (*b*) : Only BiF_5 is known.

17. (*a*) : $(NH_4)_2Cr_2O_7 \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} Cr_2O_3 + N_2 + 4H_2O$,

$Ba(N_3)_2 \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} Ba + 3N_2$

18. (*a*) : $4NH_3 + 5O_2 \longrightarrow 4NO + 6H_2O$

2 mol of NH_3 gives 2 mol of NO.

19. (*c*) : NaH_2PO_2 : Here $+1 + 2(+1) + x + 2(-2) = 0$

or $x = +1$

20. (*c*) : SF_4 has see saw shape because it involves sp^3d hybridisation.

21. (*a*) : H_2SO_5 (peroxomonosulphuric acid) and $H_2S_2O_8$ (peroxodisulphuric acid).

22. (*c*) : $C + 2H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow 2SO_2(g) + CO_2(g) + 2H_2O$

23. (*a*) : $MnO_2 + 2HCl \longrightarrow MnCl_2 + \underset{\text{Greenish yellow}}{Cl_2} + 2H_2O$

$NH_3 + 3Cl_2 \longrightarrow NCl_3 + 3HCl$

Oxidation state of N in NH_3 (–3) and in NCl_3 (+ 3).

25. (*d*) : $2PCl_5 \rightleftharpoons \underset{\text{tetrahedral}}{[PCl_4]^+} \quad \underset{\text{(octahedral)}}{[PCl_6]^-}$

26. (*c*) : Higher the reduction potential, stronger the reducing agent.

27. (*b*) : BrO_2^- $(35 + 2 \times 8 + 1 = 52)$ and BrF_2^+ $(35 + 2 \times 9 - 1 = 52)$ are isoelectronic.

NCERT Exemplar Problems : MCQs Type-II

28. (*a*), (*c*) : $6NaOH + 3Cl_2 \longrightarrow \underset{(O.N = 0)}{5NaCl} + \underset{(O.N = +5)}{NaClO_3} + 3H_2O$ $\quad (O.N = -1)$

29. (*b*), (*c*) : Ionic character: HF > HCl > HBr > HI

Bond dissociation enthalpy : $Cl_2 > Br_2 > F_2 > I_2$

30. (*b*), (*d*) : It has six P—P bonds and four lone pairs of electrons.

32. (*a*), (*c*) : SO_2 acts as a bleaching agent in moist conditions and its dilute solution is used as disinfectant.

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Unit Practice Test

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Time Allowed : 2 Hrs. Maximum Marks : 35

1. Which halogen has a tendency to form cations? (1)

2. Give the disproportionation reaction of H_3PO_3. (1)

3. Why is ICl more reactive than I_2? (1)

4. Name the halogen which forms only one oxoacid and write the formula of the oxoacid ? (1)

5. Arrange H_2O, H_2S and H_2Se in the decreasing order of acid strength? (1)

6. Why does $R_3P{=}O$ exist but $R_3N{=}O$ does not exist (R = alkyl group)? Explain. (2)

7. Comment on the nature of two S—O bonds formed in SO_2 molecule. Are the two S—O bonds in this molecule equal? (2)

8. Draw the structures of

(*i*) SF_4 (*ii*) XeF_4 (2)

9. Give reasons for the following :

(*i*) SF_6 is not readily hydrolysed

(*ii*) Sulphur in vapour state is paramagnetic. (2)

10. What are interhalogen compounds ? Give examples. Why are these more reactive than halogens. (2)

11. (*a*) Considering the parameters such as bond dissociation enthalpy, electron gain enthalpy and hydration enthalpy, compare the oxidising power of Cl_2 and F_2.

(*b*) Why is helium used in diving apparatus? (3)

12. Explain the following :

(*i*) NH_3 is a stronger base than PH_3.

(*ii*) Sulphur exhibits greater catenation tendency than selenium.

(*iii*) H_3PO_3 is a diprotic acid. (3)

13. Write the four oxoacids of chlorine. Explain their relative acidic character. (3)

14. Explain the chemistry of manufacture of nitric acid by Ostwald's process? How does it react with iodine? (3)

15. Complete the following chemical quations: (3)

(*i*) $Ca_3P_2\,(s) + H_2O\,(l) \longrightarrow$

(*ii*) $F_2(g)\,(g) + H_2O\,(l) \longrightarrow$

(*iii*) $Ca_3(PO_4)_2 + SiO_2 + C \longrightarrow$

16. (*a*) Nitrogen exists as diatomic molecule and phosphorus as P_4. Why?

(*b*) Write the resonating structures of NO_2 and N_2O_5.

(*c*) Give two examples to show anomalous behaviour of fluorine.

(*d*) Why is BiH_3 the strongest reducing agent amongst all the hydrides of group 15? Explain.

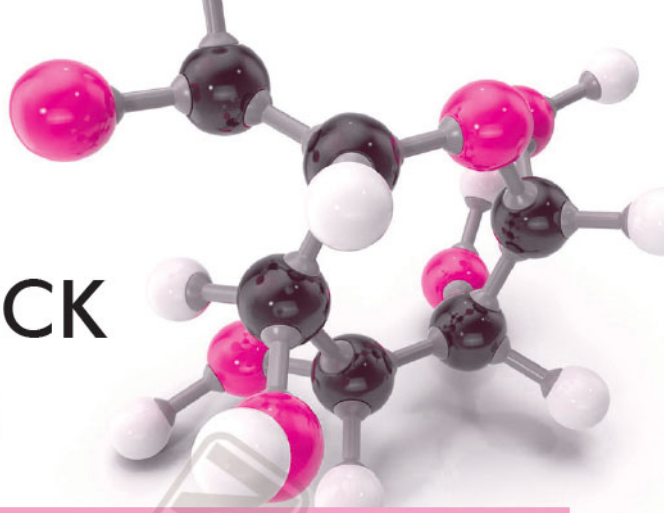
(*e*) Draw the structure of P_4O_{10}. (5)

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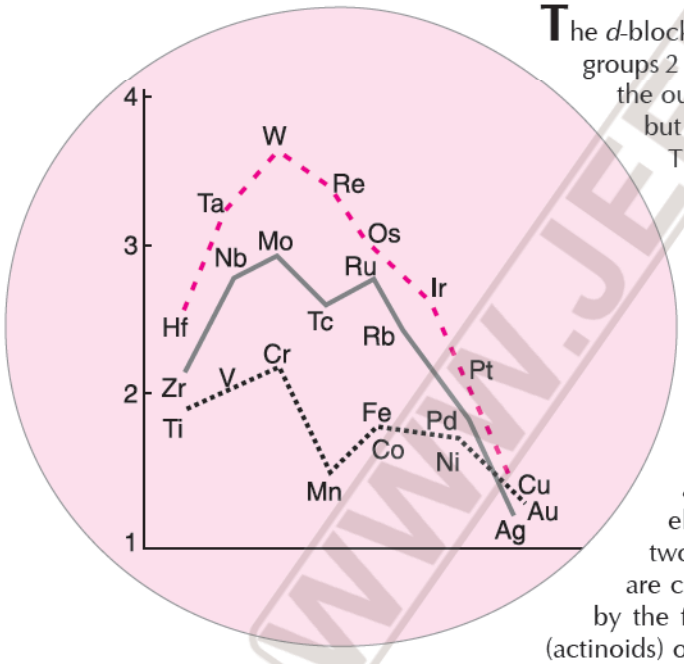
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The *d*-block consists of elements lying between *s*- and *p*-blocks *i.e.*, between groups 2 and 13, starting from fourth period and onwards. In these elements, the outermost shell contains one or two electrons in their *s*-orbital (*ns*) but the last electron enters the last but one *d*-subshell *i.e.*, $(n-1)d$. The elements of this block have general characteristic properties intermediate between the elements of *s*-block and *p*-block. The *d*-block elements are also called **transition elements.** The study of transition metals is important because the precious metals such as silver, gold and platinum and industrially important metals like iron, zinc, palladium, copper, titanium, nickel, chromium, etc. are transition elements.

The elements in which the last electron enters the *f*-orbital of the atoms are called ***f*-block elements.** In these elements, the last electron is added to the third to the outermost (called *antepenultimate*) energy shell *i.e.*, $(n-2)$ *f*. Therefore, these elements are also called **inner transition elements.** These consist of two rows of elements placed at the bottom of the periodic table and are called **lanthanoids** and **actinoids.** These two series are generated by the filling of characteristic electrons in the 4*f* (lanthanoids) and 5*f* (actinoids) orbitals.

The names *transition metals* and *inner transition* metals are often used for the *d*- and *f*- block elements respectively.

CHEMISTRY OF *d*-BLOCK ELEMENTS

TRANSITION ELEMENTS OR *d*–BLOCK ELEMENTS AND THEIR POSITIONS IN THE PERIODIC TABLE

The **transition elements** *are those* ***elements which have incompletely filled (partly filled) d-subshells in their ground state or in any one of their oxidation states.***

This definition covers coinage metals, Cu, Ag and Au (of group 11) as transition metals because in their commonly occurring oxidation states, they have partly filled *d*-subshells. For example, Cu^{2+} has $3d^9$ configuration, Ag^{2+} has $4d^9$

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configuration, Au^{3+} has $5d^8$ configuration, although all these three atoms have completely filled *d*-subshell in their elementary states (Cu : $3d^{10}$; Ag : $4d^{10}$; Au : $5d^{10}$). However, *it may be noted that the above definition does not include elements of group 12 (previously called II B) i.e., Zn, Cd and Hg.* These elements do not have partly filled *d*-subshells in their elementary state or in their commonly occurring oxidation states. However, being the end members of three transition series, these may be treated along with transition elements. They are quite similar to other transition elements in some of their chemical properties.

The *d*-block or transition elements occupy position in between *s* and *p*-block in groups 3–12 in the periodic table (Fig. 1). The name *'transition'* is given to these elements of *d*-block because of their position between *s* and *p*-block elements. They represent change (or transition) in properties from most electropositive *s*-block elements to least electropositive (or most electronegative) *p*-block elements. In their atoms, the *d*-orbitals of the penultimate $(n-1)$ energy level receive electrons.

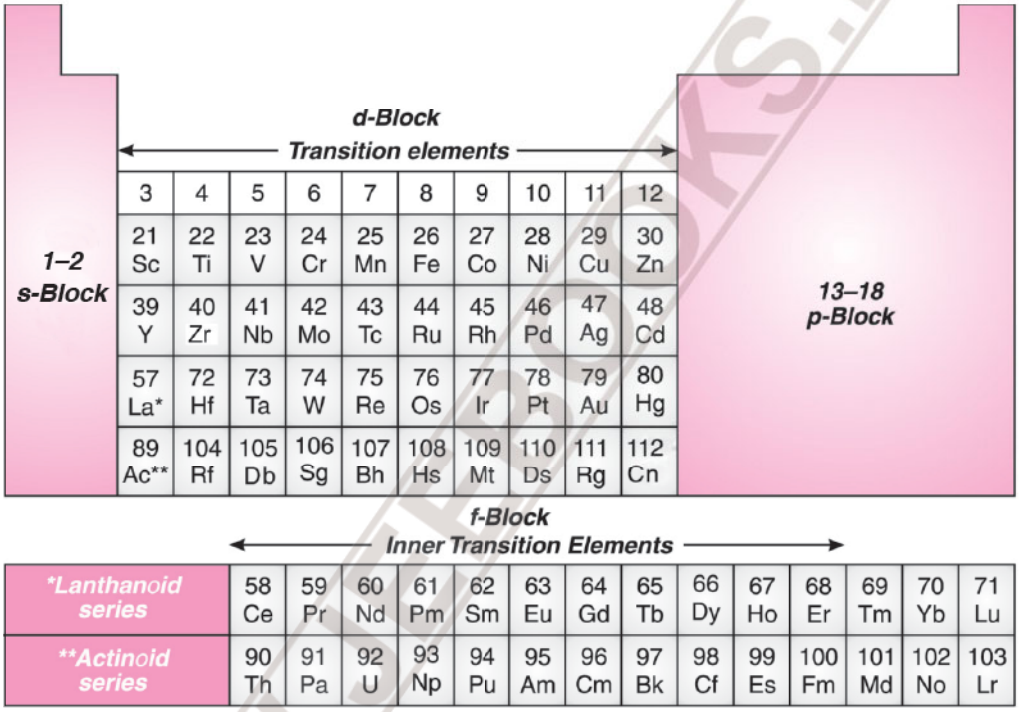


Fig. 1 Position of *d*-block and *f*-block elements in the periodic table.

ELECTRONIC CONFIGURATIONS OF TRANSITION ELEMENTS

In the transition elements, the *d-orbitals* are successively filled. The general electronic configuration for the atoms of *d*-block is : $(n-1)d^{1-10}\,ns^{1-2}$ where $(n-1)$ stands for inner shell (or *penultimate shell)* and *d*-orbitals may have one to ten electrons and the *s*-orbital of the outermost shell (n) may have one or two electrons.

The general electronic configuration of *d*-block elements is : $(n-1)d^{1-10}\,ns^{0-2}$.

Transition series

The transition elements consist of four rows of ten elements. These rows are called first, second, third and fourth **transition series** which involve the filling of 3*d*, 4*d*, 5*d* and 6*d*-orbitals respectively.

First transition series : Scandium (Z = 21) to Zinc (Z = 30)
3d-orbitals are gradually filled.

Second transition series : Yttrium (Z = 39) to Cadmium (Z = 48)
4d-orbitals are gradually filled.

Third transition series : Lanthanum (Z = 57), Hafnium (Z = 72) to Mercury (Z = 80)
5d-orbitals are gradually filled.

Fourth transition series : Actinium (Z = 89), Rutherfordium (Z = 104) to Copernicium (Z = 112)
6d-orbitals are gradually filled.

Let us discuss the electronic configurations of individual members of these series.

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First transition series

The first transition series consists of elements from scandium, Sc (Z = 21) to zinc, Zn (Z = 30) *i.e.,* scandium, titanium, vanadium, chromium, manganese, iron, cobalt, nickel, copper and zinc. In scandium, the 3*d*-orbital starts filling up and its electronic configuration is [Ar] $4s^2 3d^1$. As we move from scandium onwards, 3*d*-orbitals get filled up more and more till the last element, zinc, in which the 3*d*-orbitals are completely filled, *i.e.*, [Ar] $4s^2 3d^{10}$.

Element	Symbol	Atomic number	Electronic configuration
Scandium	Sc	21	[Ar] $3d^1 4s^2$
Titanium	Ti	22	[Ar] $3d^2 4s^2$
Vanadium	V	23	[Ar] $3d^3 4s^2$
Chromium	Cr	24	**[Ar] $3d^5 4s^1$**
Manganese	Mn	25	[Ar] $3d^5 4s^2$
Iron	Fe	26	[Ar] $3d^6 4s^2$
Cobalt	Co	27	[Ar] $3d^7 4s^2$
Nickel	Ni	28	[Ar] $3d^8 4s^2$
Copper	Cu	29	**[Ar] $3d^{10} 4s^1$**
Zinc	Zn	30	[Ar] $3d^{10} 4s^2$

Exceptional configurations of Cr and Cu.

It may be noted that the configurations of **chromium and copper are anomalous.** We know that *half-filled and completely-filled electronic configurations (i.e., d^5 and d^{10}) have extra stability associated with them.* Moreover the energy difference between 3*d* and 4*s*-orbitals is not large enough to prevent the electron entering the 3*d* orbitals. Thus, to acquire increased stability, one of the 4*s*-electrons goes to nearby 3*d*-orbitals so that 3*d*-orbitals become half- filled in case of chromium and completely-filled in case of copper. Therefore, the electronic configuration of Cr is [Ar] $3d^5 4s^1$ rather than [Ar] $3d^4 4s^2$ while that of Cu is [Ar] $3d^{10} 4s^1$ instead of [Ar] $3d^9 4s^2$.

Second transition series

The second transition series consists of elements from yttrium, Y (Z = 39) to cadmium, Cd (Z = 48), *i.e.,* yttrium, zirconium, niobium, molybdenum, technetium, ruthenium, rhodium, palladium, silver and cadmium. This series involves the filling of 4*d*-orbitals.

Element	Symbol	Atomic number	Electronic configuration
Yttrium	Y	39	[Kr] $4d^1 5s^2$
Zirconium	Zr	40	[Kr] $4d^2 5s^2$
Niobium	Nb	41	[Kr] $4d^4 5s^1$
Molybdenum	Mo	42	[Kr] $4d^5 5s^1$
Technetium	Tc	43	[Kr] $4d^6 5s^1$
Ruthenium	Ru	44	[Kr] $4d^7 5s^1$
Rhodium	Rh	45	[Kr] $4d^8 5s^1$
Palladium	Pd	46	[Kr] $4d^{10} 5s^0$
Silver	Ag	47	[Kr] $4d^{10} 5s^1$
Cadmium	Cd	48	[Kr] $4d^{10} 5s^2$

The element technetium (Tc) is a synthetic transition metal which was made artificially. This was so named, because the word technetium means *artificial*.

Third transition series

This series consists of elements lanthanum (Z = 57) and from hafnium (Z = 72) to mercury (Z = 80) *i.e.,* lanthanum (La), hafnium (Hf), tantalum (Ta), tungsten (W), rhenium (Re), osmium (Os), iridium (Ir), platinum (Pt), gold (Au) and mercury (Hg). In between lanthanum and hafnium, there are fourteen elements called **lanthanoids** which involve the filling of 4*f*-orbitals and do not

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REMEMBER

The electronic configurations of *d*-block elements have, in general, the following **characteristics**:

- an inner core of electrons with noble gas configuration *i.e.*, ns^2np^6.
- $(n-1)$ *d* orbitals are filled progressively.
- Most of these have 2 electrons in the outermost *i.e.*, *ns*-subshell. Some of the elements (*e.g.*, Cr, Cu, Nb, Mo, Tc, Ru, Rh, Ag, Pt, Au, Rg etc.) have only one electron in *ns* subshell whereas

► **Pd has no electron in the *ns*-subshell.**

Pd (Z = 46) : [Kr] $4d^{10}\ 5s^0$

- In La (Z = 57) one electron goes to 5*d*-orbital before filling of 4*f*-orbital (an exception from Aufbau order).

belong to this series. The elements of this series involve the gradual filling of 5*d*-orbitals.

Element	Symbol	Atomic number	Electronic configuration
Lanthanum	La	57	[Xe] $4f^0 5d^1 6s^2$
Hafnium	Hf	72	[Xe] $4f^{14} 5d^2 6s^2$
Tantalum	Ta	73	[Xe] $4f^{14} 5d^3 6s^2$
Tungsten	W	74	[Xe] $4f^{14} 5d^4 6s^2$
Rhenium	Re	75	[Xe] $4f^{14} 5d^5 6s^2$
Osmium	Os	76	[Xe] $4f^{14} 5d^6 6s^2$
Iridium	Ir	77	[Xe] $4f^{14} 5d^7 6s^2$
Platinum	Pt	78	[Xe] $4f^{14} 5d^9 6s^1$
Gold	Au	79	[Xe] $4f^{14} 5d^{10} 6s^1$
Mercury	Hg	80	[Xe] $4f^{14} 5d^{10} 6s^2$

It may be noted that in the second and third transition series, there are many *anomalous configurations* in comparison to those of first transition series. These are attributed to factors like nuclear-electron and electron-electron forces.

Fourth transition series

It involves the filling of 6*d*-subshell starting from actinium (Z = 89); which has the configuration $6d^1 7s^2$. It includes elements with atomic number 104 onwards as given below :

Element	Symbol	Atomic number	Electronic configuration
Actinium	Ac	89	[Rn] $5f^0 6d^1 7s^2$
Rutherfordium	Rf	104	[Rn] $5f^{14} 6d^2 7s^2$
Hafnium	Ha	105	[Rn] $5f^{14} 6d^3 7s^2$
Seaborgium	Sg	106	[Rn] $5f^{14} 6d^4 7s^2$
Bohrium	Bh	107	[Rn] $5f^{14} 6d^5 7s^2$
Hassium	Hs	108	[Rn] $5f^{14} 6d^6 7s^2$
Meitnium	Mt	109	[Rn] $5f^{14} 6d^7 7s^2$
Darmstadtium	Ds	110	[Rn] $5f^{14} 6d^8 7s^2$
Rontgenium	Rg	111	[Rn] $5f^{14} 6d^{10} 7s^1$
Copernicium	Cn	112	[Rn] $5f^{14} 6d^{10} 7s^2$

It may be noted that recently, the IUPAC has approved the name **copernicium** with symbol **Cn** for the element with atomic number 112.

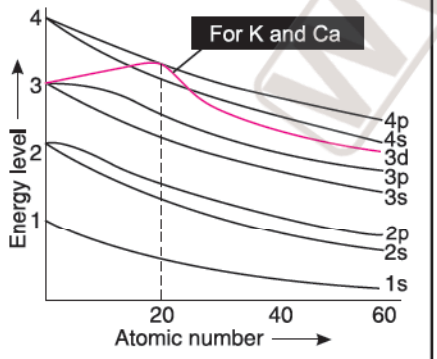


Fig. 2. Change in energy levels of various orbitals with increasing nuclear charge.

We have learnt that in all the transition metals, the *ns*-orbitals are filled before the $(n-1)$ *d*-orbitals. For example, in scandium (Z = 21), the last electron goes to 4*s*-orbital rather than 3*d*-orbital because the 4*s*-orbital lies a little lower than the 3*d*-orbital. However, it has been observed that a reversal of the relative order of 3*d*- and 4*s*-orbitals occurs when the 3*d*-orbitals have been fed with some electrons. The change in energy levels of the various orbitals can be easily understood by considering the effect of nuclear charge. The variation in relative energies of various subshells with the change in atomic number is shown in Fig. 2. It is observed that as the nuclear charge increases, the energies of the subshells decrease. Upto argon (Z = 18), the expected sequence of 1*s*, 2*s*, 2*p*, 3*s* and 3*p* is observed. After filling 3*s* and 3*p*-subshells we expect that the next electron in potassium (Z = 19) should enter the 3*d*-subshell. But, at K (Z = 19) and Ca (Z = 20), 4*s*-orbital has lower energy due to its greater penetration tendency than 3*d*-orbital. Therefore, in K and Ca, the outermost electron enters

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the 4*s*-orbital. However after calcium, there is a sharp decrease in the energy of 3*d*-subshell and its energy becomes less than the 4*s*-subshell (shown in a circle in Fig. 2). Therefore, the next electron after calcium goes to 3*d*-orbital. As the nuclear charge increases from Ca (20) to Zn (30), the 3*d*-orbitals get filled and become more effective in shielding the 4*s*-electrons from the nucleus.

Ionisation of atoms

We have observed that after calcium, the energy of 4*s*-subshell is more than 3*d*-subshell (Fig. 2). Therefore, *when electrons are to be removed from these atoms, the electrons will go from 4s-orbital rather than 3d-orbital, though the former was filled earlier.* For example,

Fe(Z = 26) : [Ar] $3d^6 4s^2$

Fe^{2+} : [Ar] $3d^6$ and not [Ar] $4s^2 3d^4$

Ni(Z = 28) : [Ar] $3d^8 4s^2$

Ni^{2+} : [Ar] $3d^8$

The same trend is repeated for 5*s*, 4*d* and 6*s*, 5*d*-orbitals in second and third transition series. In the lanthanum, the energies of 4*f*, 5*d* and 6*s*-orbitals lie very close to one another and one electron goes to 5*d*-orbital before 4*f*-orbitals. Its configuration is $5d^1 6s^2$. In the other elements, 4*f*-orbitals are stabilized relative to 5*d* and electrons go into 4*f*-orbitals.

NOTE

The fundamental difference in the electronic configurations of transition elements and representative elements is that in the representative elements (belonging to *s*- and *p*-block), the valence electrons are present only in the outermost shell. On the other hand, in the transition elements, the valence electrons are present in the outermost shell (*ns*) as well as *d*-orbitals of penultimate ($n-1$) shell.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF TRANSITION ELEMENTS

The general characteristics of *d*-block elements are :

1. Nearly all the transition elements have typical metallic properties such have high tensile strength, ductility, malleability, high thermal and electrical conductivity and metallic lustre.
2. Except mercury which is liquid at room temperature, other transition elements have typical metallic structures.
3. They have high melting and boiling points and have higher heats of vaporisation than non-transition elements.
4. The transition elements have very high densities as compared to the metals of groups I and II (*s*-block).
5. The first ionisation energies of *d*-block elements are higher than those of *s*-block elements but are lesser than those of *p*-block elements.
6. They are electropositive in nature.
7. Most of them form coloured compounds.
8. They have good tendency to form complexes.
9. They exhibit several oxidation states.
10. Their compounds are generally paramagnetic in nature.
11. They form alloys with other metals.
12. They form interstitial compounds with elements such as hydrogen, boron, carbon, nitrogen, etc.
13. Most of the transition metals such as Mn, Ni, Co, Cr, V, Pt, etc. and their compounds have been used as good catalysts.

GENERAL PROPERTIES OF TRANSITION ELEMENTS

The properties of the transition metals show greater horizontal similarities in contrast to the main group elements in the periodic table. They also show similarities in groups but somewhat more irregularly than the main group elements. The electronic configurations and other important properties of the first series of the transition elements are given in Table 1.

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Table 1. Electronic configurations and some other important properties of the first series of transition elements.

Element	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn
Atomic number	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Electronic configuration										
M	$3d^1 4s^2$	$3d^2 4s^2$	$3d^3 4s^2$	$3d^5 4s^1$	$3d^5 4s^2$	$3d^6 4s^2$	$3d^7 4s^2$	$3d^8 4s^2$	$3d^{10} 4s^1$	$3d^{10} 4s^2$
M^+	$3d^1 4s^1$	$3d^2 4s^1$	$3d^3 4s^1$	$3d^5$	$3d^5 4s^1$	$3d^6 4s^1$	$3d^7 4s^1$	$3d^8 4s^1$	$3d^{10}$	$3d^{10} 4s^1$
M^{2+}	$3d^1$	$3d^2$	$3d^3$	$3d^4$	$3d^5$	$3d^6$	$3d^7$	$3d^8$	$3d^9$	$3d^{10}$
M^{3+}	[Ar]	$3d^1$	$3d^2$	$3d^3$	$3d^4$	$3d^5$	$3d^6$	$3d^7$	–	–
Enthalpy of atomisation										
$\Delta_a H^\ominus$/kJ mol^{-1}	326	469	515	398	279	418	427	431	339	130
$\Delta_{fus} H^\ominus$(kJ mol^{-1})	15.9	15.5	17.6	13.8	14.6	15.3	15.2	17.6	13.0	7.9
$\Delta_{vap} H^\ominus$(kJ mol^{-1})	338.9	445.6	443.5	305.4	224.7	353.9	389.1	380.7	338.9	114.6
Ionisation enthalpy/$\Delta_i H^\ominus$/kJ mol^{-1}										
$\Delta_i H^\ominus$ I	631	661	648	653	716	762	757	736	745	908
$\Delta_i H^\ominus$ II	1235	1310	1370	1590	1510	1560	1640	1750	1960	1730
$\Delta_i H^\ominus$ III	2393	2657	2833	2990	3260	2962	3243	3402	3556	3829
Metallic/ionic radii (pm) M	164	147	135	129	137	126	125	125	128	137
M^{2+}	–	–	79	82	82	77	74	70	73	75
M^{3+}	73	67	64	62	65	65	61	60	–	–
Standard electrode potential $E^\ominus$(V) M^{2+}/M	–	– 1.63	– 1.18	– 0.90	– 1.18	– 0.44	– 0.28	– 0.25	+ 0.34	– 0.76
M^{3+}/M^{2+}	–	– 0.37	– 0.26	– 0.41	+ 1.57	+ 0.77	+ 1.97	–	–	–
Density (g cm^{-3})	3.43	4.1	6.07	7.19	7.21	7.8	8.7	8.9	8.9	7.1

Let us consider the general trends of some of the important properties.

1. Atomic Radii

The atomic radii of the transition elements are intermediate between those of *s*- and *p*-block elements. The following **trends** in atomic radii of elements of *d*-block are observed :

(*a*) *The atomic radii of elements of a particular series decrease with increase in atomic number but this decrease in atomic radii becomes small after midway.* For example, for the elements of first transition series, the atomic radii decrease gradually from scandium to chromium but from chromium to copper, it remains practically constant. The atomic radii of the *d*-block elements are given in Table 2 and are also shown in Fig. 3.

Table 2. Atomic radii of *d*-block elements (in pm).

Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn
164	147	135	129	137	126	125	125	128	137
Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd
180	160	146	139	136	134	134	137	144	154
La	*Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg
187	158	146	139	137	135	136	138	144	157

* Includes 14 lanthanoid elements and has lanthanoid contraction.

Explanation. The atomic radius decreases in a period in the beginning, because with increase in atomic number, the nuclear charge goes on increasing (by

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unity) progressively. However, we know that the electrons enter the penultimate (last but one) shell and the added *d*-electrons screen the outermost *s*-electrons. The shielding effect of *d*-electrons is small so that the net electrostatic attraction between the nuclear charge and the outermost electron increases. Consequently, the atomic radius decreases. As the number of *d*-electrons increases, the screening effect increases. This neutralises the effect of increased nuclear charge due to increase in atomic number, and consequently, atomic radius **remains almost unchanged after chromium**.

Similar behaviour has been observed for the second and third transition series.

(b) At the end of each period, there is a slight increase in the atomic radii. This is evident from Table 2.

Explanation. Towards the end of the series, there are increased electron-electron repulsions between the added electrons in the same orbitals which exceed the attractive forces due to increased nuclear charge. Therefore, electron cloud expands and the size increases.

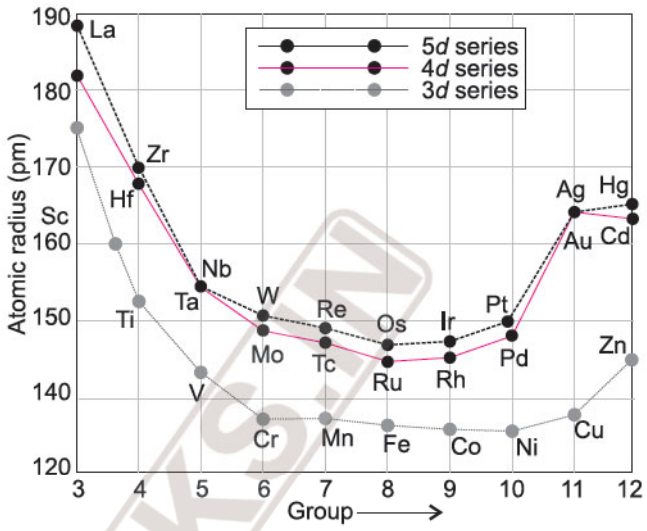


Fig. 3. Variation of atomic radii with atomic number of transition elements.

The electron-electron repulsions can be understood from the electronic configurations of these atoms. Upto chromium ($3d^5 4s^1$) electron-electron repulsions do not come into picture because there is no pairing of electrons in *d*-subshell. However, from iron onwards, the pairing of electrons (Fe: $3d^6 4s^2$) in *d*-orbitals results into electron-electron repulsions which causes an increase in size. Now, the increased nuclear charge makes the atom to shrink while electron-electron repulsions cause the size to expand. In Fe, these two opposing effects almost counter balance each other and, therefore, there is no change in size on going from Mn to Fe. In the last elements, Zn, Cd and Hg, these electron-electron repulsions become predominant and, therefore, there is increase in size.

(c) *The atomic radii increase while going down the group.* Therefore, the atomic radii of transition metals of second series have large values than those of the first transition series. However, the transition metals of third transition series have nearly the same radii as metals of second transition series above them.

Explanation. The atomic radii of elements of second transition series are more than those of first transition series because the electrons in the atoms of second transition series elements occupy energy levels farther from the nucleus. With the increase in number of outermost shell, size increases. The similar atomic radii of elements of second and third transition series are due to a special phenomenon known as ***lanthanoid contraction***. This is associated with the intervention of the 4*f*-orbitals which are filled before the 5*d* series of elements starts. The filling of 4*f*-orbitals before 5*d* orbitals results in regular decrease in atomic radii which compensates the expected increase in atomic size with increasing atomic number. As a result of this lanthanoid contraction, the elements of second and third transition series have almost similar atomic radii *(e.g.,* Zr 160 pm, Hf 159 pm). Because of this, these elements of two series also have very similar physical and chemical properties. It is discussed later.

REMEMBER

The atomic radii of the second and third transition series metals are nearly same due to **lanthanoid contraction**, discussed later in this chapter.

2. Ionic Radii

The ionic radii follow the same trend as the atomic radii. Since the metals exhibit different oxidation states, the radii of ions also differ. In general, *the ionic radii decrease with increase in oxidation state. For the same oxidation state, the ionic radii generally decrease with increase in nuclear charge.* For example, in the first transition series, the radii of bivalent metal ions decrease as given ahead :

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Table 3. Variation of ionic radii (pm) in transition series.

Metal (M)	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn
$r M^{2+}$ (pm)	–	–	79	82	82	77	74	70	73	75
$r(M^{3+})$ (pm)	73	67	64	62	65	65	61	60	–	–

The ionic radii of the transition metals are smaller than those of the main group elements.

3. Metallic Character and Enthalpy of Atomization

All the transition elements are metals. They exhibit all the characteristics of metals. They all have high density, hardness, high melting and boiling points, high tensile strength, ductility, malleability, high thermal and electrical conductivities and lustre. With the exception of zinc, cadmium and mercury, the transition elements are much harder, less volatile and brittle than *s*-block elements. They have simple hexagonal close packed *(hcp),* cubic close packed *(ccp)* or body centred cubic *(bcc),* lattices which are characteristic of other metals. The lattice structures of transition metals are given in Table 4. It is seen from the table that except for Mn, Zn, Cd and Hg, all the transition metals have one or more common metallic structures such as bcc (body centred cubic), hcp (hexagonal close packed) or ccp (cubic close packed) structures at normal temperatures.

Table 4. Lattice structures of transition metals.

	First Transition Series									
Group/Series	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
3*d*	Sc *hcp* (*bcc*)	Ti *hcp* (*bcc*)	V *bcc*	Cr *bcc* (*ccp*)	Mn T (*hcp*)	Fe *bcc* (*hcp*)	Co *ccp*	Ni *ccp*	Cu *ccp*	Zn T (*hcp*)
	Second Transition Series									
4*d*	Y *hcp* (*bcc*)	Zr *hcp* (*bcc*)	Nb *bcc*	Mo *bcc*	Tc *hcp*	Ru *hcp*	Rh *ccp*	Pd *ccp*	Ag *ccp*	Cd T (*hcp*)
	Third Transition Series									
5*d*	La *hcp* (*bcc*) (*ccp*)	Hf *hcp* (*bcc*)	Ta *bcc*	W *bcc*	Re *hcp*	Os *hcp*	Ir *ccp*	Pt *ccp*	Au *ccp*	Hg T

*'T' represents a typical metallic structure at normal temperatures.

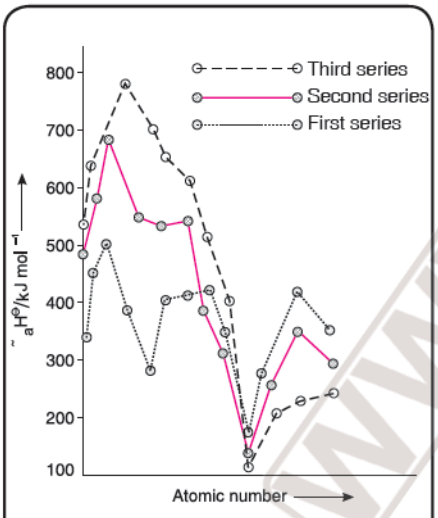


Fig. 4. Trends in enthalpies of atomization $\Delta_a H^{\ominus}$ (kJ mol^{-1}) of transition elements.

Explanation. The metallic character of transition elements is due to their relatively low ionisation enthalpies and number of vacant orbitals in the outermost shell. *The hardness of these metals suggests the presence of strong bonding due to overlap of unpaired electrons between different metal atoms. Therefore, these elements exhibit high enthalpies of atomization as shown* in Fig. 4 (Table 1). In general, *the greater number of unpaired d-electrons, greater is the number* of *bonds and therefore, greater is strength of these bonds.* Thus, as we move from left to right in a particular *d*-series, the number of unpaired electrons increases from 1 to 6 and then decreases to zero in case of group 12. The number of unpaired electrons in 3*d*-series are shown below :

Element	**Sc**	**Ti**	**V**	**Cr**	**Mn**	**Fe**	**Co**	**Ni**	**Cu**	**Zn**
Electronic configuration	$3d^1 4s^2$	$3d^2 4s^2$	$3d^3 4s^2$	$3d^5 4s^1$	$3d^5 4s^2$	$3d^6 4s^2$	$3d^7 4s^2$	$3d^8 4s^2$	$3d^{10} 4s^1$	$3d^{10} 4s^2$
No. of unpaired electrons	**1**	**2**	**3**	**6**	**5**	**4**	**3**	**2**	**1**	**0**

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Cr, Mo and W have maximum number of unpaired electrons and, therefore, these are very hard metals and have maximum enthalpies of atomization. The elements Zn, Cd and Hg do not have any unpaired electrons, therefore, these are not very hard. But they have one or more of typical metallic structures at normal temperature.

Inspection of Fig. 4 also shows one interesting generalization. The metals of second (4*d* series) and third (5*d* series) have greater enthalpies of atomization of their corresponding elements of first transition series. This is an important **factor indicating more frequent metal-metal bonding in the compounds of heavier transition elements (third series)**.

Mercury is the only metal which is liquid at room temperature.

4. Density

All these metals have high density. Within a period, the densities vary inversely with the atomic radii. As we move in a period, the densities increase (as the radii decrease). For example, the density increases from titanium to copper as given in Table 5. This is because as we move along a transition series from left to right, the atomic radii decrease due to increase in effective nuclear charge. Therefore, the atomic volume decreases, but, at the same time atomic mass increases. Hence, density (atomic mass/atomic volume) increases.

Table 5. Variation of density (g cm^{-3}) in first transition series.

Element	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn
Density	3.43	4.1	6.07	7.19	7.21	7.8	8.7	8.9	8.9	7.1

However, the densities increase upon descending a group. The densities of second transition series are higher than those of first transition series and the densities of third transition series are still higher. **Osmium** (22.57 g cm^{-3}) **and iridium** (22.61 g cm^{-3}) **have** very high density among these elements.

Explanation. The atomic volumes of the transition elements are low because the electrons are added in $(n-1)$ *d*-subshell and not in *ns*-subshell. Therefore, the increased nuclear charge is partly screened by the *d*-electrons and the outer electrons are strongly attracted by the nucleus. Moreover, the added electrons occupy inner orbitals. Consequently, the densities of transition metals are high.

Therefore, decrease in atomic radius coupled with increase in atomic mass, results in general increase in the density of these elements.

5. Melting and Boiling Points

The transition metals have very high melting and boiling points. The melting points of the three transition series are shown in Fig. 5. It is clear from the figure that the *melting points of these metals rise to a maximum value and then decrease with increase in atomic number. However, manganese and technetium metals have abnormally low melting points.*

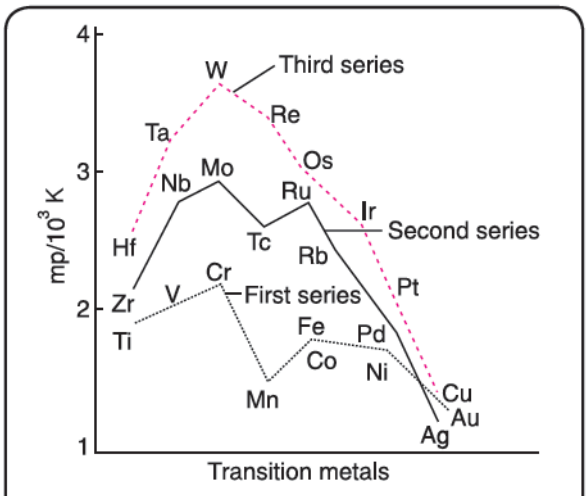


Fig. 5. Melting points of transition metals.

Explanation. The high melting and boiling points of these metals are due to strong metallic bonds between the atoms of these elements.

This is also evident from the fact that *these metals have high enthalpies of atomization.* The metallic bond is formed due to the interaction of electrons in the outermost orbitals. The strength of bonding is roughly related to the number of unpaired electrons. In general, greater the number of valence electrons, stronger is the metallic bonding, and consequently, melting points are high. Therefore, as we move along a particular series, the metallic strength increases upto the middle with increasing availability of unpaired electrons upto d^5 configuration (*e.g.,* Sc has 1, Ti has 2, V has 3, Cr has 5 unpaired electrons) and then decreases with decreasing availability of unpaired *d*-electrons (*e.g.,* Fe has 4, Co has 3 unpaired electrons and so on). Therefore, the melting points decrease after the middle because of increase of pairing of electrons. Since the alkali and alkaline earth metals have only one or two outer electrons available, their melting points are relatively low in comparison to transition

NOTE

Tungsten(W) has the highest melting point among the *d*-block elements. (Fig. 5).

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metals. Similarly, the elements of group 12 (zinc, cadmium and mercury) are quite soft with low melting points. **Mercury is a liquid at room temperature and melts at –38°C. These three elements behave typically because there are no unpaired electrons available for metallic bonding and, therefore, their melting points are low.**

Inspection of Fig. 5 shows that **there is a dip in the melting point curves at Mn and Tc** of first and second row transition elements series. This unexpected observation is probably due to the fact that Mn has stable electronic configuration ($3d^5$ half filled, $4s^2$ fully filled). As a result, 3*d* electrons are more tightly held by the Mn atomic nucleus and this reduces delocalisation of electrons resulting weaker metallic bonding than in the previous element Cr in the series. The same trends are also observed in the second and third transition series with Tc and Re, but are less marked. Particularly, Re is refractory, having a melting point which is second only to that of tungsten amongst transition elements.

6. Ionisation Enthalpies

The following **trends** are observed in the ionisation enthalpies of the *d*-block elements :

(*i*) *The first ionisation enthalpies of d-block elements are higher than those of s-block elements but are lesser than those of p-block elements. The ionisation enthalpies increase as we move across each series, though not quite regularly.* The ionisation enthalpies of elements of first transition series are given in Table 6.

Table 6. Successive ionisation enthalpies of elements of first transition series.

Element	Ionization enthalpy (kJ mol^{-1})		
	I	II	III
Sc	631	1235	2393
Ti	661	1310	2657
V	648	1370	2833
Cr	653	1590	2990
Mn	716	1510	3260
Fe	762	1560	2962
Co	757	1640	3243
Ni	736	1750	3402
Cu	745	1960	3556
Zn	908	1730	3829

Explanation. The increase in ionisation enthalpy along a given transition series is attributed to the effect of increasing nuclear charge which would tend to attract the outer electron cloud with greater force. Consequently, ionisation enthalpy is expected to increase. However, in case of transition elements, the addition of electron takes place to the last but one *i.e.*, $(n-1)$ *d*-subshell and this, also increases the screening effect. With the increase in the electrons in $(n-1)$ *d*-subshell, the outer electrons in *ns*-subshell are shielded more and more. Thus, the effect of increasing nuclear charge is opposed by the additional screening effect of the nucleus and consequently, ***ionisation enthalpy increases from left to right but quite slowly among d-block elements.***

The irregular trend in the first ionisation enthalpy of the first transition series elements is due to the fact that the removal of one electron alters the relative energies of 4*s* and 3*d* orbitals. Therefore, there is a **reorganisation energy** accompanying ionisation with some gains in exchange energy as the number of electrons increases in the d^n configuration and from the transference of *s*-electrons into *d*-orbitals. Thus, there is expected general increasing trend in the values of ionisation enthalpy because of increase in effective nuclear charge. However, the value of chromium is lower because loss of one electron gives stable ($3d^5$) configuration. On the other hand, **zinc has high ionisation enthalpy because electron has to be removed from 4*s* orbital of stable ($3d^{10}$ $4s^2$)**

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configuration.

(ii) Table 6 also gives the first three ionization enthalpies of the elements of first transition series. These values show that the second and third ionisation enthalpies also, in general, increase along a period. However, the magnitude of increase in the second and third ionisation enthalpies for the successive elements, is much higher. However, **some exceptions are observed** as given below :

(*a*) Chromium and copper have exceptionally high ionisation enthalpy values than those of their neighbours. These exceptions are attributed to the extra stability of half filled and completely filled set of *d*-orbitals in chromium ($3d^5$) and copper ($3d^{10}$) respectively. After the loss of first electron, Cr and Cu acquire a stable configuration ($3d^5$ and $3d^{10}$) and the removal of second electron disrupts the stability and therefore, the removal of second electron is difficult.

(*b*) The value of second ionisation enthalpy for zinc is correspondingly low because the ionisation involves the removal of an electron resulting stable $3d^{10}$ configuration.

(c) The trend in third ionisation enthalpies is not complicated by the 4*s* orbital factor and shows high values for Mn^{2+} and Zn^{2+} because of stable $3d^5$ and $3d^{10}$ electronic configurations. Similarly, the third ionisation enthalpy of Fe is very small because loss of third electron results in stable $3d^5$ configuration (IE_3 for Fe < IE_3 for Mn).

As is clear from Table 6, in general *the third ionization enthalpies are quite high. There is break between the values for Mn (II) and Fe (II)*. Moreover, the high values for copper, nickel and zinc indicate that it is difficult to obtain **oxidation state more than two** (+2) for these elements.

(iii) The ionisation enthalpies of elements of second and third transition series are given in Table 7 and are shown in Fig. 6. Inspection of these values shows that *the first ionisation enthalpies of third transition series are higher than those of first and second transition series.*

Chromium and **copper** have exceptionally high ionisation enthalpy values than those of their neighbours. This is because of extra stability of half filled (in chromium $3d^5$) and fully filled (in copper $3d^{10}$).

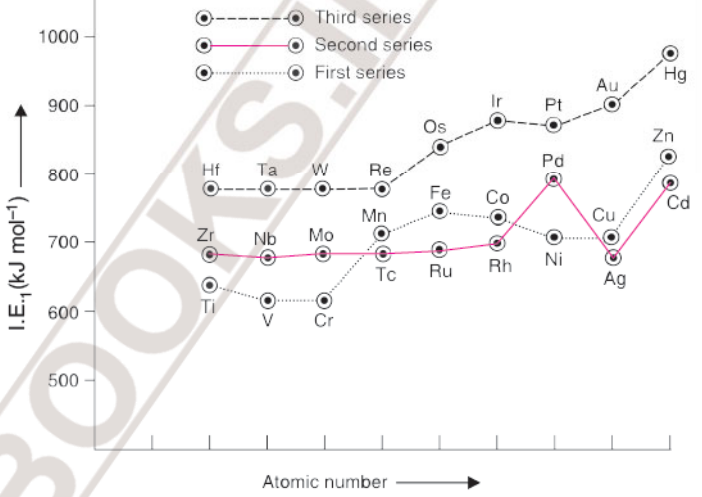


Fig. 6. Ionisation enthalpies of transition metals.

Table 7. First ionisation enthalpies (kJ mol^{-1}) of second and third transition series.

Element	I.E.	Element	I.E.
Y	616	La	541
Zr	674	Hf	760
Nb	664	Ta	760
Mo	685	W	770
Tc	703	Re	759
Ru	711	Os	840
Rh	720	Ir	900
Pd	804	Pt	870
Ag	731	Au	889
Cd	876	Hg	1007

Explanation. In the atoms of third transition series, there are filled 4*f*-orbitals. The 4*f*-orbitals have very poor shielding effect. As a result, the outer electrons have greater effective nuclear charge acting on the outer valence electrons. Therefore, their ionisation energies are higher.

7. Oxidation States

The transition metals exhibit a large number of oxidation states in their compounds. This is one of the notable features of the transition elements. *With the exception of a few elements, most of these show variable oxidation states.* These different oxidation states are related to the electronic configuration of their atoms.

The existence of the transition elements in different oxidation states means

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that their atoms can lose different number of electrons. *This is due to the participation of inner* $(n-1)$ *d-electrons in addition to outer ns-electrons because, the energies of the ns and* $(n-1)$ *d-subshells are almost equal.* The lower oxidation state is generally shown when only *ns*-electrons participate in bonding and higher oxidation states are exhibited when both *ns* and $(n-1)$ *d*-electrons take part in bonding.

For example, the oxidation states exhibited by the transition elements of the first series are listed in Table 8 below.

Table 8. Different oxidation states of first transition series.

Element	Outer electronic configuration	Oxidation states
Sc	$3d^1 4s^2$	+3
Ti	$3d^2 4s^2$	+2, +3, **+4**
V	$3d^3 4s^2$	+2, +3, +4, **+5**
Cr	$3d^5 4s^1$	+2, **+3**, (+4), (+5), **+6**
Mn	$3d^5 4s^2$	**+2**, +3, +4, (+5), +6, **+7**
Fe	$3d^6 4s^2$	**+2**, **+3**, (+4), (+5), (+6)
Co	$3d^7 4s^2$	**+2**, **+3**, (+4)
Ni	$3d^8 4s^2$	**+2**, +3, +4
Cu	$3d^{10} 4s^1$	+1, **+2**
Zn	$3d^{10} 4s^2$	**+2**

*Oxidation states within brackets are unstable.

** Most common oxidation states are in bold type.

Variable oxidation states of second and third transition series. The elements of second and third transition series also exhibit variable oxidation states as given in Table 9.

Table 9. Different oxidation states of elements of second and third transition series.

Second Transition Series

Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd
+3	(+3)	(+2)	+2	+2	+2	+2	+2	+1	+2
	+4	(+3)	+3	(+4)	+3	+3	(+3)	(+2)	
		(+4)	+4	(+5)	+4	+4	+4	(+3)	
		+5	+5		(+5)	(+6)			
					(+6)				
			+6		(+7)				
					(+8)				

Third Transition Series

La	Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg
+3	(+3)	(+2)	+2	(−1)	+2	+2	+2	+1	+1
	+4	(+3)	(+3)	(+1)	+3	+3	(+3)	+3	+2
		(+4)	+4	(+2)	+4	+4	+4		
		+5	+5	+3	+6	(+6)	(+5)		
			+6	+4	+8		(+6)		
				+5					
				(+6)					
				+7					

*The oxidation states in parentheses are uncommon.

It may be noted that the stability of a given oxidation state depends upon the nature of the elements with which the metal is combined. *The highest oxidation states are found in compounds of fluorides and oxides because fluorine and oxygen are most electronegative elements.*

Some important conclusions regarding oxidation states of transition elements.

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The examination of the common oxidation states shown by different transition metals reveals the following facts :

(*i*) *The variable oxidation states of transition metals are due to participation of inner (n – 1) d and outer ns-electrons.* The lowest oxidation state corresponds to the number of *ns*-electrons. For example, in the first transition series, the lowest oxidation states of Cr ($3d^5 4s^1$) and Cu ($3d^{10} 4s^1$) are +1 while for others, it is +2 ($3d^{1-10} 4s^2$).

(*ii*) *Except scandium, the most common oxidation state of the first row transition elements is +2 which arises due to loss of two 4s-electrons.* This means that after scandium 3*d*-orbitals become more stable and, therefore, are lower in energy than the 4*s*-orbitals. As a result, electrons are first removed from *4s-orbitals.*

(*iii*) The elements which show the greatest number of oxidation states occur in or near the middle of the series. For example, in the first transition series, manganese exhibits all the oxidation states from +2 to +7. The small number of oxidation states at the extreme left hand side end (Sc, Ti) is due to lesser number of electrons to lose or share. On the other hand, at the extreme right hand side end (Cu, Zn), it is due to large number of *d*-electrons so that only a fewer orbitals are available in which the electron can share with others for higher valence. *For the first five elements, the minimum oxidation state is equal to the number of electrons in the s-orbitals and the other oxidation states are given by the sum of outer s- and some or all d-electrons. The highest oxidation state is equal to the sum of the outer s(ns) and (n – 1) d-electrons. (e.g.,* $Ti^{IV}O_2$ $V^{V}O_2^{+}$, $Cr^{VI}O_4^{2-}$, $Mn^{VII}O_4^{-}$, etc). *For the remaining five elements, the minimum oxidation state is given by the electrons in s-orbital while the maximum oxidation state is not related to their electronic configurations, (e.g,* Fe (II) and (III), Co (II) and (III), Ni (II), Cu (I) and (II), Zn(II). The highest oxidation state shown by any transition metal is +8.

(*iv*) In the early elements of the series, scandium (II) is virtually unknown and titanium (IV) is more stable than Ti (III) and Ti (II). At the other end, the only oxidation state of zinc is +2 in which no *d*-electrons are involved.

(*v*) *In the +2 and +3 oxidation states, the bonds formed are mostly ionic.* In the compounds of higher oxidation states (generally formed with oxygen and fluorine), the bonds are essentially covalent. Thus, the bonds in +2 and +3 oxidation states are generally formed by the loss of two or three electrons respectively while the bonds in higher oxidation states are formed by sharing of *d*-electrons. For example, in MnO_4^- (Mn in +7) state all the bonds are covalent.

(*vi*) *Within a group, the maximum oxidation state increases with atomic number.* For example, iron (group 8) shows common oxidation states of +2 and +3 but ruthenium and osmium in the same group form compounds in the +4, +6 and +8 oxidation states.

(*vii*) *Transition metals also form compounds in low oxidation states such as +1 and 0 or negative.* The common examples are $[Ni(CO)_4]$, $[Fe(CO)_5]$ in which nickel and iron are in zero oxidation state.

(*viii*) The variability of oxidation states in transition elements arises because of incomplete filling of *d*-orbitals in such a way that their oxidation states differ by unity such as V^{II}, V^{III}, V^{IV} and V^{V}. This behaviour is in contrast with the variability of oxidation states of non-transition elements (*p*-block elements), where oxidation states normally differ by a unit of two such as Sn^{2+}, Sn^{4+}, In^{+} In^{3+}, etc.

(*ix*) Unlike *p*-block elements where the lower oxidation states are favoured by heavier members (due to inert pair effect), the higher oxidation states are more stable in heavier transition elements. For example, in group 6, Mo (VI) and W (VI) are found to be more stable than Cr (VI). Therefore, Cr (VI) in the form of dichromate in acidic medium is a strong oxidising agent whereas MoO_3 and WO_3 are not.

(*x*) The transition elements show low oxidation states in some compounds

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or complexes having ligands such as CO, which not only form sigma bonds with the metal atoms but also have π-acceptor character (discussed in unit 9). For example, nickel in $Ni(CO)_4$ and iron in $Fe(CO)_5$ have zero oxidation states.

8. Standard Electrode Potentials

The magnitude of ionization enthalpy gives the amount of energy required to remove electrons to form a particular oxidation state of the metal in a compound. Thus, the value of ionisation enthalpies gives information regarding the thermodynamic stability of the transition metal compounds in different oxidation states. *Smaller the ionisation enthalpy of the metal, the stabler is its compound.* For example, the first four ionisation enthalpies of nickel and platinum are given below :

Ionisation enthalpies	Ni	Pt
$IE_1 + IE_2$	2.49×10^3 kJ mol^{-1}	2.66×10^3 kJ mol^{-1}
$IE_3 + IE_4$	8.80×10^3 kJ mol^{-1}	6.70×10^3 kJ mol^{-1}
Total	11.29×10^3 kJ mol^{-1}	9.36×10^3 kJ mol^{-1}

It is clear from the above table that the sum of first two ionization enthalpies is less for nickel than for platinum.

$$Ni \longrightarrow Ni^{2+} + 2e^- \quad \text{I.E.} = 2.49 \times 10^3 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$
$$Pt \longrightarrow Pt^{2+} + 2e^- \quad \text{I.E.} = 2.66 \times 10^3 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

Therefore, ionization of nickel to Ni^{2+} is energetically favourable as compared to that of platinum. Thus, *the nickel (II) compounds are thermodynamically more stable than platinum (II) compounds.* On the other hand, the sum of first four ionisation enthalpies is less for platinum than for nickel as :

$$Ni \longrightarrow Ni^{4+} + 4e^- \quad \text{I.E.} = 11.29 \times 10^3 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$
$$Pt \longrightarrow Pt^{4+} + 4e^- \quad \text{I.E.} = 9.36 \times 10^3 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

Thus, *the platinum (IV) compounds are relatively more stable than nickel (IV) compounds.* Therefore, K_2PtCl_6 [having Pt (IV)] is a well-known compound whereas the corresponding nickel compound is not known.

However, in solutions the stability of the compounds depends upon electrode potentials.

Electrode potentials

In addition to ionisation enthalpy, the other factors such as *enthalpy of sublimation, hydration enthalpy, etc.* determine the stability of a particular oxidation state in solution. This can be explained in terms of their *electrode potential values.* The oxidation potential of a metal involves the following process:

$$M(s) \longrightarrow M^+(aq) + e^-$$

This process actually takes place in the following three steps :

(1) In the first step, the atoms get isolated from one another and become independent in the gaseous state. This converts solid metal to the gaseous state. The energy needed for this step is known as *enthalpy of sublimation.*

$$M(s) \longrightarrow M(g) \qquad \text{Enthalpy of sublimation, } \Delta_{sub}H^{\ominus}$$

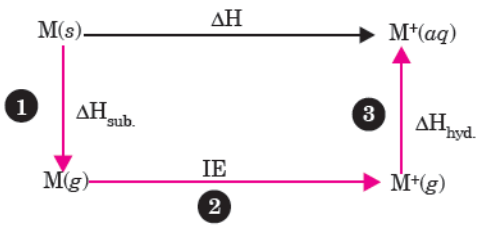
(2) In the second step, the outer electron is removed from the isolated atom. The energy required for this change is *ionisation enthalpy.*

$$M(g) \longrightarrow M^+(g) + e^- \qquad \text{Ionisation enthalpy, IE}$$

(3) In the third step, the gaseous ion gets hydrated. In this process, energy known as *hydration enthalpy,* is liberated.

$$M^+(g) + nH_2O \longrightarrow M^+(aq) \qquad \text{Enthalpy of hydration, } \Delta_{hyd}H$$

The above steps may be represented by a cyclic process (called Born-Haber cycle) as shown.



The oxidation potential which gives the tendency of the overall change to occur, depends upon the net effect of these three steps. The overall energy change is

$$\Delta H = \Delta_{sub}H + IE + \Delta_{hyd}H$$

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Thus, ΔH gives the enthalpy change required to bring the solid metal, M to the monovalent ion in aqueous medium, $M^+(aq)$. An exactly similar cycle may be constructed for the formation of an anion in solution except that the ionization enthalpy may be replaced by electron gain enthalpy when the gaseous atom goes to gaseous anion. ΔH helps to predict the stability of a particular oxidation state. ***The smaller the value of total energy change for a particular oxidation state in aqueous solution, greater will be the stability of that oxidation state.*** The electrode potentials are a measure of total energy change. Qualitatively, the stability of the transition metal ions in different oxidation states can be determined on the basis of electrode potential data. ***The lower the electrode potential i.e., more negative the standard reduction potential of the electrode, the more stable is the oxidation state of the transition metal in the aqueous solution.***

The electrode potentials of different metals can also be measured by forming the cell with standard hydrogen electrode. For the measurement of electrode potential of $M^{2+}|M$, the e.m.f. of the cell in which the following reaction occurs is measured :

$$2H^+(aq) + M(s) \rightleftharpoons M^{2+}(aq) + H_2(g)$$

Knowing the potential of $2H^+(aq)|H_2(g)$, it is possible to determine the potential of $M^{2+}(aq)|M$. The thermochemical parameters related to the transformation of the solid metal atoms to M^{2+} ions in solution and their standard electrode potentials for the first transition series are given in Table 10.

Table 10. Thermochemical data (kJ mol^{-1}) for the first row transition elements and the standard electrode potentials for the reduction of M^{2+} to M [$E°(M^{2+}|M)$].

Element	$\Delta_{sub}H°$	Δ_iH_1	Δ_iH_2	$\Delta_{hyd}H(M^{2+})$	$E°$(V)
Ti	469	661	1310	–1866	–1.63
V	515	648	1370	–1895	–1.18
Cr	398	653	1590	–1925	–0.90
Mn	279	716	1510	–1862	–1.18
Fe	418	762	1560	–1998	–0.44
Co	427	757	1640	–2099	–0.28
Ni	431	736	1750	–2121	–0.25
Cu	339	745	1960	–2121	+0.34
Zn	130	908	1730	–2059	–0.76

The results lead to the following conclusions :

Trends in $M^{2+}|M$ Standard Electrode Potentials

(*i*) There is no regular trend in these values. This is attributed to the irregular variation of ionisation enthalpies ($IE_1 + IE_2$) [Table 6] and the sublimation energies in the period as shown below :

(*ii*) It may be noted that the electrode potentials of transition metals are low in comparison to elements of group 2 (*e.g.*, Ca = – 2.87 V). Compared to group 2 elements, the transition elements have fairly large ionisation enthalpies and very large enthalpies of atomisation. These reduce their electrode potentials though their hydration enthalpies are large.

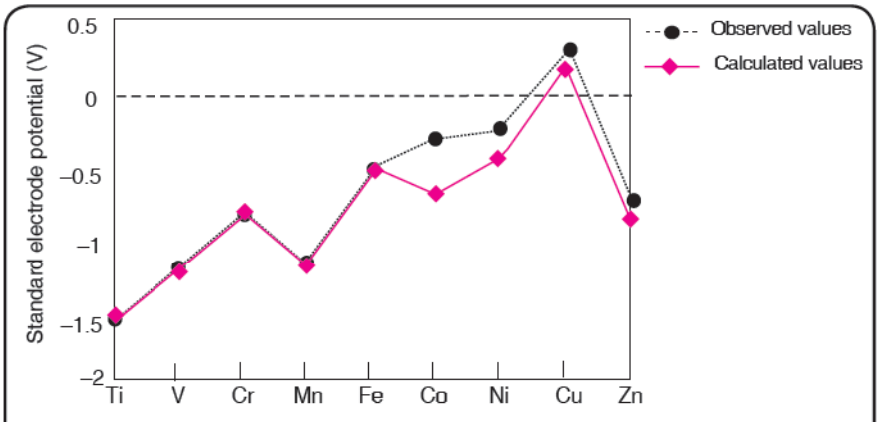


Fig. 7. Calculated and observed values for the standard electrode potentials (M^{2+} | M) of the elements of first transition series.

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Standard electrode potential stability of the ions in solution

The electrode potential $E°(M^{2+}|M)$ represents electrode potential for the reaction:

$$M^{2+}(aq) + 2e^- \rightleftharpoons M(s)$$

- If E° value is high (more positive or less negative), it means M^{2+} ions can be readily reduced to metal.
  - M^{2+} ions are less stable than M (*s*).
  - Metal cannot readily lose electrons (*i.e.*, gets oxidised) to form M^{2+} ions.
- If E° value is small (less positive or more negative), it means M^{2+} ions cannot be readily reduced to metal.
  - M^{2+} ions are more stable than M (*s*).
  - Metal can readily lose electrons (*i.e.*, gets oxidised) to form M^{2+} ions.

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(*iii*) Zinc has low enthalpy of atomisation and fairly large hydration energy.

But it has also low electrode potential (– 0.76 V) because of its very high ionisation enthalpy ($IE_1 + IE_2$).

(*iv*) It is clear from above table and Fig. 7 that copper has positive reduction potential, $E^{\ominus}$ (0.34 V) and this shows that copper is least reactive metal out of the first transition series. This unique behaviour (+ve E value of copper) also accounts for its inability to liberate H_2 from acids. It has been observed that only oxidizing acid (such as nitric acid and hot concentrated sulphuric acid) react with copper in which the acids are reduced. The high energy required to convert Cu *(s)* to Cu^{2+} *(aq)* (*i.e.,* sum of enthalpy of sublimation and ionisation enthalpy) is not balanced by its hydration enthalpy.

(*v*) In general, the value becomes less negative across the series. This is related to the general increase in the sum of first and second ionisation enthalpies. It is interesting to note that the values of E° of Mn and Zn are more negative than expected from the general trend. The relatively more negative values of $E^{\ominus}$ for Mn and Zn are due to stability of half filled *d*-subshell in Mn^{2+} $(3d^5)$ and the completely filled $(3d^{10})$ configuration in Zn^{2+}. The E° value for Ni^{2+} is also more negative than expected and this is because of high enthalpy of hydration for the formation of an ion in solution.

Trends in the $M^{3+} \mid M^{2+}$ Standard Electrode Potentials

Except copper and zinc, all other elements of first transition series show +3 oxidation states also to form M^{3+} ions in aqueous solutions. The standard reduction potentials for $M^{3+} \mid M^{2+}$ redox couple are given below:

These values indicate the following trends :

	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co
$E^{\ominus}$ $(M^{3+}(aq) \mid M^{2+}(aq)$ (in V)	– 0.37	– 0.26	– 0.41	+1.57	+0.77	+1.97

(*i*) The low value of scandium reflects the stability of Sc^{3+} which has a noble gas configuration.

(*ii*) The comparatively high value for Mn shows that Mn^{2+} $(d^5$ configuration) is particularly stable. On the other hand, comparatively low value for Fe shows the extra stability of Fe^{3+} $(d^5$ configuration).

(*iii*) The comparatively low value of V is related to the stability of V^{2+} (due to half filled t_{2g}^3 energy level of 3*d* orbitals in octahedral crystal field splitting as discussed in next unit).

Trends in Stability of Higher Oxidation States

Standard electrode potential data provide valuable information about the stabilities of different oxidation states shown by an element. The highest oxidation states are shown generally among halides and oxides. These are briefly discussed below :

1. In metal halides. The transition elements react with halogens at high temperatures to form transition metal halides. These reactions have very high activation energies, therefore, higher temperatures are required to start the reaction. But once the reaction starts, the heat of reaction is sufficient to continue the reaction. The halogens react in the order:

Order of reactivity : $F_2 > Cl_2 > Br_2 > I_2$

The stable halides of 3*d* series of transition metals are given in Table 11.

NOTE

Compounds are regarded as stable if they exist at room temperature, are not oxidized by air, are not hydrolysed by water vapour and donot disproportionate or decompose at room temperature.

REMEMBER

Standard electrode potential and stability of M^{3+} and M^{2+} ions in aqueous solution

The electrode potential $E°(M^{3+} \mid M^{2+})$ represents the electrode potential for the reaction:

$M^{3+}(aq) + e^- \rightleftharpoons M^{2+}(aq)$

- If E° value is more positive (or less negative), it means M^{3+} ions can be readily reduced to M^{2+} ions.
- M^{3+} ions are less stable than M^{2+} ions in aqueous solution.
- M^{2+} ions are stable and cannot readily lose electrons to form M^{3+} ions.
- If E° value is less positive (or more negative), it means M^{3+} ions cannot be readily reduced to M^{2+} ions.
- M^{3+} ions are more stable than M^{2+} ions.
- M^{2+} ions can readily lose electrons to form M^{3+} ions in solution.

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Table 11. Stable halides of first transition series in different oxidation states

Oxidation Number	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn
+6				CrF_6						
+5			VF_5	CrF_5						
+4		TiX_4	VX_4	CrX_4	MnF_4					
			(F^-, Cl^-, Br^-)							
+3	ScX_3	TiX_3	VX_3	CrX_3	MnF_3	FeX_3	CoF_3			
						(F^-, Cl^-, Br^-)				
+2		TiX_2	VX_2	CrX_2	MnX_2	FeX_2	CoX_2	NiX_2	CuX_2	ZnX_2
		(Cl^-, Br^-, I^-)						(F^-, Cl^-)		
+1									CuX	
									F(Cl^-, Br^-, I^-)	

X = F^-, Cl^-, Br^-, I^-; exceptions are given in brackets.

Within each of the transition groups 3–12, there is a difference in the stability of the various oxidation states. In general, the second and third transition series elements exhibit higher coordination numbers and their higher oxidation states are more stable than the corresponding first transition series elements. The following trends are observed from Table 11 regarding transition metal halides :

(i) In general, the elements of first transition series tend to exist in low oxidation states. Chromium to zinc form stable difluorides and the other chlorides are also known.

(ii) Since fluorine is the most electronegative element, the transition metals show highest oxidation states with fluorine. For example, CrF_6 and VF_5.

(iii) The highest oxidation states are found in TiX_4 (tetrahalides, X = F, Cl, Br and I), VF_5 and CrF_6.

(iv) The +7 oxidation state for Mn is not shown by simple halides. However, MnO_3F is known in which the oxidation state of Mn is +7.

(v) After Mn, the tendency to show higher oxidation states with halogens are uncommon. Iron and cobalt form trihalides FeX_3 (X = F, Cl or Br) and CoF_3.

(vi) The tendency of fluorine to stablise the highest oxidation state is due to either higher lattice enthalpy as in case of CoF_3 or higher bond enthalpy due to higher covalent bonds *e.g.*, VF_5 and CrF_6.

(vii) V(V) is shown by VF_5 only. However, the other halides undergo hydrolysis to form oxohalides, VOX_3.

(viii) Fluorides are relatively unstable in their low oxidation states. For example, vanadium forms only VX_2 (X = Cl, Br or I) and copper can form CuX (X = Cl, I).

All copper (II) halides are known except the iodide. This is because, Cu^{2+} oxidises I^- to I_2 and CuI_2 itself is reduced to Cu_2I_2.

$$\underset{(2CuI_2)}{2\,Cu^{2+} + 4I^-} \longrightarrow Cu_2I_2(s) + I_2$$

Copper (II) iodide (Less stable) — Cuprous iodide (More stable)

It has been observed that many copper (I) compounds are unstable in aqueous solution and they undergo disproportionation to Cu (II) and Cu (0) as :

$$2Cu^+ \longrightarrow Cu^{2+} + Cu$$

Copper in +2 oxidation state is more stable than in +1 oxidation state. This can be explained on the basis of much larger negative hydration enthalpy ($\Delta_{hyd}H^{\ominus}$) of Cu^{2+} *(aq)* than Cu^+, which is much more than compensates for the large energy required to remove the second electron i.e., second ionisation enthalpy of copper.

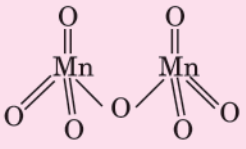
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2. In metal oxides and oxocations. The stable oxides of first transition series are given in Table 12.

Table 12. Oxides of first transition series.

Oxidation Number	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn
+7					Mn_2O_7					
+6				CrO_3						
+5			V_2O_5							
+4		TiO_2	V_2O_4	CrO_2	MnO_2					
+3	Sc_2O_3	Ti_2O_3	V_2O_3	Cr_2O_3	Mn_2O_3	Fe_2O_3				
+2		TiO	VO	(CrO)	MnO	FeO	CoO	NiO	CuO	ZnO
+1									Cu_2O	
Mixed oxides					Mn_3O_4	Fe_3O_4	Co_3O_4			

The ability of oxygen to stabilize the highest oxidation state is remarkably exhibited in their oxides. The highest oxidation states in their oxides coincide with the group number. For example, the highest oxidation state of scandium of group 3 is +3 in its oxide, Sc_2O_3 whereas the highest oxidation state of manganese of group 7 is +7, in Mn_2O_7. However beyond group 7, no higher oxides of iron above Fe_2O_3 are known. Though higher oxidation state such as +6 is shown in ferrates such as FeO_4^{2-} in akaline medium, but they readily decompose to Fe_2O_3 and O_2. In addition to oxides, oxocations of the metals also stabilise higher oxidation states. For example, V^V as VO_2^+, V^{IV} as VO^{2+} and T^{IV} as TiO^{2+}. It may be noted that the ability of oxygen to stabilise these high oxidation states exceeds that of fluorine. For example, manganese forms highest fluoride as MnF_4 whereas the highest oxide is Mn_2O_7. This is due to the tendency of oxygen to form multiple bonds. In the covalent oxide, Mn_2O_7, each Mn is tetrahedrally surrounded by oxygen atoms and has Mn–O–Mn bridge. The tetrahedral $[MO_4]^{n-}$ ions are also known for vanadium, (V) chromium (VI), manganese (VI) and manganese (VII).



Multiple bonds in Mn_2O_7.

Chemical Reactivity and $E^\ominus$ values

The transition metals show wide variations in their chemical reactivity. Most of them are sufficiently electropositive to dissolve in mineral acids. Some of them are noble and are unaffected by simple acids.

The metals of first transition series with the exception of copper are relatively more reactive and are oxidised by 1M H^+. However, the actual rate at which these metals react with oxidizing agents like hydrogen ion (H^+) is sometimes low. For example, Ti and V are passive in dilute non-oxidising acids at room temperature. The inspection of $E^\ominus$ values show a decreasing tendency to form divalent ions along the series. This general decrease is due to increase in the sum of the first and second ionization enthalpies (IE_1+ IE_2).

It is also interesting to note that $E^\ominus$ values for Mn, Ni and Zn are more negative than expected from the general trend. This is due to the stabilities of half filled *d*-subshell (d^5) in Mn^{2+} and completely filled *d*-subshell (d^{10}) in zinc, which explains their tendencies to form stable divalent ions. In case of Ni^{2+}, the more negative $E^\ominus$ value than expected is due to its highest negative enthalpy of hydration.

The comparison of $E^\ominus$ values for M^{2+}/M and M^{3+}/M^{2+} also gives very interesting observation.

	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co
$E^\ominus(M^{2+}/M)$ in V	– 1.18	– 0.90	– 1.18	– 0.44	– 0.28
$E^\ominus(M^{3+}/M^{2+})$ in V	– 0.26	– 0.41	+ 1.57	+ 0.77	+ 1.97

The M^{3+}/M^{2+} $E^\ominus$ values show that Mn^{3+} and Co^{3+} ions are strong oxidising agents in aqueous solutions because of high positive $E^\ominus$ values. On the other hand, the ions V^{2+} and Cr^{2+} are strong reducing agents and will therefore readily liberate H_2 from a dilute acid. For example,

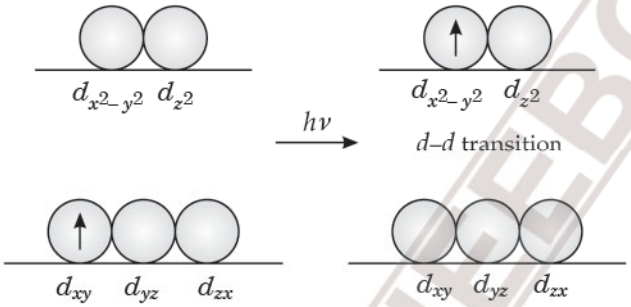
$$2Cr^{2+}(aq) + 2H^+(aq) \longrightarrow 2Cr^{3+}(aq) + H_2(g)$$

9. Formation of Coloured Ions

Most of the compounds of transition metals are coloured in the solid form or solution form. This is in contrast to the compounds of *s*- and *p*-block elements which are usually white.

Explanation. The colour of the compounds of transition metals may be attributed to the presence of incomplete $(n-1)$ *d*-subshell. In the case of compounds of transition metals, the energies of the five *d*-orbitals in the same subshell do not remain equal. Under the influence of approaching ions towards the central metal ion, the *d*-orbitals of the central metal split into different energy levels. This phenomenon is called **crystal field splitting**. For example, when the six ions or molecules approach the metal ion (called octahedral field), the five *d*-orbitals split up into two sets : one set consisting of two *d*-orbitals ($d_{x^2-y^2}$, d_{z^2}) of higher energy and the other set consisting of three *d*-orbitals (d_{xy}, d_{yz}, d_{zx}) of lower energy. This has been discussed in the next chapter.

In the case of the transition metal ions, the electrons can be easily promoted from one energy level to another in the same *d*-subshell. These are called ***d-d* transition**. *The amount of energy required to excite some of the electrons to higher energy states within the same d-subshell corresponds to the energy of certain colours of visible light.* Therefore, when white light falls on a transition metal compound, some of its energy corresponding to a certain colour, is absorbed and the electron gets raised from lower energy set of orbitals to higher energy set of orbitals as shown below :



The excess of other colours constituting white light are transmitted and the compound appears coloured. The observed colour of a substance is always complementary colour of the colour which is absorbed by the substance. For example, Ti^{3+} compounds contain one electron in *d*-subshell (d^1). It absorbs green and yellow portions from the white light and blue and red portions are emitted. Therefore, Ti^{3+} ions appear purple. Similarly, hydrated cupric compounds absorb radiations corresponding to red light and the transmitted colour is greenish blue (which is complementary colour to red colour). Thus, cupric compounds have greenish-blue colour. The colours of some common hydrated transition metal ions are given in Table 13.

NOTE

Colour of compounds containing completely filled or empty *d*-orbitals. It may be noted that transition metal ions containing completely filled *d*-orbitals (*i.e.*, d^{10} configuration) such as Zn^{2+}, Cd^{2+}, Hg^{2+}, Cu^+, Ag^+, etc. are generally white. For example, $ZnCl_2$ is white. Similarly, Sc^{3+} and Ti^{4+} are white because they have completely empty *d*-orbitals.

Table 13. Colour of different transition metal ions.

Ion	Outer configuration	Colour of the ion	Ion	Outer configuration	Colour of the ion
Sc (III), Ti (IV)	$3d^0$	Colourless	Fe (III)	$3d^5$	Yellow
Ti (III)	$3d^1$	Purple	Fe (II)	$3d^6$	Green
V(IV)	$3d^1$	Blue	Co (III)	$3d^6$	Blue
V (III)	$3d^2$	Green	Co (II)	$3d^7$	Pink
V (II), Cr (III)	$3d^3$	Violet	Ni (II)	$3d^8$	Green
Mn (III)	$3d^4$	Violet	Cu (II)	$3d^9$	Blue
Cr (II)	$3d^4$	Blue	Cu(I)	$3d^{10}$	Colourless
Mn(II)	$3d^5$	Pink	Zn (II)	$3d^{10}$	Colourless

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As is clear from Table 12, Sc^{3+}, Ti^{4+}, Cu^{+} and Zn^{2+} have completely empty or completely filled *d*-orbitals and are colourless.

10. Magnetic Properties

The magnetic properties of a compound are a measure of the number of unpaired electrons in it. When a magnetic field is applied, there are two main types of substances :

(*i*) **Paramagnetic substances.** The substances which are attracted by magnetic field are called paramagnetic substances and this character arises due to the presence of unpaired electrons in the atomic orbitals.

(*ii*) **Diamagnetic substances.** The substances which are repelled by magnetic filed are called diamagnetic substances and this character arises due to the presence of paired electrons in the atomic orbitals.

Most of the compounds of transition elements are *paramagnetic in nature* and are attracted by the magnetic field.

Explanation for paramagnetic character of transition elements. The transition elements involve the partial filling of *d*-subshells. Most of the transition metal ions or their compounds have unpaired electrons in *d*-subshell (from configuration d^1 to d^9) and therefore, they give rise to paramagnetic character. The magnetic character is expressed in terms of magnetic moment. *The larger the number of unpaired electrons in a substance, the greater is the paramagnetic character and larger is the magnetic moment.* The magnetic moment is expressed in *Bohr magnetons* abbreviated as B.M. The magnetic moments of some ions of the first transition series are recorded in Table 14.

In addition to paramagnetic and diamagnetic substances, there are a few substances such as iron metal, iron oxide which are highly magnetic (about 1000 times more than ordinary metals). These are very strongly attracted by applied magnetic field and are called **ferromagnetic substances** (Refer Unit 1).

Table 14. Calculated and observed magnetic moments of ions of first transition series.

Ion	Outer configuration	No. of unpaired electrons	Magnetic moment (B.M.)	
			Calculated	Observed
Sc^{3+}	$3d^0$	0	0	0
Ti^{3+}	$3d^1$	1	1.73	1.75
Ti^{2+}	$3d^2$	2	2.84	2.76
V^{2+}	$3d^3$	3	3.87	3.86
Cr^{2+}	$3d^4$	4	4.90	4.80
Mn^{2+}	$3d^5$	5	5.92	5.96
Fe^{2+}	$3d^6$	4	4.90	5.3–5.5
Co^{2+}	$3d^7$	3	3.87	4.4–5.2
Ni^{2+}	$3d^8$	2	2.84	2.9–3.4
Cu^{2+}	$3d^9$	1	1.73	1.8–2.2
Zn^{2+}	$3d^{10}$	0	0	0

Paramagnetism arises from the presence of unpaired electrons. Each unpaired electron have magnetic moment associated with its spin angular momentum and orbital angular momentum. In the compounds of first transition series, the orbital angular momentum does not contribute and hence has no significance. Therefore, for the first transition series elements, the magnetic moments arise only from the spin of the electrons. This can be calculated from the relation :

$$\mu = \sqrt{n(n+2)} \text{ B.M.}$$

where n is the number of unpaired electrons and μ is magnetic moment in Bohr magneton (BM) units. BM represents Bohr magneton. It is clear from

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Table 14 that as the number of unpaired electrons increases from 1 to 5, the magnetic moment and hence the paramagnetic character also increases. After d^5 configuration, there is decrease in magnetic moment due to decrease in number of unpaired electrons. For example, d^6 configuration has 4 unpaired electrons, d^7 configuration has 3 unpaired electrons and so on. It is clear from Table 14 that the magnetic moments calculated from the 'spin only' formula for some ions of first transition series agree fairly well with those obtained experimentally. The experimental data are mainly for hydrated ions in solution or in the solid state.

Magnetic moment is expressed in Bohr magneton abbreviated as BM.

$$1\text{BM} = \frac{eh}{4\pi mc} = 9.27 \times 10^{-24}\ \text{Am}^2$$

where h is Planck's constant, e is electronic charge, c is velocity of light and m is mass of electron.

11. Tendency to form Complexes

In contrast to representative elements, the transition elements form a large number of coordination complexes. The transition metal ions bind to a number of anions or neutral molecules in these complexes. The common examples are $[Ni(NH_3)_6]^{2+}$, $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$, $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$, $[Fe(CN)_6]^{4-}$, $[Cu(NH_3)_4]^{2+}$, etc. These are discussed in Unit 9.

Explanation. The high tendency of transition metal ions to form complexes is due to

(i) small size of the atoms and ions of transition metals

(ii) high nuclear charge

(iii) Availability of vacant d-orbitals of suitable energy to accept lone pairs of electrons donated by other groups (called ligands).

12. Catalytic Properties

Many transition metals and their compounds act as good catalysts for various reactions. Of these, the use of Fe, Co, Ni, V, Cr, Mn, Pt, etc. are very common. For example,

(*i*) **Iron-molybdenum** is used as catalyst in the synthesis of ammonia by Haber's process.

(*ii*) **Nickel** is used in hydrogenation reactions in organic chemistry.

(*iii*) **Vanadium pentoxide,** V_2O_5 is used for the oxidation of SO_2 to SO_3 in the Contact process for the manufacture of H_2SO_4.

(*iv*) **Manganese dioxide,** MnO_2 is used to catalyse the decomposition of H_2O_2 solution.

(*v*) **Cobalt salts** catalyse the decomposition of bleaching powder.

(*vi*) **Platinum,** Pt is used as a catalyst in many processes such as Contact process for making H_2SO_4, in three stage converters for cleaning car exhausts.

(*vii*) **Pt/Rh** is used in Ostwald process during manufacture of HNO_3.

(*viii*) **Pd** is used in hydrogenation reactions in organic chemistry.

Explanation of catalytic activity of transition metals. The main reasons for the catalytic activity of transition metals are :

(*i*) The catalytic property of transition metals is due to their tendency to form reaction intermediates with suitable reactants. These intermediates give reaction paths of lower activation energy and, therefore, increase the rate of the reaction. These reaction intermediates readily decompose yielding the products and regenerating the original substance. The transition metals form these reaction intermediates due to the presence of vacant orbitals or their tendency to form variable oxidation states.

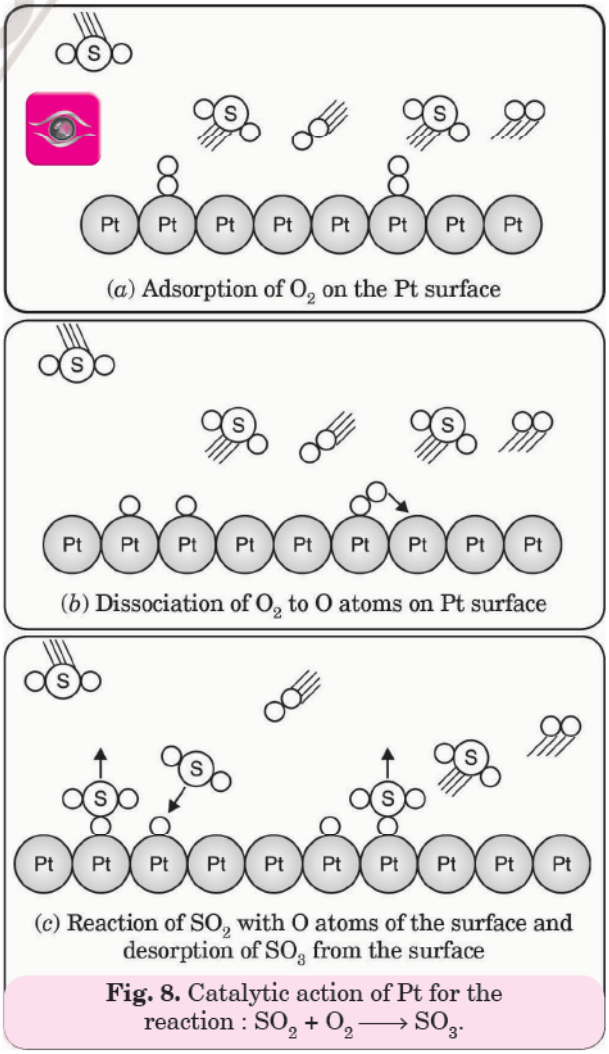


Fig. 8. Catalytic action of Pt for the reaction : $SO_2 + O_2 \longrightarrow SO_3$.

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(*ii*) In some cases, the transition metal catalysts provide a suitable large surface area on which the reactants may be adsorbed and, therefore, come closer to one another for the reaction. This increases the concentration of the reactants at the catalyst surface and also weakens the bonds in the reactant molecules. Consequently, the activation energy gets lowered.

For example, during the conversion of SO_2 to SO_3, platinum or V_2O_5 are commonly used as catalysts. The catalytic action of platinum is due to adsorption phenomenon as shown in Fig. 8. V_2O_5 is also used as a catalyst. Solid V_2O_5 adsorbs a molecule of SO_2 on the surface to form V_2O_4 and the oxygen is given to SO_2 to form SO_3. The divanadium tetroxide is then converted to V_2O_5 by reaction with oxygen :

$$\underset{\text{Catalyst}}{V_2O_5} + SO_2 \longrightarrow SO_3 + \underset{\text{Divanadium tetroxide}}{V_2O_4}$$

$$2V_2O_4 + O_2 \longrightarrow 2V_2O_5$$

(*iii*) In some cases, the transition metal ions can change their oxidation states and become more effective as catalysts. For example, iron (III) catalyses the reaction between iodide and persulphate ions ($S_2O_8^{2-}$) as :

$$2I^- + S_2O_8^{2-} \xrightarrow{Fe^{3+}} I_2 + 2SO_4^{2-}$$

The reaction proceeds as :

$$2Fe^{3+} + 2I^- \longrightarrow 2Fe^{2+} + I_2$$
$$2Fe^{2+} + S_2O_8^{2-} \longrightarrow 2Fe^{3+} + 2SO_4^{2-}$$

Cobalt salts catalyse decomposition of bleaching powder as cobalt can easily change oxidation state from +2 to +3 as :

$$Co^{2+} + OCl^- + H_2O \longrightarrow Co^{3+} + Cl^- + 2OH^-$$
$$2Co^{3+} + 2OH^- \longrightarrow 2Co^{2+} + H_2O + \tfrac{1}{2}O_2$$

13. Formation of Interstitial Compounds

Transition metals form interstitial compounds with elements such as hydrogen, boron, carbon and nitrogen. The small atoms of these non-metallic elements (H, B, C, N, etc.) get trapped in vacant spaces of the lattices of the transition metal atoms as shown in Fig. 9.

They are generally non-stoichiometric and are neither typically ionic nor covalent. The common examples of interstitial compounds of transition metals are TiC, Mn_4N, Fe_3H, Fe_3C, TiH_2, etc. It may be noted that these formula do not correspond to any normal oxidation state of the metal. Generally, the non-stoichiometric materials are obtained having the composition as $TiH_{1.7}$, $VH_{0.56}$, etc. Because of the nature of their composition, these compounds are referred to as **interstitial compounds**.

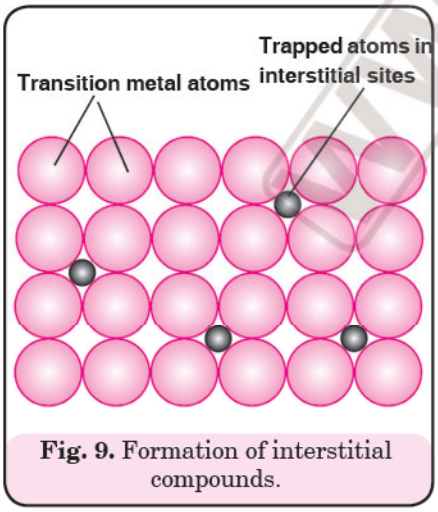


Fig. 9. Formation of interstitial compounds.

As a result of the filling up of the interstitial spaces, the transition metals become rigid and hard. These interstitial compounds have similar chemical properties as the parent metals but differ significantly in their physical properties particularly, density, hardness and conductivity. For example, steel and cast iron are hard because of the formation of interstitial compounds with carbon.

Explanation. The transition metals can easily accommodate the small non-metallic atoms because of spaces between the metal atoms. These spaces are present because of defects in their structures and existence of variable oxidation states.

The general characteristic physical and chemical properties of these compounds are :

(*i*) They have high melting points which are higher than those of pure metals.

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(*ii*) They retain metallic conductivity.

(*iii*) They are very hard. Some borides have hardness as that of diamond.

(*iv*) They are chemically inert.

14. Alloy Formation

Alloys are homogeneous solid solutions in which the atoms of one metal are randomly distributed among the atoms of the other metal. The alloys are generally formed by these atoms which have metallic radii within about 15% of each other. Transition metals form a large number of alloys. Such alloys are hard, have high melting points and are more resistant to corrosion than parent metals.

For example, the most common known alloys are ferrous alloys. Chromium, manganese, vanadium, tungsten, molybdenum etc. are used to produce variety of steels and stainless steel. Alloys of transition metals with non-transition metals such as bronze (copper-tin), brass (copper-zinc) are also industrially important alloys.

Explanation. The transition metals are quite similar in size and, therefore, the atoms of one metal can substitute the atoms of other metal in its crystal lattice. Thus, on cooling a mixture solution of two or more transition metals, solid alloys are formed which is shown in Fig. 10.

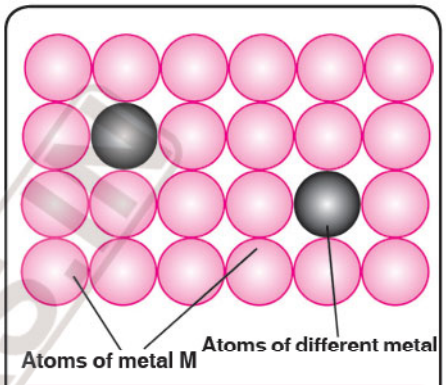


Fig. 10. Formation of alloys.

SOLVED EXAMPLES

❑ **Example 1.**

Write the electronic configurations of the following ions :

(i) Cu^+ *(ii)* Co^{2+} *(iii)* Cr^{3+} *(iv)* Mn^{2+}

Solution : (*i*) Cu^+ (Z = 29) : $[Ar]3d^{10}$

(*ii*) Co^{2+} (Z = 27) : $[Ar]3d^7$

(*iii*) Cr^{3+} (Z = 24) : $[Ar]3d^3$

(*iv*) Mn^{2+} (Z = 25) : $[Ar]3d^5$

❑ **Example 2.**

Calculate the magnetic moment of a divalent and a trivalent ion in aqueous solution if its atomic number is 25. ***N.C.E.R.T.***

Solution : Divalent ion having atomic number 25 will have d^5 electronic configuration.

No. of unpaired electrons = 5

$$\mu = \sqrt{n(n+2)}$$

$$= \sqrt{5(5+2)} = 5.92 \text{ B.M.}$$

Trivalent ion having atomic number 25 will have d^4 electronic configuration.

No. of unpaired electrons = 4

$$\mu = \sqrt{4(4+2)} = 4.90 \text{ B.M.}$$

❑ **Example 3.**

Explain as to why the $E^{\ominus}$ *value for the* Mn^{3+}/Mn^{2+} *couple is much more positive than that for* Cr^{3+}/Cr^{2+} *or* Fe^{3+}/Fe^{2+}. ***N.C.E.R.T.*** *(D.S.B. 2008, A.I.S.B. 2018)*

Solution : Mn^{2+} has $3d^5$ electronic configuration. It is stable because of half filled configuration of *d*-subshell. Therefore, Mn has very high third ionization enthalpy for the change from d^5 to d^4 and it is responsible for much more positive $E^{\ominus}$ value for Mn^{3+}/Mn^{2+} couple in comparison to Cr^{3+}/Cr^{2+} and Fe^{3+}/Fe^{2+} couples.

❑ **Example 4.**

Though both Cr^{2+} *and* Mn^{3+} *have* d^4 *configuration, yet* Cr^{2+} *is reducing while* Mn^{3+} *is oxidising. Explain why?* ***N.C.E.R.T.*** *(A.I.S.B. 2008, 2012, D.S.B. 2012, Kerala S.B. 2017)*

Solution : E° value for Cr^{3+}/Cr^{2+} is negative (–0.41V), this means that Cr^{3+} ions are more stable than Cr^{2+}. Therefore, Cr^{2+} can readily lose electrons to undergo oxidation to form Cr^{3+} ion and hence Cr (II) is strongly reducing. On the other hand the E° value for Mn^{3+}/Mn^{2+} is positive (+1.57V), this means that Mn^{3+} ions can be readily reduced to Mn^{2+} and hence Mn (III) is strongly oxidising.

❑ **Example 5.**

Scandium (Z = 21) is a transition element but zinc (Z = 30) is not. Explain. ***N.C.E.R.T.***

Solution : According to definition, transition elements are those which have partially filled *d*-subshells in their elementary state or in their commonly occurring oxidation states. Scandium (Z = 21) has partially filled *d*-subshell ($3d^1$) and is therefore, a transition element. On the other hand, zinc (Z = 30) has the configuration $3d^{10}4s^2$. It does not have partially filled *d*-subshell in its elementary form or in commonly occurring oxidation state (Zn^{2+} : $3d^{10}$). Therefore, it is not regarded as transition element.

❑ **Example 6.**

For the first row transition metals, the $E^{\ominus}$ *values are :*

$E^{\ominus}$	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu
(M^{2+}/M)	–1.18	–0.91	–1.18	–0.44	–0.28	–0.25	+0.34

Explain the irregularity in the above values. ***N.C.E.R.T.***

Solution : The $E^{\ominus}$ (M^{2+}/M) values are not regular. This can be explained due to irregular variation of ionization enthalpies ($IE_1 + IE_2$) and also the sublimation enthalpies which are relatively much less for Mn and V (Mn = 240 kJ mol^{-1} and V = 470 kJ mol^{-1}).

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❑ **Example 7.**

Why do transition elements exhibit higher enthalpies of atomization ?

N.C.E.R.T. *(D.S.B. 2008, 2012, Pb. S.B. 2017, 2018)*

Solution : The high enthalpies of atomization are due to large number of unpaired electrons in their atoms. Therefore, they have stronger interatomic interactions and hence, stronger bonding between atoms. Thus, they have high enthalpies of atomization.

❑ **Example 8.**

What is meant by disproportionation of an oxidation state ? Give one example. **N.C.E.R.T.**

Solution : When a particular oxidation state becomes less stable relative to other oxidation states, one lower and one higher, it is said to undergo disproportionation. For example, manganese (VI) becomes unstable relative to manganese (VII) and manganese (IV) in acidic solution

$$\overset{VI}{3MnO_4^{2-}} + 4H^+ \longrightarrow \overset{VII}{2MnO_4^-} + \overset{IV}{MnO_2} + 2H_2O$$

❑ **Example 9.**

Following are the transition metal ions of 3d series.
Ti^{4+}, V^{2+}, Mn^{3+}, Cr^{3+}
(Atomic numbers: Ti = 22, V = 23, Mn = 25, Cr = 24)
Answer the following:

(i) Which ion is most stable in an aqueous solution and why?

(ii) Which ion is a strong oxidising agent and why?

(iii) Which ion is colourless and why?(A.I.S.B. 2017)

Solution : *(i)* Cr^{3+} because of half filled t_{2g}^3 configuration.

(ii) Mn^{3+} due to stable d^5 configuration of Mn^{2+}.

(iii) Ti^{4+} because it has no unpaired electrons.

❑ **Example10.**

Why are Mn^{2+} compounds more stable than Fe^{2+} towards oxidation to their +3 state ? (Pb. S.B. 2012, D.S.B. 2012)

Solution : Electronic configuration of Mn^{2+} is [Ar] $3d^5$ which is half filled and hence it is stable. Therefore, third ionisation enthalpy is very high *i.e.*, third electron cannot be easily removed. In case of Fe^{2+}, the electronic configuration is $3d^6$. Therefore, Fe^{2+} can easily lose one electron to acquire $3d^5$ stable electronic configuration.

❑ **Example 11.**

The $E^\circ_{M^{2+}|M}$ for copper is positive (0.34 V). Copper is the only metal in the first series of transition elements showing this behaviour. Why ?

(C.B.S.E. Sample Paper 2012, A.I.S.B. 2012)

Solution : The $E^\circ_{(M^{2+}|M)}$ value for copper is positive and this shows that it is least reactive metal among the elements of first transition series. This is because copper has high enthalpy of atomisation and enthalpy of ionization. Therefore, the high energy required to convert Cu(*s*) to Cu^{2+} (*aq*) is not balanced by its hydration enthalpy.

Practice Problems

1. Name the third and fourth transition elements of first transition series.
2. What is the theoretical magnetic moment of Ti^{3+} ion ?
3. Which of the two V(+5) or V(+4) is diamagnetic ?
4. Which of the following ions are expected to be coloured ?
   Ni^{2+}, Ti^{3+}, Cu^+, Sc^{3+}, Zn^{2+}
5. How many unpaired electrons are present in each of the following ?
   Fe^{3+}, Co^{2+}, Zn^{2+}
6. Out of Fe^{2+} and Fe^{3+} which is more paramagnetic and why ? *(Pb.S.B. 2011)*
7. Calculate the magnetic moment of Fe^{2+} (*aq*) ion (Z = 26). *(Maharashtra S.B. 2013)*
8. Name any three elements of second transition series which have abnormal electronic configurations.
9. Why Zn^{2+} salts are colourless while Ni^{2+} salts are coloured ?
10. A compound has been found to have magnetic moment of 3.9 B.M. How many impaired electrons does it contain ?
11. Name the catalyst of vanadium used for the oxidation of SO_2 to SO_3 in Contact process. *(Pb.S.B. 2002)*
12. Give reason, Mn^{2+} ion is more paramagnetic than Fe^{2+} ion. *(H.P.S.B. 2011)*

Answers to Practice Problems

1. Vanadium, chromium
2. $\sqrt{1(1+2)}$ = 1.732 B.M.
3. V(+5)
4. Ni^{2+}, Ti^{3+}
5. 5, 3, 0.
6. Fe^{3+}, because it has more unpaired electrons (5) than Fe^{2+} (4).
7. No. of unpaired electrons in Fe^{2+} = 4
   $\mu = \sqrt{4(4+2)} = 4.90$ B.M.
8. Niobium, molybdenum, palladium.
9. Zn^{2+} has completely filled *d*-orbitals ($3d^{10}$) while Ni^{2+} has incompletely filled *d*-orbitals ($3d^8$).
10. $\mu = \sqrt{n(n+2)}$ B.M. $n = 3$.
11. Vanadium pentoxide, V_2O_5
12. Mn^{2+} has 5 unpaired electrons while Fe^{2+} has 4 unpaired electrons.

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Conceptual Questions 1

Q.1. Copper is regarded as transition metal though it has completely filled *d*-orbitals (d^{10}). Explain.

Ans. This is because copper ion, Cu^{2+} has partially filled *d*-orbitals (d^9).

Q.2. Ions of Zn^{2+} and Ti^{4+} are colourless while Cu^{2+} and Ni^{2+} are coloured. Why ? ***(Uttarakhand S.B. 2013)***

Ans. Ions of Zn^{2+} ($3d^{10}$) and Ti^{4+} ($3d^0$) are colourless because they donot contain unpaired electrons in *d*-subshell and therefore, cannot undergo *d*-*d* transitions. But Cu^{2+} ($3d^9$) and Ni^{2+} ($3d^8$) are coloured because they contain unpaired electrons in 3*d*-subshell.

Q.3. (*a*) Of the ions Ag^+, Co^{2+} and Ti^{4+}, which one will be coloured in aqueous solutions.
(*b*) If each one of above species is in turn placed in a magnetic field, how will it respond and why ?

Ans. (*a*) Of the ions Ag^+ ($4d^{10}$), Co^{2+}($3d^7$) and Ti^{4+} ($3s^23p^6$), Co^{2+} will be coloured in aqueous solution because it contains unpaired electrons in *d*-subshell.
(*b*) Co^{2+} will be attracted by the magnetic field and is paramagnetic.
(*c*) Ag^+ and Ti^{4+} will be repelled by the magnetic field and are diamagnetic.

Q.4. Which of the following exhibits the greatest number of oxidation states ?
***(i)* Zr *(ii)* Ti *(iii)* V *(iv)* Ni *(v)* Mn.**

Ans. (*v*) Mn.

Q.5. Out of cobalt and zinc salts, which is attracted in a magnetic field. Explain with reasons.

Ans. Cobalt has d^7 electrons in the outer shell and therefore, has three unpaired electrons. Therefore, it will be attracted in a magnetic field. Zinc has filled d^{10} configuration and therefore, will not be attracted by the magnetic field.

Q.6. Which divalent metal ion has maximum paramagnetic character among the first transition metals ? Why ?

Ans. Mn^{2+} shows maximum paramagnetic character because it has maximum number of unpaired electrons.

Q.7. Giving reasons indicate which one of the following would be coloured ?
Cu^+, VO^{2+}, Sc^{3+}, Ni^{2+} (At. no. of Cu = 29, V = 23, Sc = 21, Ni = 28)

Ans. Ni^{2+} because it has incompletely filled *d*-orbitals.

Q.8. Why are the ionisation energies of 5*d* elements greater than 3*d* elements ?

Ans. In the 5*d* series, after lanthanum (Z = 57), there is lanthanide contraction. As a result, in each group the atomic size of 5*d* element is small and its nuclear charge is large. Hence, the ionisation energies of 5*d* elements are larger than 3*d* elements.

Q.9. K_2PtCl_6 is known but Ni compound is not known. State a reason for it.

Ans. This is because Pt^{4+} is more stable than Ni^{4+} as the sum of four ionisation energies of Pt is less than that of Ni.

Q.10. The standard reduction potentials of Co^{2+} and Co^{3+} are –0.28 V and 1.8 V respectively. Which should be a better oxidising agent in water : Co^{2+} or Co^{3+} ?

Ans. Since standard reduction potential of Co^{3+} is larger than that of Co^{2+}, it suggests that Co^{3+} can be more easily reduced. Therefore, it is better oxidising agent than Co^{2+}.

Q.11. The sums of first and second ionization enthalpies and those of third and fourth ionization enthalpies of nickel and platinum are :

	$IE_1 + IE_2$ (MJ mol^{-1})	$IE_3 + IE_4$ (MJ mol^{-1})
Ni	2.49	8.80
Pt	2.66	6.70

Based on this information, write :
(*a*) The most common oxidation state for Ni and Pt and mention why they are common.
(*b*) Name the metal (Ni or Pt) which can easily form compounds in +4 oxidation state and why ?
(A.I.S.B. 2000, CBSE Sample Paper 2010)

Ans. (*a*) The most common oxidation state of Ni is +2 and of Pt is +4 because these have lower ionization enthalpies.
(*b*) Platinum because the sum of first four ionization enthalpies for Pt is lower than that for Ni.

Q.12. Which of the two ferrous or ferric ion has larger magnetic moment and why ? ***(Pb.S.B. 2011, 2015)***

Ans. Fe^{2+} : [Ar] $3d^6$: 4 unpaired electrons, Fe^{3+} : [Ar] $3d^5$: 5 unpaired electrons
Fe^{3+} has larger magnetic moment because it has more number of unpaired electrons than Fe^{2+} ion.

Q.13. Which metal in the first transition series exhibits +1 oxidation state most frequently and why ?
(D.S.B. 2013)

Ans. Copper has electronic configuration $3d^{10}4s^1$. It can easily lose one ($4s^1$) electron to give stable $3d^{10}$ configuration.

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Q.14. Name the following :

(*i*) Divalent ion of first transition series having maximum magnetic moment.

(*ii*) Coloured ion out of Cu^+ or Cu^{2+}.

(*iii*) Two ions of first transition series having zero magnetic moment.

Ans. (*i*) Mn^{2+}, (*ii*) Cu^{2+}, (*iii*) Sc^{3+}, Zn^{2+}

Q.15. The melting and boiling points of Zn, Cd and Hg are low. Why ? ***(H.P.S.B. 2001)***

Ans. In Zn, Cd and Hg, all the electrons in *d*-subshell are paired. Hence, the metallic bonds present in them are weak. Therefore, they have low melting and boiling points.

Q.16. What may be the stable oxidation state of the transition element with the following *d*-electron configuration in the ground state of their atoms ?

$3d^3$, $3d^5$, $3d^8$ and $3d^4$

Ans. $3d^34s^2$: + 5, $3d^54s^1$: + 6 or $3d^54s^2$: + 2, + 7

$3d^84s^2$: + 2, $3d^44s^2$: + 6

Q.17. Name a transition element which does not exhibit variable oxidation states.

Ans. Scandium (Z = 21) does not exhibit variable oxidation states.

Q.18. Fe^{3+} is more stable than Fe^{2+}. Explain. ***N.C.E.R.T.***

Ans. The electronic configuration of Fe^{2+} and Fe^{3+} ions are :

Fe^{2+} : [Ar]$3d^6$, Fe^{3+} : [Ar]$3d^5$.

The electronic configuration of Fe^{3+} has half filled subshell and hence it is stable.

Q.19. How would you account for the increasing oxidising power in the series : $VO_2^+ < Cr_2O_7^{2-} < MnO_4^-$? ***N.C.E.R.T., (CBSE Sample Paper 2010)***

Ans. This is due to the increasing stability of the lower species to which they are reduced.

Q.20. On the basis of the standard electrode potential values stated for acid solutions, predict whether Ti^{4+} species may be used to oxidise Fe^{II} to Fe^{III}.

Reaction	**$E^\ominus$/V**
$Ti^{IV} + e^- \longrightarrow Ti^{3+}$	**: + 0.01**
$Fe^{3+} + e^- \longrightarrow Fe^{2+}$	**: + 0.77**

(A.I.S.B. 2007)

Ans. Since $Ti^{4+}|Ti^{3+}$ has lower reduction potential than $Fe^{3+}|Fe^{2+}$, it cannot be reduced in comparison with $Fe^{3+}|Fe^{2+}$ ions. Hence, Ti^{4+} cannot oxidize Fe^{2+} to Fe^{3+}.

Q.21. Chromium is a typical hard metal while mercury is a liquid. ***(CBSE Sample Paper 2011)***

Ans. In chromium, the M—M interactions are strong due to the presence of six unpaired electrons in the 3*d* and 4*s* subshell. On the otherhand, in mercury all the electrons in the 5*d* and 6*s* subshell are paired and therefore, the M—M interactions are weak. Therefore, chromium is a typical hard metal while mercury is a liquid.

Q.22. Silver is a transition metal but zinc is not. ***(CBSE Sample Paper 2011)***

Ans. According to definition, transition elements are those which have partially filled *d*-subshell in their elementary state or in their one of the oxidation states. Silver (Z = 47) can exhibit +2 oxidation state in which it has incompletely filled *d*-subshell ($4d^9$ configuration). Hence, silver is regarded as transition element.

On the otherhand, zinc (Z = 30) has the configuration $3d^{10}\ 4s^2$. It does not have partially filled *d*-subshells in its elementary form or in commonly occurring oxidation state (Zn : $3d^{10}$). Therefore, it is not regarded as transition element.

Q.23. The magnetic moments of few transition metal ions are given below:

Metal ion	**Magnetic moment (BM)**
Sc^{3+}	**0.00**
Cr^{2+}	**4.90**
Ni^{2+}	**2.84**
Ti^{3+}	**1.73**

(at no. Sc = 21, Ti = 22, Cr = 24, Ni = 28)

Which of the given metal ions:

(*i*) has the maximum number of unpaired electrons?

(*ii*) forms colourless aqueous solution?

(*iii*) exhibits the most stable + 3 oxidation state?

(CBSE Sample Paper 2017-18)

Ans. (*i*) Cr^{2+}, (*ii*) Sc^{3+}, (*iii*) Sc^{3+}

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Q.24. Based on the data, arrange Fe^{2+}, Mn^{2+} and Cr^{2+} in the increasing order of stability of +2 oxidation state:

$E^0_{Cr^{3+}|Cr^{2+}} = -0.4$ V, $E^0_{Mn^{3+}|Mn^{2+}} = 1.5$ V, $E^0_{Fe^{3+}|Fe^{2+}} = 0.8$ V *(CBSE Sample Paper 2011)*

Ans. As the value of reduction potential increases, the stability of +2 oxidation state increases. Therefore, correct order of stability is

$$Cr^{3+} | Cr^{2+} < Fe^{3+} | Fe^{2+} < Mn^{3+} | Mn^{2+}.$$

Q.25. (*i*) Name the element showing maximum number of oxidation states among the first series of transition metals from Sc ($Z = 21$) to Zn ($Z = 30$).

(*ii*) Name the element which shows only +3 oxidation state. *(A.I.S.B. 20013)*

Ans. (*i*) Manganese (*ii*) Scandium

SOME IMPORTANT COMPOUNDS OF TRANSITION ELEMENTS

The transition metals react with a number of non-metals such as oxygen, nitrogen, phosphorus, halogens, sulphur and carbon to form a variety of binary compounds, Let us discuss some general trends in important compounds such as oxides, halides and sulphides.

1. Oxides and oxoanions of metals

The transition metals generally react with oxygen at high temperature to form oxides. Since the transition metals exhibit a great degree of variable valence, a large variety of oxides of different oxidation states is formed. The general formulae of the oxides are :

$$MO, M_2O_3, M_3O_4, MO_2, M_2O_5 \text{ and } MO_3$$

As already discussed, the highest oxidation number in the oxides coincides with the group number. This is attained in Sc_2O_3 to Mn_2O_7. Beyond group 7 no higher oxides of iron above Fe_2O_3 are known. Some metals in higher oxidation are stabilized by oxocations. For example, V^Vas VO_2^+, V^{IV} as VO^{2+} and Ti^{IV} as TiO^{2+}.

These oxides exhibit *acidic, basic and amphoteric character*. This is given in Table 14. There is a relationship between the nature of oxides and the oxidation state of the metal.

(i) All the metals except scandium form MO oxides which are ionic. As the oxidation state of a metal increases, the ionic character decreases. For example, in case of manganese, Mn_2O_7 is a covalent green oil. CrO_3 and V_2O_5 have also low melting point.

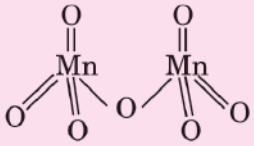
(ii) In general, *the oxides of higher oxidation states of metal are acidic.* For example, CrO is basic; Cr_2O_3 and CrO_2 are amphoteric while CrO_3 is acidic. It dissolves in water and forms chromic acid (H_2CrO_4) and $H_2Cr_2O_7$. Similarly, Mn_2O_7 is acidic and it has been recognized as anhydride of permanganic acid ($HMnO_4$) which exists only in solution. However, V_2O_5 is amphoteric though mainly acidic. It gives VO_4^{3+} as well as VO_2^+ salts. In vanadium, there is gradual change from basic V_2O_3 to less basic V_2O_4 and amphoteric V_2O_5 . V_2O_4 dissolves in acids to give VO^{2+} salts. Similarly, V_2O_5 reacts with alkalies as well as acids to give VO_4^{3-} and VO_4^+ ions respectively.

(iii) The oxides of lower oxidation states of metal are basic. The oxides having intermediate oxidation states are amphoteric.

(iv) The basic and amphoteric oxides dissolve in non-oxidising acids forming hexaaqua ions in which the metal is the cation, $[M(H_2O)_6]^{n+}$. Some of these oxides dissolve in acids and bases to form oxometallic salts.

It is observed that when **the metal is in its high oxidation state, its oxide is acidic, for low oxidation state, its oxide is basic while for intermediate oxidation states the oxides show amphoteric behaviour.** For example,

Oxygen stabilizes the highest oxidation state even more than fluorine. For example, the highest fluoride of Mn is MnF_4 while the highest oxide is Mn_2O_7. This is because of the ability of oxygen to form multiple bonds with the metal atoms. For example, the structure of Mn_2O_7 is



In this structure, each Mn is tetrahedrally surrounded by four O atoms including a Mn—O—Mn bridge.

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The oxides of manganese have the following behaviour :

Oxide	MnO	Mn_3O_4	Mn_2O_3	MnO_2	Mn_2O_7
Oxidation state	+2	$+\frac{8}{3}$	+3	+4	+7

Ionic/covalent character → Ionic character decreases/covalent character increases

Acidic/basic character → Acidic character increases/basic character decreases

MnO	Mn_3O_4	Mn_2O_3	MnO_2	Mn_2O_7
Basic		Amphoteric		Acidic

Table 15. Important oxides of first transition series.

Sc		$Sc_2O_3(b)$				
Ti	$TiO(b)$	$Ti_2O_3(b)$	$TiO_2(c)$			
V	$VO(b)$	$V_2O_3(b)$	$VO_2(c)$	$V_2O_5(c)$		
Cr	$CrO(b)$	$Cr_2O_3(c)$	$CrO_2(c)$		$Cr_2O_3(c)$	
Mn	$MnO(b)$	$Mn_2O_3(b)$	$Mn_3O_4(c)$	$MnO_2(c)$		$Mn_2O_7(a)$
Fe	$FeO(b)$	$Fe_2O_3(b)$	$Fe_3O_4(b)$			
Co	$CoO(b)$					
Ni	$NiO(b)$					
Cu	$Cu_2O(b)$	$CuO(c)$				

where *a* : acidic *b* : basic *c* : amphoteric

Reducing character of oxides

When we move in a transition series, +2 oxidation state becomes more and more stable. This means that the tendency of the metals to give electrons becomes more as we move in a period. In other words, their reducing character increases. Vanadium (II) oxide and chromium (II) oxide are strong reducing agents. As we move down the group, the higher oxidation state becomes more stable. For example, osmium (VIII) oxide, OsO_4 has been isolated while iron (VIII) oxide, FeO_4 has not been isolated. Ruthenium (VIII) oxide has also been prepared but it is unstable and decomposes on standing.

Potassium dichromate, $K_2Cr_2O_7$

Preparation. It is prepared from chromite ore $FeO.Cr_2O_3$ ($FeCr_2O_4$). The preparation of potassium dichromate from chromite ore involves the following steps :

***(i)* Conversion of chromite ore into sodium chromate.** The chromite ore is fused with sodium hydroxide or sodium carbonate in the presence of air.

$$\underset{\text{Chromite ore}}{4FeCr_2O_4} + 16NaOH + \underset{\text{(Air)}}{7O_2} \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Sodium chromate}}{8Na_2CrO_4} + 2Fe_2O_3 + 8H_2O$$

or $4FeCr_2O_4 + 8Na_2CO_3 + 7O_2 \longrightarrow 8Na_2CrO_4 + 2Fe_2O_3 + 8CO_2$

***(ii)* Conversion of sodium chromate into sodium dichromate.** The yellow solution of sodium chromate is filtered and acidified with sulphuric acid giving its dichromate

$$\underset{\text{Sodium chromate}}{2Na_2CrO_4} + H_2SO_4 \rightarrow \underset{\text{Sodium dichromate}}{Na_2Cr_2O_7} + Na_2SO_4 + H_2O$$

On cooling, sodium sulphate crystallizes out as $Na_2SO_4.10H_2O$ and is removed. The resulting solution contains sodium dichromate.

***(iii)* Conversion of sodium dichromate into potassium dichromate.** Sodium dichromate is more soluble than potassium dichromate. Therefore, potassium dichromate is prepared by mixing a hot concentrated solution of sodium dichromate and potassium chloride in equimolar proportions :

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$$\underset{\text{Sodium dichromate}}{Na_2Cr_2O_7} + 2KCl \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Potassium dichromate}}{K_2Cr_2O_7} + 2NaCl$$

Sodium chloride, being the least soluble, precipitates out from the hot solution and is removed by filtration. Orange crystals of potassium dichromate separate out from mother liquor on cooling.

Properties. The important properties of $K_2Cr_2O_7$ are :

1. Colour and melting point. It is an orange red crystalline solid having melting point 670 K.

2. Solubility. It is moderately soluble in cold water but readily soluble in hot water.

3. Action of heat. It decomposes on heating to form potassium chromate, chromic oxide and oxygen.

$$4K_2Cr_2O_7 \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} \underset{\text{Potassium chromate}}{4K_2CrO_4} + \underset{\text{Chromic oxide}}{2Cr_2O_3} + 3O_2$$

4. Action with alkalies. On heating with alkalies, the orange colour of dichromate solution changes to yellow due to the formation of chromate ions.

$$\underset{\text{(Orange)}}{K_2Cr_2O_7} + 2KOH \longrightarrow \underset{\substack{\text{Pot. chromate}\\ \text{(Yellow)}}}{2K_2CrO_4} + H_2O$$

or
$$Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 2OH^- \longrightarrow \underset{\substack{\text{Chromate ion}\\ \text{(Yellow)}}}{2CrO_4^{2-}} + H_2O$$

On acidifying the yellow solution, the colour again changes to orange red due to the reversible reaction

$$\underset{\text{(Yellow)}}{2K_2CrO_4} + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{(Orange)}}{K_2Cr_2O_7} + K_2SO_4 + H_2O$$

or
$$\underset{\text{(Yellow)}}{2CrO_4^{2-}} + 2H^+ \longrightarrow \underset{\text{(Orange)}}{Cr_2O_7^{2-}} + H_2O$$

Thus, the dichromate ion ($Cr_2O_7^{2-}$) and chromate ion (CrO_4^{2-}) exist in equilibrium at pH = 4. These are interconvertible by changing the pH of the solution.

$$\underset{\substack{\text{Orange red}\\ \text{(Dichromate ion)}}}{Cr_2O_7^{2-}} + H_2O \underset{}{\overset{\text{pH = 4}}{\rightleftharpoons}} \underset{\substack{\text{Yellow}\\ \text{(Chromate ion)}}}{2CrO_4^{2-}} + 2H^+$$

When an alkali is added *(i.e.,* pH of the solution is increased) the OH^- ions will combine with the H^+ ions and hence will decrease the concentration of H^+ ions. According to Le-Chatelier's principle, the reaction will shift towards forward direction producing yellow chromate solution. On the other hand, when an acid is added *(i.e.,* pH of the solution is decreased), the concentration of H^+ ions will increase. As a result, according to Le-Chatelier's principle, the reaction will shift towards backward direction providing orange coloured dichromate solution.

Thus, **in alkaline solution, chromate ions are present while in acidic solution, dichromate ions are present**.

5. Chromyl chloride test. When potassium dichromate is heated with conc. sulphuric acid and a soluble metal chloride *(e.g.,* NaCl), orange red vapours of chromyl chloride are evolved

$$K_2Cr_2O_7 + 4NaCl + 6H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow 2KHSO_4 + 4NaHSO_4 + \underset{\substack{\text{Chromyl chloride}\\ \text{(orange red vapours)}}}{2CrO_2Cl_2} + 3H_2O$$

This reaction is used for the detection of Cl^- ions in qualitative analysis.

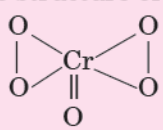
Chromyl choride test for Cl^- ions. When $K_2Cr_2O_7$ is heated with a chloride ion and conc. H_2SO_4, reddish brown vapours of chromyl chloride are obtained. When these vapours are passed through NaOH solution, yellow coloured solution is obtained.

$$K_2Cr_2O_7 + 4NaCl + 6H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow 2KHSO_4 + 4NaHSO_4 + \underset{\substack{\text{Chromyl chloride}\\ \text{(red vapour)}}}{2CrO_2Cl_2} + 3H_2O$$

$$CrO_2Cl_2 + 4NaOH \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Yellow solution}}{Na_2CrO_4} + 2NaCl + 2H_2O$$

It may be noted that chlorides of Ag, Hg, Pb and Sn donot give this test.

The structure of CrO_5 is



In this, the oxidation state of Cr is +6.

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6. Action with hydrochloric acid. Potassium dichromate reacts with hydrochloric acid and evolves chlorine

$$K_2Cr_2O_7 + 14HCl \longrightarrow 2KCl + 2CrCl_3 + 7H_2O + 3Cl_2$$

Chlorine

7. Reaction with hydrogen peroxide. Acidified potassium dichromate reacts with hydrogen peroxide to give a deep blue solution due to the formation of $[CrO(O_2)_2]$ or CrO_5.

$$Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 4H_2O_2 + 2H^+ \longrightarrow 2CrO_5 + 5H_2O$$

The blue colour fades away gradually due to decomposition of CrO_5 to Cr^{3+} and oxygen.

8. Oxidising character. The dichromates act as powerful oxidising agents in acidic medium. In the presence of dilute sulphuric acid, $K_2Cr_2O_7$ liberates nascent oxygen and therefore, acts as an oxidising agent.

$$K_2Cr_2O_7 + 4H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow K_2SO_4 + Cr_2(SO_4)_3 + 4H_2O + 3(O)$$

Nascent oxygen

In terms of electronic concept, the $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$ ion takes up electrons in the acidic medium and hence acts as an oxidising agent

$$Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 14H^+ + 6e^- \longrightarrow 2Cr^{3+} + 7H_2O \qquad E^\ominus = 1.33\ V$$

In this case, it is clear that $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$ (Cr in +6 oxidation state) is itself reduced to Cr^{3+} (Cr in +3 oxidation state) and its equivalent weight will be :

$$\text{Equivalent weight of } K_2Cr_2O_7 = \frac{\text{Molecular wt.}}{6} = \frac{294}{6} = 49$$

Eq. wt. of $K_2Cr_2O_7$

$$= \frac{\text{Mol. wt.}}{6}$$

$$= \frac{294}{6} = 49$$

Both $Na_2Cr_2O_7$ and $K_2Cr_2O_7$ are oxidising agents. The sodium salt has a greater solubility in water and is extensively used as an oxidising agent in organic chemistry. $K_2Cr_2O_7$ is used as primary standard in volumetric analysis because it is not hygroscopic.

Some of the oxidising reactions of $K_2Cr_2O_7$ are :

(i) It liberates I_2 from KI

$$K_2Cr_2O_7 + 4H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow K_2SO_4 + Cr_2(SO_4)_3 + 4H_2O + 3O$$
$$2KI + H_2SO_4 + O \longrightarrow K_2SO_4 + H_2O + I_2] \times 3$$

$$6KI + K_2Cr_2O_7 + 7H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow 4K_2SO_4 + Cr_2(SO_4)_3 + 7H_2O + 3I_2$$

or oxidises iodides to iodine.

The equation in terms of electron method may also be written as :

$$Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 14H^+ + 6e^- \longrightarrow 2Cr^{3+} + 7H_2O$$
$$2I^- \longrightarrow I_2 + 2e^-] \times 3$$

$$Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 6I^- + 14H^+ \longrightarrow 2Cr^{3+} + 3I_2 + 7H_2O$$

(ii) It oxidises ferrous salts to ferric salts

$$K_2Cr_2O_7 + 4H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow K_2SO_4 + Cr_2(SO_4)_3 + 4H_2O + 3O$$
$$2FeSO_4 + H_2SO_4 + O \longrightarrow Fe_2(SO_4)_3 + H_2O] \times 3$$

$$6FeSO_4 + K_2Cr_2O_7 + 7H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow 3Fe_2(SO_4)_3 + K_2SO_4 + Cr_2(SO_4)_3 + 7H_2O$$

or *ferrous to ferric ions*

$$6Fe^{2+} + Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 14H^+ \longrightarrow 6Fe^{3+} + 2Cr^{3+} + 7H_2O$$

(iii) It oxidises hydrogen sulphide to sulphur

$$K_2Cr_2O_7 + 4H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow K_2SO_4 + Cr_2(SO_4)_3 + 4H_2O + 3O$$
$$H_2S + O \longrightarrow H_2O + S] \times 3$$

$$3H_2S + K_2Cr_2O_7 + 4H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow K_2SO_4 + Cr_2(SO_4)_3 + 3S + 7H_2O$$

or $$3H_2S + Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 8H^+ \longrightarrow 2Cr^{3+} + 3S + 7H_2O$$

When ammonium dichromate is heated slightly, it decomposes to form green solid, Cr_2O_3, N_2 and water.

$$(NH_4)_2Cr_2O_7 \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} Cr_2O_3 + N_2 + H_2O$$

(Green solid)

Once initiated a large amount of heat is produced and decomposition continues at very high speed. The large volumes of N_2 and H_2O vapour blow the green Cr_2O_3 into the air, and it **looks like a volcano.**

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(iv) It oxidises sulphites to sulphates

$$K_2Cr_2O_7 + 4H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow K_2SO_4 + Cr_2(SO_4)_3 + 4H_2O + 3O$$
$$Na_2SO_3 + O \longrightarrow Na_2SO_4] \times 3$$

$$3Na_2SO_3 + K_2Cr_2O_7 + 4H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow 3Na_2SO_4 + K_2SO_4 + Cr_2(SO_4)_3 + 4H_2O$$

or $3SO_3^{2-} + Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 8H^+ \longrightarrow 3SO_4^{2-} + 2Cr^{3+} + 4H_2O$

It also oxidises thiosulphates to sulphates and sulphur :

$$3S_2O_3^{2-} + Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 8H^+ \longrightarrow 2Cr^{3+} + 3SO_4^{2-} + 3S + 4H_2O$$

(Sulphur)

Similarly, it oxidises, chlorides to chlorine, nitrites to nitrates, sulphur dioxide to sulphuric acid, thiosulphates to sulphates and sulphur, etc.

$$Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 6Cl^- + 14H^+ \longrightarrow 2Cr^{3+} + 3Cl_2 + 7H_2O$$

$$Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 3NO_2^- + 8H^+ \longrightarrow 2Cr^{3+} + 3NO_3^- + 4H_2O$$

(Nitrite → Nitrate)

$$Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 3SO_2 + 2H^+ \longrightarrow Cr_2(SO_4)_3 + H_2O$$

(Chromium sulphate)

- The oxidation state of chromium in dichromate ($Cr_2O_7^{2-}$) ion and chromate (CrO_4^{2-}) ion is same (+6).
- Cr (V) undergoes *disproportionation* in acidic medium to Cr(VI) and Cr(III) as :

$$3\overset{V}{Cr}O_4^{3-} + 8H^+ \longrightarrow 2\overset{VI}{Cr}O_4^{2-} + \overset{III}{Cr}^{3+} + 4H_2O$$

(v) It oxidises stannous salts, Sn (II) to stannic salts, Sn (IV)

$$Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 14H^+ + 3Sn^{2+} \longrightarrow 2Cr^{3+} + 3Sn^{4+} + 7H_2O$$

(vi) It oxidises ethyl alcohol to acetaldehyde and acetic acid

$$K_2Cr_2O_7 + 4H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow K_2SO_4 + Cr_2(SO_4)_3 + 4H_2O + 3O$$

$$CH_3CH_2OH + O \longrightarrow CH_3CHO + H_2O$$

(Ethyl alcohol → Acetaldehyde)

$$CH_3CHO + O \longrightarrow CH_3COOH$$

(Acetaldehyde → Acetic acid)

Structure of Chromate and Dichromate Ions

The chromate ion CrO_4^{2-} has **tetrahedral structure** in which four atoms around Cr-atoms are oriented in a tetrahedral arrangement. In this, all the four Cr–O bonds are equivalent. The dichromate ion consists of two tetrahedral units sharing one corner with Cr–O–Cr bond angle of 126°. These two Cr–O bonds are larger than the other six equivalent Cr–O bonds. The structures of chromate and dichromate ions are given in Fig. 11.

Uses. Potassium dichromate is used :

(i) in dyeing and calico printing,

(ii) in chrome tanning in leather industry,

(iii) for the preparation of a large number of chromium compounds such as chrome yellow [$PbCrO_4$], chrome red ($PbCrO_4$·PbO), chrome alum ($K_2SO_4.Cr_2(SO_4)_3.24H_2O$), zinc yellow ($ZnCrO_4$), etc.

(iv) as a volumetric reagent in laboratory in redox titrations for the estimation of ferrous ions, iodide ions, etc.

It may be noted that $K_2Cr_2O_7$ is preferred over $Na_2Cr_2O_7$. $Na_2Cr_2O_7$ is not used in volumetric analysis because it is deliquescent.

(v) in photography for hardening gelatine film,

(vi) a mixture of $K_2Cr_2O_7$ and conc. H_2SO_4 is used as a cleaning mixture in the laboratories,

(vii) in organic chemistry as an oxidising agent.

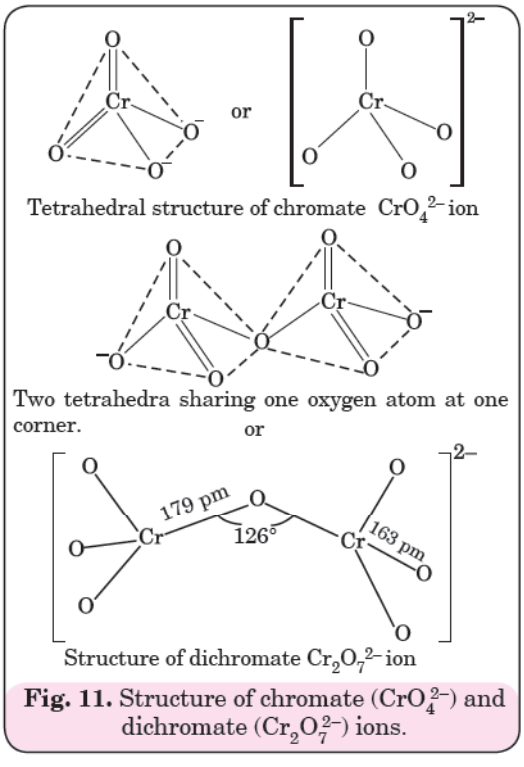


Fig. 11. Structure of chromate (CrO_4^{2-}) and dichromate ($Cr_2O_7^{2-}$) ions.

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- **Which solution is used by traffic police to test that a person is drunk ? What is its theory ?**

► Acidified potassium dichromate solution is used which has orange colour.

The person is asked to breathe into this solution taken in a test tube. If a person has consumed alcohol, the orange colour will change green due to the oxidation of alcohol and reduction of acidified potassium dichromate to green coloured chromium sulphate.

$$\underset{\text{Orange}}{2K_2Cr_2O_7} + 3CH_3CH_2OH + 8H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Green}}{2Cr_2(SO_4)_3} + 2K_2SO_4 + 3CH_3COOH + 11H_2O$$

The change in colour is measured by a system of photocells connected to a meter. The intensity of colour change is related to blood alcohol concentration.

The instrument is known as **breath analyzer**.

Since 1 mol of MnO_4^- ions involve addition of 3 electrons, its equivalent weight in **neutral medium** is

$$\text{Eq. wt. of } KMnO_4 = \frac{\text{Mol. wt.}}{3} = \frac{158}{3} = \mathbf{52.67}$$

Both sodium dichromate and potassium dichromate are strong oxidising agents. In organic chemistry, sodium dichromate is extensively used as an oxidising agent because of its greater solubility in water.

Potassium permanganate, $KMnO_4$

Preparation. Potassium permanganate is prepared from mineral *pyrolusite* (MnO_2). The preparation of $KMnO_4$ involves the following steps :

***(i)* Conversion of pyrolusite ore to potassium manganate.** The pyrolusite (MnO_2) is fused with caustic potash (KOH) or potassium carbonate in the presence of air or oxidising agent such as potassium nitrate or potassium chlorate to give a green mass due to the formation of potassium manganate.

$$2MnO_2 + 4KOH + O_2 \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} \underset{\substack{\text{Potassium}\\\text{manganate}\\\text{(Green mass)}}}{2K_2MnO_4} + 2H_2O$$

$$2MnO_2 + 2K_2CO_3 + O_2 \longrightarrow \underset{\substack{\text{Potassium}\\\text{manganate}}}{2K_2MnO_4} + 2CO_2$$

$$MnO_2 + 2KOH + KNO_3 \longrightarrow \underset{\substack{\text{Potassium}\\\text{manganate}}}{K_2MnO_4} + KNO_2 + H_2O$$

***(ii)* Oxidation of potassium manganate to potassium permanganate.** The green mass is extracted with water resulting in green solution of potassium manganate. The solution is then, treated with a current of chlorine or ozone or carbon dioxide to oxidise potassium manganate to potassium permanganate. The solution is concentrated and the dark purple crystals of potassium permanganate separate out.

$$2K_2MnO_4 + Cl_2 \longrightarrow 2KCl + 2KMnO_4$$

$$2K_2MnO_4 + O_3 + H_2O \longrightarrow 2KMnO_4 + 2KOH + O_2$$

$$3K_2MnO_4 + 2CO_2 \longrightarrow 2K_2CO_3 + 2MnO_2 + 2KMnO_4$$

Manganate ion also disproportionates in a neutral or acidic solution to give permanganate :

$$\overset{\text{VI}}{3MnO_4^{2-}} + 4H^+ \longrightarrow \overset{\text{VII}}{2MnO_4^-} + \overset{\text{IV}}{MnO_2} + 2H_2O$$

Alternatively, the alkaline potassium manganate solution is electrolytically oxidised.

Electrolytic method. Commercially potassium permanganate is prepared by the alkaline oxidative fusion of MnO_2 followed by electrolytic oxidation of manganate (VI). The potassium manganate solution is taken in an electrolytic cell which contains iron cathode and nickel anode. The potassium manganate solution is taken in anodic compartment while dilute alkali solution is added in the cathode compartment. When current is passed, the manganate ion is oxidised to permanganate ion at anode and hydrogen is liberated at cathode.

$$K_2MnO_4 \rightleftharpoons 2K^+ + MnO_4^{2-}$$

At anode : $\underset{\text{(Green)}}{MnO_4^{2-}} \longrightarrow \underset{\text{(Purple)}}{MnO_4^-} + e^-$

At cathode : $\underset{\text{(From water)}}{2H^+ + 2e^-} \longrightarrow 2H$

$$2H \longrightarrow H_2$$

Laboratory preparation. In laboratory potassium permanganate is prepared by oxidising a manganese (II) ion salt by peroxodisulphate.

$$2Mn^{2+} + \underset{\text{Peroxodisulphate ion}}{S_2O_8^{2-}} + 8H_2O \longrightarrow 2MnO_4^- + 10SO_4^{2-} + 16H^+$$

Properties. The important properties of potassium permanganate are :

1. Colour and melting point. It is a dark violet crystalline solid having a metallic lustre. It has m.p. 523 K.

2. Solubility. It is fairly soluble in water (solubility = 6.4 g/100 g of water at 293 K) giving a purple solution.

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3. Action of heat. When heated strongly to 513 K, it decomposes to give oxygen.

$$2KMnO_4 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Pot. manganate}}{K_2MnO_4} + MnO_2 + O_2$$

At red heat potassium manganate formed decomposes into potassium manganite (K_2MnO_3) and oxygen.

$$2K_2MnO_4 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Pot. manganite}}{2K_2MnO_3} + O_2$$

4. Action of alkalies. On heating with alkalies, potassium permanganate changes into potassium manganate and oxygen gas is evolved

$$4KMnO_4 + 4KOH \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Pot. manganate}}{4K_2MnO_4} + 2H_2O + O_2$$

5. Oxidising character. Potassium permanganate is a powerful oxidising agent in *neutral, alkaline* or *acidic solutions* because it liberates nascent oxygen as :

Neutral solution. MnO_2 is formed

$$2KMnO_4 + H_2O \longrightarrow 2KOH + 2MnO_2 + 3O$$

or $$MnO_4^- + 2H_2O + 3e^- \longrightarrow MnO_2 + 4OH^-$$

Since 1 mol of MnO_4^- gains 3 electrons its equivalent weight is,

$$\text{Eq. wt. of } KMnO_4 = \frac{\text{Mol.wt.}}{3} = \frac{158}{3} = \mathbf{52.67}$$

Alkaline solution. In strongly alkaline solution manganate ions are formed.

$$2KMnO_4 + 2KOH \longrightarrow 2K_2MnO_4 + H_2O + O$$

or $$MnO_4^- + e^- \longrightarrow MnO_4^{2-} \qquad E^\ominus = +0.56\ V$$

Since 1 mol of MnO_4^- ions involve 1 electron, its equivalent weight is

$$\text{Eq. wt. of } KMnO_4 = \frac{\text{Mol. wt.}}{1} = \frac{158}{1} = 158$$

Potassium manganate is further reduced to MnO_2 in the presence of a reducing agent.

$$K_2MnO_4 + H_2O \longrightarrow MnO_2 + 2KOH + O\ ] \times 2$$

or $$MnO_4^{2-} + 2H_2O + 2e^- \longrightarrow MnO_2 + 4OH^-$$

Therefore, the complete equation is :

$$2KMnO_4 + H_2O \longrightarrow 2MnO_2 + 2KOH + 3O$$

or $$2MnO_4^- + 2H_2O + 3e^- \longrightarrow MnO_2 + 4OH^-$$

This is the same as in neutral medium.

Acidic solution. Mn^{2+} ions are formed

$$2KMnO_4 + 3H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow K_2SO_4 + 2MnSO_4 + 3H_2O + 5O$$

$$MnO_4^- + 8H^+ + 5e^- \longrightarrow Mn^{2+} + 4H_2O \qquad E^\ominus = +1.52\ V$$

However, $KMnO_4$ is used in acidic medium quite frequently in the laboratory. The important oxidation reactions of **acidified $KMnO_4$** are :

(i) It oxidises acidified ferrous salts (green) to ferric salts (yellow)

$$2KMnO_4 + 3H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow K_2SO_4 + 2MnSO_4 + 3H_2O + 5O$$
$$2FeSO_4 + H_2SO_4 + O \longrightarrow Fe_2(SO_4)_3 + H_2O\ ] \times 5$$

$$2KMnO_4 + 10FeSO_4 + 8H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow K_2SO_4 + 2MnSO_4 + 5Fe_2(SO_4)_3 + 8H_2O$$

or $$2MnO_4^- + 10Fe^{2+} + 16H^+ \longrightarrow 2Mn^{2+} + 10Fe^{3+} + 8H_2O$$

(ii) It oxidises acidified potassium iodide to iodine

$$2KMnO_4 + 3H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow K_2SO_4 + 2MnSO_4 + 3H_2O + 5O$$
$$2KI + H_2SO_4 + O \longrightarrow K_2SO_4 + H_2O + I_2\ ] \times 5$$

$$10KI + 2KMnO_4 + 8H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow 6K_2SO_4 + 2MnSO_4 + 8H_2O + 5I_2$$

or $$10I^- + 2MnO_4^- + 16H^+ \longrightarrow 2Mn^{2+} + 8H_2O + 5I_2$$

- In **strongly alkaline medium**, MnO_4^- ions involve addition of one electron and therefore, its equivalent weight in strongly alkaline medium is

$$\text{Eq. wt. of } KMnO_4 = \frac{\text{Mol. wt.}}{1} = \frac{158}{1} = \mathbf{158}$$

- In **weakly alkaline medium**, the equivalent weight of $KMnO_4$ is same as in the **neutral medium**.

$$\text{Eq. wt. of } KMnO_4 = \frac{\text{Mol. wt.}}{3} = \frac{158}{3} = \mathbf{52.67}$$

In **acidic medium**, MnO_4^- ions involve the addition of 5 electrons and therefore, its equivalent weight in acidic medium is

$$\text{Eq. wt. of } KMnO_4 = \frac{\text{Mol. wt.}}{5} = \frac{158}{5} = \mathbf{31.6}$$

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NOTE

From the oxidising reactions of MnO_4^- ($KMnO_4$), we observe that MnO_4^- is itself reduced to MnO_4^{2-} (manganate ion), MnO_2 (manganese dioxide) and Mn^{2+} (manganese (II) salt). The electrode potentials of the half reactions are :

$$MnO_4^- + e^- \longrightarrow MnO_4^{2-} \qquad E^\circ = +0.56\ V$$

$$MnO_4^- + 4H^+ + 3e^- \longrightarrow MnO_2 + 2H_2O \qquad E^\circ = +1.69\ V$$

$$MnO_4^- + 8H^+ + 5e^- \longrightarrow Mn^{2+} + 4H_2O \qquad E^\circ = +1.52\ V$$

In these reactions, we observe that H^+ ion concentration plays an important role in influencing the reaction.

The reduction potential values can explain the occurrence of many reactions, but the kinetics of the reaction is also an important factor because the kinetics of the reaction is affected by H^+ ion concentration. At $[H^+] = 1$ M, permanganate ion should oxidise water (E°_{ox} for $H_2O = -1.23$ V) but in practice the reaction is extremely slow unless either Mn^{2+} ions are present or the temperature is increased.

R U Curious ...

❑ **Colour of CrO_4^{2-}, $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$ and MnO_4^- ions**

▶ It may be noted that the oxidation state of Cr in CrO_4^{2-} and $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$ is VI. Cr (VI) has $3d^\circ$ configuration and therefore, yellow colour of CrO_4^{2-} and orange colour of $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$ are not due to ***d–d* transitions**. The colour of these ions can be explained on the basis of **charge transfer** i.e., momentary transfer of charge from O atom to metal atom thereby changing O^{2-} ion momentarily to O^- ion and reducing the oxidation state of Cr from +6 to +5.

Similarly, in MnO_4^-, Mn is in +7 oxidation state having $3d^0$ configuration. The deep purple colour of $KMnO_4$ is not due to *d–d* transitions but due to **charge transfer** (from O to Mn) decreasing the oxidation state of Mn from +7 to +6 momentarily.

(*iii*) *It oxidises hydrogen sulphide to sulphur*

$$2KMnO_4 + 3H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow K_2SO_4 + 2MnSO_4 + 3H_2O + 5O$$
$$H_2S + O \longrightarrow H_2O + S] \times 5$$

$$2KMnO_4 + 5H_2S + 3H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow K_2SO_4 + 2MnSO_4 + 5S + 8H_2O$$
or $$2MnO_4^- + 5S^{2-} + 16H^+ \longrightarrow 2Mn^{2+} + 5S + 8H_2O$$

(*iv*) *It oxidises sulphur dioxide to sulphuric acid*

$$2KMnO_4 + 3H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow K_2SO_4 + 2MnSO_4 + 3H_2O + 5O$$
$$SO_2 + H_2O + O \longrightarrow H_2SO_4\ ] \times 5$$

$$2KMnO_4 + 5SO_2 + 2H_2O \longrightarrow K_2SO_4 + 2MnSO_4 + 2H_2SO_4$$
or $$2MnO_4^- + 5SO_2 + 2H_2O \longrightarrow 5SO_4^{2-} + 2Mn^{2+} + 4H^+$$

(*v*) *It oxidises nitrites to nitrates*

$$2KMnO_4 + 3H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow K_2SO_4 + 2MnSO_4 + 3H_2O + 5O$$
$$KNO_2 + O \longrightarrow KNO_3\ ] \times 5$$

$$2KMnO_4 + 5KNO_2 + 3H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow K_2SO_4 + 2MnSO_4 + 5KNO_3 + 3H_2O$$
or $$2MnO_4^- + 5NO_2^- + 6H^+ \longrightarrow 2Mn^{2+} + 5NO_3^- + 3H_2O$$

(*vi*) *It oxidises oxalates or oxalic acid to carbon dioxide*

$$2KMnO_4 + 3H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow K_2SO_4 + 2MnSO_4 + 3H_2O + 5O$$
$$C_2H_2O_4 + O \longrightarrow 2CO_2 + H_2O\ ] \times 5$$

$$2KMnO_4 + 5C_2H_2O_4 + 3H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow K_2SO_4 + 2MnSO_4 + 10CO_2 + 8H_2O$$
or $$2MnO_4^- + 5C_2O_4^{2-} + 16H^+ \longrightarrow 2Mn^{2+} + 8H_2O + 10CO_2$$

(*vii*) *It oxidises hydrogen halides (HX ; X = Cl, Br, I) to halogens (X_2)*

$$2KMnO_4 + 3H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow K_2SO_4 + 2MnSO_4 + 3H_2O + 5O$$
$$2HX + O \longrightarrow H_2O + X_2\ ] \times 5$$

$$2KMnO_4 + 10HX + 3H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow K_2SO_4 + 2MnSO_4 + 5X_2 + 8H_2O$$
or $$2MnO_4^- + 10X^- + 6H^+ \longrightarrow 2Mn^{2+} + 8H_2O + 5X_2$$

(*viii*) *It oxidises sulphites or sulphurous acid to sulphate or sulphuric acid.*

$$2KMnO_4 + 3H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow K_2SO_4 + 2MnSO_4 + 3H_2O + 5O$$
$$Na_2SO_3 + O \longrightarrow Na_2SO_4] \times 5$$

$$2KMnO_4 + 5Na_2SO_3 + 3H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow K_2SO_4 + 2MnSO_4 + 5Na_2SO_4 + 3H_2O$$
or $$2MnO_4^- + 5SO_3^{2-} + 6H^+ \longrightarrow 2Mn^{2+} + 5SO_4^{2-} + 3H_2O$$

In neutral medium

(*i*) *It oxidises hydrogen sulphide to sulphur*

$$2KMnO_4 + H_2O \longrightarrow 2KOH + 2MnO_2 + 3O$$
$$H_2S + O \longrightarrow H_2O + S\ ] \times 3$$

$$2KMnO_4 + 3H_2S \longrightarrow 2KOH + 2MnO_2 + 2H_2O + 3S$$
or $$2MnO_4^- + 3H_2S \longrightarrow 2MnO_2 + 3S + 2H_2O + 2OH^-$$

(*ii*) *It oxidises manganese sulphate to manganese dioxide*

$$2KMnO_4 + H_2O \longrightarrow 2KOH + 2MnO_2 + 3O$$
$$MnSO_4 + H_2O + O \longrightarrow MnO_2 + H_2SO_4] \times 3$$
$$2KOH + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow K_2SO_4 + 2H_2O$$

$$2KMnO_4 + 3MnSO_4 + 2H_2O \longrightarrow 5MnO_2 + K_2SO_4 + 2H_2SO_4$$
or $$2MnO_4^- + 3Mn^{2+} + 2H_2O \longrightarrow 5MnO_2 + 4H^+$$

(*iii*) *It oxidises sodium thiosulphate to sodium sulphate*

$$8KMnO_4 + 3Na_2S_2O_3 + H_2O \longrightarrow 8MnO_2 + 3Na_2SO_4 + 2KOH + 3K_2SO_4$$
or $$8MnO_4^- + 3S_2O_3^{2-} + H_2O \longrightarrow 8MnO_2 + 6SO_4^{2-} + 2OH^-$$

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In alkaline medium

(*i*) *It oxidises iodides to iodates in alkaline medium*

$$2KMnO_4 + H_2O \longrightarrow 2MnO_2 + 2KOH + 3O$$
$$KI + 3O \longrightarrow KIO_3$$
$$2KMnO_4 + KI + H_2O \longrightarrow 2MnO_2 + 2KOH + KIO_3$$

or $$2MnO_4^- + I^- + H_2O \longrightarrow 2MnO_2 + IO_3^- + 2OH^-$$

(*ii*) *Alkaline $KMnO_4$ oxidises ethylene to ethylene glycol*

$$\begin{matrix}CH_2\\ \|\\ CH_2\end{matrix} + H_2O + O \longrightarrow \begin{matrix}CH_2OH\\ |\\ CH_2OH\end{matrix}$$

Ethylene glycol

Uses. It is used

(*i*) as an oxidising agent in the laboratory in volumetric analysis for the estimation of ferrous salts, oxalates, iodides and hydrogen peroxide. However, it may be noted that it is not a primary standard because it is not available in the pure state and contains traces of MnO_2. It is therefore, first standardised with a standard solution of oxalic acid or sodium oxalate. $KMnO_4$ is also used in laboratory in qualitative analysis.

It may be noted that $KMnO_4$ titrations are carried out only in the presence of dil. H_2SO_4. This is because oxygen produced from the reaction of $KMnO_4$ with dil. H_2SO_4 is used only for oxidising the reducing agent. $KMnO_4$ does not produce any oxygen of its own to act as an oxidising agent. However, it may be noted that hydrochloric acid (HCl) or nitric acid (HNO_3) cannot be used in place of dil. H_2SO_4. In case HCl is used, the oxygen produced by the reaction of $KMnO_4$ and dil. HCl will be partially used up to oxidise HCl to chlorine. In case HNO_3 is used, itself acts as oxidising agent and will partly oxidize the reducing agent. **Hence $KMnO_4$ titrations are carried out only in the presence of dil. H_2SO_4.**

(*ii*) as a disinfectant and germicide. It is used to purify well water.

(*iii*) it is used in industry as a strong oxidising agent.

(*iv*) Alkaline potassium permanganate is used in organic chemistry under the name *Baeyer's reagent.*

(*v*) *it is used for the bleaching of wool, cotton, silk and other textile fibres and for the decolourisation of oils because of its strong oxidising power.*

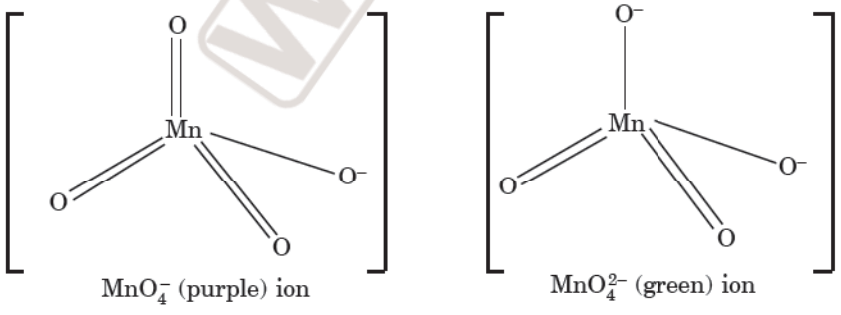
Do You Know!

Solution of potassium permanganate (known as *lal dwai*) is used as disinfectant and germicide. It is used for washing of wounds, gargling for mouth sores and also for purifying water of stinking wells.

Structure of MnO_4^- (permanganate ion) and MnO_4^{2-} (manganate ion).

Permanganate (MnO_4^-) and manganate (MnO_4^{2-}) ions have tetrahedral shape. The four atoms are arranged tetrahedrally around manganese.

The pi (π) bonding takes place by the overlap of *p*-orbitals of oxygen with *d*-orbitals of manganese.



MnO_4^- (purple) ion $\quad$ MnO_4^{2-} (green) ion

Fig. 12. Structure of permanganate (MnO_4^-) and manganate (MnO_4^{2-}) ions

SOLVED EXAMPLES

Example 12.

Complete the following chemical equations :

(i) $Cr_2O_7^{2-} + H^+ + I^- \longrightarrow$ *(A.I.S.B. 2012, D.S.B. 2012)*

(ii) $MnO_4^- + NO_2^- + H^+ \longrightarrow$ *(A.I.S.B. 2012, D.S.B. 2012, 2015)*

(iii) $KMnO_4 \xrightarrow{heated}$ *(D.S.B. 2011, A.I.S.B. 2013, D.S.B. 2017)*

(iv) $MnO_4^- + C_2O_4^{2-} + H^+ \longrightarrow$ *(D.S.B. 2011)*

(v) $Cr_2O_7^{2-} + H_2S + H^+ \longrightarrow$ *(D.S.B. 2011)*

(vi) $MnO_4^-(aq) + S_2O_3^{2-}(aq) + H_2O(l) \longrightarrow$ *(A.I.S.B. 2011)*

(vii) $Cr_2O_7^{2-}(aq) + Fe^{2+}(aq) + H^+(aq) \longrightarrow$ *(A.I.S.B. 2011)*

(viii) $MnO_4^-(aq) + H_2O_2(aq) + H^+(aq) \longrightarrow$ *(Manipur S.B. 2012)*

(ix) $2CrO_4^{2-} + 2H^+ \longrightarrow$ *(A.I.S.B. 2013)*

(x) $MnO_4^- + H^+ + SO_3^{2-} \longrightarrow$ *(A.I.S.B. 2015)*

(xi) $2MnO_4^- + 16H^+ + 5S^{2-} \longrightarrow$ *(A.I.S.B. 2017)*

(xii) $Fe^{2+} + MnO_4^- + H^+ \longrightarrow$ *(A.I.S.B. 2018)*

(xiii) $MnO_4^- + H_2O + I^- \longrightarrow$ *(A.I.S.B. 2018)*

Solution :

(i) $Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 6I^- + 14H^+ \longrightarrow 2Cr^{3+} + 3I_2 + 7H_2O$

(ii) $2MnO_4^- + 5NO_2^- + 6H^+ \longrightarrow 2Mn^{2+} + 5NO_3^- + 3H_2O$

(iii) $2KMnO_4 \xrightarrow{heat} K_2MnO_4 + MnO_2 + O_2$

(iv) $2MnO_4^- + 5C_2O_4^{2-} + 16H^+ \longrightarrow 2Mn^{2+} + 8H_2O + 10CO_2$

(v) $Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 3H_2S + 8H^+ \longrightarrow 2Cr^{3+} + 3S + 7H_2O$

(vi) $8MnO_4^-(aq) + 3S_2O_3^{2-}(aq) + H_2O(l) \longrightarrow 8MnO_2(s) + 6SO_4^{2-}(aq) + 2OH^-(aq)$

(vii) $Cr_2O_7^{2-}(aq) + 6Fe^{2+}(aq) + 14H^+(aq) \xrightarrow{Heat} 2Cr^{3+}(aq) + 6Fe^{3+}(aq) + 7H_2O(l)$

(viii) $2MnO_4^-(aq) + 5H_2O_2(aq) + 6H^+(aq) \longrightarrow 2Mn^{2+} + 8H_2O + 5O_2$

(ix) $2CrO_4^{2-} + 2H^+ \longrightarrow Cr_2O_7^{2-} + H_2O$

(x) $2MnO_4^- + 5SO_3^{2-} + 6H^+ \longrightarrow 2Mn^{2+} + 5SO_4^{2-} + 3H_2O$

(xi) $2MnO_4^- + 16H^+ + 5S^{2-} \longrightarrow 2Mn^{2+} + 5S + 8H_2O$

(xii) $10Fe^{2+}\ 2MnO_4^- + 16H^+ \longrightarrow 2Mn^{2+} + 8H_2O + 10Fe^{3+}$

(xiii) $10I^- + 2MnO_4^- + 16H^+ \longrightarrow 2Mn^{2+} + 8H_2O + 5I_2$

Example 13.

Write chemical equation for

(i) Oxidation of Fe^{2+} by $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$ in acidic medium. *(A.I.S.B. 2008)*

(ii) Oxidation of $S_2O_3^{2-}$ by MnO_4^- in neutral medium. *(A.I.S.B. 2008)*

(iii) Oxidation of I^- by MnO_4^- in alkaline medium.

(iv) Oxidation of SO_3^{2-} by $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$ in acidic medium.

(v) Oxidation of sulphur dioxide by MnO_4^- in acidic medium.

(vi) Reaction of potassium iodide with acidified potassium dichromate. *(Meghalaya S.B. 2013)*

Solution :

(i) $6Fe^{2+} + Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 14H^+ \longrightarrow 2Cr^{3+} + 6Fe^{3+} + 7H_2O$

(ii) $8MnO_4^- + 3S_2O_3^{2-} + H_2O \longrightarrow 8MnO_2 + 6SO_4^{2-} + 2OH^-$

(iii) $2MnO_4^- + I^- + H_2O \longrightarrow 2MnO_2 + IO_3^- + 2OH^-$

(iv) $3SO_3^{2-} + Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 8H^+ \longrightarrow 2Cr^{3+} + 3SO_4^{2-} + 4H_2O$

(v) $2MnO_4^- + 5SO_2 + 2H_2O \longrightarrow 5SO_4^{2-} + 2Mn^{2+} + 4H^+$

(vi) $6KI + K_2Cr_2O_7 + 7H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow 4K_2SO_4 + Cr_2(SO_4)_3 + 7H_2O + 3I_2$

Example 14.

Write chemical equations for the following reactions :

(a) Oxidation of nitrite ion by MnO_4^- in acidic medium.

(b) Acidification of potassium chromate solution.

(c) Disproportionation of manganese (VI) in acidic solution. *(CBSE Sample Paper 2011)*

Solution :

(a) $5NO_2^- + 2MnO_4^- + 6H^+ \longrightarrow 2Mn^{2+} + 3H_2O + 5NO_3^-$

(b) $2K_2CrO_4 + 2H^+ \longrightarrow K_2Cr_2O_7 + 2K^+ + H_2O$

(c) $2MnO_4^{2-} + 4H^+ \longrightarrow 2MnO_4^- + MnO_2 + 2H_2O$

Practice Problems

13. The oxidation state of Cr in $K_2Cr_2O_7$ is .....

14. Fill in the blanks :

(i) The orange colour of dichromate solution changes to ..... on heating with alkalies due to the formation of ..... ions.

(ii) MnO_2 on heating with potassium hydroxide in the presence of air forms .....

(iii) Chromite is .....

(iv) $KMnO_4 \xrightarrow{Heat}$ ..... + MnO_2 + ...

15. Write ionic equation showing $KMnO_4$ acting as an oxidising agent in acidic medium.

16. What is the oxidation state of

(i) Cr in dichromate ion

(ii) Mn is manganate ion.

(iii) Cr in CrO_5.

17. What is the equivalent weight of $KMnO_4$ in

(i) acidic medium *(ii)* alkaline medium if its molecular weight is 158.

18. Complete the chemical reactions :

(i) $MnO_4^- + SO_2 + H^+ \longrightarrow$

(ii) $S_2O_3^{2-} + Cr_2O_7^{2-} + H^+ \longrightarrow$

19. What is the shape of chromate ion ? *(H.P.S.B. 2013)*

20. In chromyl chloride test orange red vapours are obtained. These are due to.....

Answers to Practice Problems

13. +6

14. *(i)* Yellow, Chromate *(ii)* K_2MnO_4 *(iii)* $FeCr_2O_4$ *(iv)* $K_2MnO_4 + O_2$

15. $MnO_4^- + 8H^+ + 5e^- \longrightarrow Mn^{2+} + 4H_2O$

16. *(i)* +6 *(ii)* +6 *(iii)* +6

17. *(i)* 158/5 = 31.6

(ii) 158/3 = 52.67

18. *(i)* $2MnO_4^- + 5SO_2 + H_2O \longrightarrow 2Mn^{2+} + 5SO_4^{2-} + 4H^+$

(ii) $3S_2O_3^{2-} + Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 8H^+ \longrightarrow 2Cr^{3+} + 3SO_4^{2-} + 3S + 4H_2O$

19. tetrahedral

20. Chromyl chloride, CrO_2Cl_2.

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Conceptual Questions 2

CONCEPTUAL QA

Q.1. (a) Write a metal oxide compound for manganese in each of the following oxidation states: + 2, + 3, + 4, + 6, + 7
(b) List these metal oxides in the decreasing acidic character.

Ans. (a) MnO, Mn_2O_3, MnO_2, MnO_3, Mn_2O_7
(b) Decreasing order of acidic character : $Mn_2O_7 > MnO_3 > MnO_2 > Mn_2O_3 > MnO$

Q.2. How many water molecules are involved in coordination in $CuSO_4.5H_2O$?

Ans. Four water molecules are coordinated to Cu^{2+} ion and fifth is attached to anion by hydrogen bonding.

Q.3. Why is $KMnO_4$ solution used to clean surgical instruments in hospitals ?

Ans. Because of the germicidal action of $KMnO_4$.

Q.4. In moist air, copper corrodes to produce a green layer on its surface. Explain.

Ans. In the presence of moist air, a thin film of green basic copper carbonate is formed on its surface and therefore, it corrodes.

$$2Cu + O_2 + H_2O + CO_2 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Basic copper carbonate (Green)}}{CuCO_3.Cu(OH)_2}$$

Q.5. What is the most common form of chromium in basic solution ? What ion forms when a basic solution of chromium is acidified ?

Ans. In basic solution, the most stable form is chromate ion, CrO_4^{2-} .
In acidic medium, it becomes dichromate ion, $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$.

Q.6. Explain how the colour of $K_2Cr_2O_7$ solution depends on pH of the solution. ***(Pb.S.B. 2005)***

Ans. In the solution, the following equilibria exists :

$$Cr_2O_7^{2-} + H_2O \rightleftharpoons 2CrO_4^{2-} + 2H^+$$

In acidic medium (pH < 7), it exists as $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$ ions and hence has orange colour. In basic medium (pH > 7), it exists as CrO_4^{2-} ions and therefore, has yellow colour.

Q.7. Name the oxometal anions of the first series of the transition metals in which the metal exhibits oxidation state equal to its group number. ***(D.S.B. 2017)***

Ans. MnO_4^- : Oxidation state of Mn = +7 (equal to its group number)
CrO_4^{2-} : Oxidation state of Cr = +6 (equal to its group number)

Q.8. Complete the following reaction equations :
(i) $Cr_2O_7^{2-} + Sn^{2+} + H^+ \longrightarrow$
(ii) $MnO_4^- + Fe^{2+} + H^+ \longrightarrow$ ***(A.I.S.B. 2005)***

Ans. (i) $Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 3Sn^{2+} + 14H^+ \longrightarrow 2Cr^{3+} + 3Sn^{4+} + 7H_2O$
(ii) $MnO_4^- + 5\ Fe^{2+} + 8\ H^+ \longrightarrow Mn^{2+} + 5Fe^{3+} + 4H_2O$

Q.9. What happens when potassium dichromate is heated with sodium chloride and conc. H_2SO_4? ***(Hr. S.B. 2005, Pb. S.B. 2015)***

Ans. It gives orange red vapours of chromyl chloride.

$$K_2Cr_2O_7 + 4NaCl + 6H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Chromyl chloride}}{2KHSO_4 + 4NaHSO_4 + 2CrO_2Cl_2} + 3H_2O$$

Q.10. CrO_3 is an acid hydride. Explain.

Ans. CrO_3 readily dissolves in water to give chromic acid, which acts as strong acid. Therefore, CrO_3 is an acid anhydride.

$$CrO_3 + H_2O \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Chromic acid}}{H_2CrO_4}$$

Q.11. Complete the following chemical equations :
(i) $KMnO_4 \xrightarrow{513\,K}$
(ii) $MnO_2 + KOH + O_2 \longrightarrow$ ***(Hr.S.B. 2015)***

Ans. (i) $2KMnO_4 \longrightarrow K_2MnO_4 + MnO_2 + O_2$
(ii) $2MnO_2 + 4KOH + O_2 \longrightarrow 2K_2MnO_4 + 2H_2O$

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Q.12. Complete the following chemical equations :

(*i*) $Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 6Fe^{2+} + 14H^+ \longrightarrow$

(*ii*) $2CrO_4^{2-} + 2H^+ \longrightarrow$

(*iii*) $2MnO_4^- + 5C_2O_4^{2-} + 16H^+ \longrightarrow$ ***(D.S.B. 2013)***

Ans. (*i*) $Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 6Fe^{2+} + 14H^+ \longrightarrow 6Fe^{3+} + 2Cr^{3+} + 7H_2O$

(*ii*) $2CrO_4^{2-} + 2H^+ \longrightarrow Cr_2O_7^{2-} + H_2O$

(*iii*) $2MnO_4^- + 5C_2O_4^{2-} + 16H^+ \longrightarrow 2Mn^{2+} + 8H_2O + 10CO_2$

Q.13. Identify the oxoanion of chromium which is stable in acidic medium.
(CBSE Sample Paper 2017-18)

Ans. $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$

CHEMISTRY OF *f*-BLOCK ELEMENTS

f-BLOCK ELEMENTS

The elements in which the last electron enters the f-orbital of the atoms are called ***f*-block elements**. In these elements, the last electron is added to the third to the outermost (called *antepenultimate*) energy level *i.e.*, $(n-2)f$.

Their general electronic configuration is :

$$(n-2)f^{1-14}\ (n-1)d^{0-1}ns^2$$

These elements are also called **inner transition elements.** They consist of **two series of elements** placed at the bottom of the periodic table. These two series are generated by the filling of characteristic electrons in the 4*f*- and 5*f*-orbitals.

Lanthanum resembles closely with other lanthanoids and therefore, it is usually included in discussion of lanthanoids. Similarly, actinium is included in the discussion of actinoids besides other fourteen elements.

(*i*) **Lanthanoids**

The series involving the filling of 4f-orbitals following lanthanum La (Z = 57) is called **lanthanoid series.** The elements present in the series are called **lanthanoids** (earlier these were called lanthanides). There are fourteen elements in this series starting with cerium Ce (Z = 58) and ending with lutetium, Lu (Z = 71). These elements are represented by the general symbol **Ln**. These occur very rarely and, therefore, these elements have also been called **rare earth elements**.

(*ii*) **Actinoids**

The series involving the filling of 5*f-orbitals* is called **actinoid series**. It follows actinium, Ac (Z = 89) and the elements present in this series are called **actinoids** (earlier these were called actinides). They include the elements from thorium, Th (Z = 90) to lawrencium, Lr (Z = 103). As in case of lanthanoids, the name of the series is after the preceding element actinium with which these elements closely resemble. This series also consists of 14 elements.

- The most commonly occurring lanthanoids is **cerium** which constitutes about $3 \times 10^{-4}\%$ of earth crust. It is twenty-sixth most abundant of all the elements.
- The most common mineral containing lanthanoids is **monazite sand.** It is mainly lanthanoid phosphate.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF LANTHANOIDS AND ACTINOIDS

The important general characteristics of lanthanoids and actinoids are discussed below :

1. Electronic configuration

The lanthanoids have electronic configuration with $6s^2$ filled and involve the gradual filling of 4*f*-orbitals. It may be noted that the energies of *d*-orbitals (5*d*) and the next inner shell *f*-orbitals (4*f*) are closely similar and, therefore, the order of filling the 4*f*-orbitals in the atoms shows quite irregularities. The commonly accepted electronic configurations of the lanthanoids are given in Table 16.

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Table 16. Electronic configurations of lanthanoids.

Element	Symbol	Atomic number	Outer electronic configuration
Lanthanum	La	57	[Xe] $5d^1 6s^2$
Cerium	Ce	58	[Xe] $4f^2 5d^0 6s^2$
Praseodymium	Pr	59	[Xe] $4f^3 5d^0 6s^2$
Neodymium	Nd	60	[Xe] $4f^4 5d^0 6s^2$
Promethium	Pm	61	[Xe] $4f^5 5d^0 6s^2$
Samarium	Sm	62	[Xe] $4f^6 5d^0 6s^2$
Europium	Eu	63	[Xe] $4f^7 5d^0 6s^2$
Gadolinium	Gd	64	[Xe] $4f^7 5d^1 6s^2$
Terbium	Tb	65	[Xe] $4f^9 5d^0 6s^2$
Dysprosium	Dy	66	[Xe] $4f^{10} 5d^0 6s^2$
Holmium	Ho	67	[Xe] $4f^{11} 5d^0 6s^2$
Erbium	Er	68	[Xe] $4f^{12} 5d^0 6s^2$
Thulium	Tm	69	[Xe] $4f^{13} 5d^0 6s^2$
Ytterbium	Yb	70	[Xe] $4f^{14} 5d^0 6s^2$
Lutetium	Lu	71	[Xe] $4f^{14} 5d^1 6s^2$

REMEMBER

Promethium (Pm) is the only synthetic (man-made) radioactive lanthanoid.

It is clear from the above table that

- Lanthanum, La(Z = 57) has the electronic configuration [Xe] $5d^1 6s^2$. In the succeeding 14 elements, 14 electrons are successively added to the 4*f*-subshell. For example, the next electron after lanthanum, enters the 4*f*-subshell and configuration of cerium is : Ce(Z = 58) : [Xe]$4f^2 6s^2$. The single 5*d*-electron shifts to the 4*f*-subshell.
- The filling of 4*f* orbital continues till we reach ytterbium in which 4*f*-subshell gets completely filled as : Yb(Z = 70) : [Xe]$4f^{14}$ $6s^2$.
- The single 5*d*-electron shifts to the 4*f*-subshell in all cases except in gadolinium, Gd(Z = 64) where such a shift gives the symmetry of *half filled 4f-subshell* and in lutetium, Lu (Z = 71) where the 4*f*-subshell has already been *completely filled*. The general electronic configuration of **lanthanoids** may be written as :

$$\mathbf{[Xe]4f^{1-14}\ 5d^{0-1}\ 6s^2}$$

2. Oxidation states

All lanthanoids exhibit a common stable oxidation state of +3. In addition some lanthanoids show +2 and + 4 oxidation states also in solution or in solid compounds. These are shown by those elements which by doing so attain the stable f^0 (empty *f*-subshell), f^7 (half filled *f*-subshell) and f^{14} (filled *f*-subshell) configurations. For example,

(*i*) **Ce and Tb exhibit +4 oxidation states.** Cerium (Ce) and terbium (Tb) attain f^0 and f^7 configurations respectively when they get +4 oxidation state, as shown below :

Ce^{4+} : [Xe] $4f^0$

Tb^{4+} : [Xe] $4f^7$

(*ii*) **Eu and Yb exhibit + 2 oxidation states.** Europium and ytterbium get f^7 and f^{14} configurations in +2 oxidation state as shown below :

Eu^{2+} : [Xe] $4f^7$

Yb^{2+} : [Xe] $4f^{14}$

(*iii*) **La, Gd and Lu exhibit only +3 oxidation states.** These elements show +3 oxidation states only because by losing three electrons, they acquire stable configurations of **empty, half-filled and completely filled 4*f*-subshells**.

The stability of different oxidation states has strong effect on the properties of these elements. For example, Ce (IV) is favoured because of its noble gas configuration. But it is a strong oxidant changing to common +3 oxidation state.

The $E^{\ominus}$ value for $Ce^{4+}|Ce$ is +1.74 V which suggests that it can oxidize water. But the reaction rate is very slow. Hence Ce (IV) is a good analytical reagent.

As already seen, Pr, Nd, Tb and Dy also show +4 oxidation states but only in oxides, MO_2.

Similarly, Eu^{2+} is stable because of its half filled $4f^7$ configuration. However, it is a strong reducing agent changing to Eu^{3+} (common oxidation

- Lanthanoids show limited number of oxidation states because energy difference between 4*f* and 5*d* subshells is large.
- In comparison to transition metals which show many oxidation states, lanthanoids show less number of oxidation states. This is because in transition metals, the *d*-electrons are present in $(n-1)$ *d* subshell which can participate in bond formation. But in case of lanthanoids the *f*-electrons are present in the deeper $(n-2)f$ subshell which cannot easily participate in bond formation.

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state). Similarly, Yb^{2+} having the configuration $4f^{14}$ is a reductant. Tb IV has half filled *f*-orbitals and is an oxidant. Samarium also behaves like europium exhibiting both +2 and +3 oxidation states.

Table 17. Outer electronic configurations in different oxidation states of lanthanum and lanthanoids.

Element	Oxidation states	Outer electronic configuration of : Ln	Ln^{2+}	Ln^{3+}	Ln^{4+}
La	+3	$5d^1\ 6s^2$	—	$5d^0\ 6s^0$	—
Ce	+3, +4	$4f^1\ 5d^1\ 6s^2$	—	$4f^1\ 6s^0$	$4f^0\ 6s^0$
Pr	+3, +4	$4f^3\ 6s^2$	—	$4f^2\ 6s^0$	$4f^1\ 6s^0$
Nd	+2, +3, +4	$4f^4\ 6s^2$	$4f^4\ 6s^0$	$4f^3\ 6s^0$	$4f^2\ 6s^0$
Pm	+3	$4f^5\ 6s^2$	—	$4f^4\ 6s^0$	—
Sm	+2, +3	$4f^6\ 6s^2$	$4f^6\ 6s^0$	$4f^5\ 6s^0$	—
Eu	+2, +3	$4f^7\ 6s^2$	$4f^7\ 6s^0$	$4f^6\ 6s^0$	—
Gd	+3	$4f^7\ 5d^1\ 6s^2$	—	$4f^7\ 6s^0$	—
Tb	+3, +4	$4f^9\ 6s^2$	—	$4f^8\ 6s^0$	$4f^7\ 6s^0$
Dy	+3, +4	$4f^{10}\ 6s^2$	—	$4f^9\ 6s^0$	$4f^8\ 6s^0$
Ho	+3	$4f^{11}\ 6s^2$	—	$4f^{10}\ 6s^0$	—
Er	+3	$4f^{12}\ 6s^2$	—	$4f^{11}\ 6s^0$	—
Tm	+2, +3	$4f^{13}\ 6s^2$	$4f^{13}\ 6s^0$	$4f^{12}\ 6s^0$	—
Yb	+2, +3	$4f^{14}\ 6s^2$	$4f^{14}\ 6s^0$	$4f^{13}\ 6s^0$	—
Lu	+3	$4f^{14}\ 5d^1 6s^2$	—	$4f^{14}\ 6s^0$	—

Exceptional examples. Some other elements show +2 and +4 oxidation states even though they have electronic configurations other than f^0, f^7 or f^{14}. For example, Sm^{2+} ($4f^6$), Tm^{2+} ($4f^{13}$), Pr^{4+} ($4f^1$), Dy^{4+} ($4f^8$), Nd^{4+} ($4f^2$), etc. But these states are less stable than the +3 state which is characteristic of this family.

3. Ionization enthalpies

The first ionization enthalpies of the lanthanoids are of the order of 600 kJ mol^{-1} and second ionization enthalpies are about 1200 kJ mol^{-1}, comparable with those of calcium. The variation of third ionization enthalpies show some stabilities of empty (f^0), half filled (f^7) and completely filled (f^{14}) *f*-levels. This is indicated by the abnormally low value of third ionization enthalpy of lanthanum ($4f^0$), gadolinium ($4f^7$) and lutetium ($4f^{14}$).

4. Colour

The lanthanoids are silvery white but many of the trivalent ions of **lanthanoids** are coloured in the solid state as well as in solution. *The colour of lanthanoid ions arises due to absorption in visible region of the spectrum resulting f—f transitions because they have partly filled orbitals.* It has been observed that the colour of the ions containing *nf*-electrons is about the same as those with $(14 - n)f$ electrons. The different ions having *nf* and $(14 - n)$ *f*-electrons and their colours are given below :

Ion	Electronic configuration	No. of 4*f* electrons	Colour	
La^{3+}	$4f^0$	0	Colourless	
Lu^{3+}	$4f^{14}$	14	Colourless	
Pr^{3+}	$4f^2$	2	Green	$2f = (14 - 2)f$
Tm^{3+}	$4f^{12}$	12	Green	
Nd^{3+}	$4f^3$	3	Pink	$3f = (14 - 3)f$
Er^{3+}	$4f^{11}$	11	Pink	
Sm^{3+}	$4f^5$	5	Yellow	$5f = (14 - 5)f$
Dy^{3+}	$4f^9$	9	Yellow	
Eu^{3+}	$4f^6$	6	Pale Pink	$6f = (14 - 6)f$
Tb^{3+}	$4f^8$	8	Pale Pink	

It is interesting to note that lanthanoid ions with *nf*-electrons have about the same colour as those with $(14 - n)f$-electrons.

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However, it has been observed that some *di*- and *tetra*-positive ions having same number of electrons (isoelectronic ions) as tripositive ions donot have same colour. For example, both Sm^{2+} and Eu^{3+} have same number of unpaired electrons ($4f^6$) but they have different colours. For example, Sm^{2+} is blood red while Eu^{3+} is pale pink in colour.

5. Magnetic properties

Ions which contain all paired electrons are diamagnetic while those containing unpaired electrons are paramagnetic. Among the **trivalent lanthanoid ions**, La^{3+} and Lu^{3+}, which have $4f^0$ or $4f^{14}$ electronic configurations are diamagnetic and all other trivalent lanthanoid ions are paramagnetic because they have unpaired electrons.

6. Chemical reactivity

All the lanthanoids are highly electropositive metals and have almost similar chemical reactivity. This is due to the fact that the lanthanoids differ only in the number of 4*f*-electrons. Since these electrons are very effectively shielded from interaction with other elements by the overlying 5*s*, 5*p* and 6*s*-electrons, they show very little differences in their chemical reactivity. Because of their similar chemical reactivities, their separation from one another is very difficult. The **lanthanoids** are, in general, more reactive than *d*-block elements.

Some of their chemical characteristics are :

(*i*) All the lanthanoids are silvery white soft metals which tarnish readily on exposure to air. In finely divided state, all burn in air to form sesquioxides of the formula Ln_2O_3 (where Ln is lanthanoid) except cerium which gives CeO_2. Ytterbium, however, resists the action of air even at 1275 K due to the formation of a protective coating of its oxide.

(*ii*) The hardness of lanthanoids increases with increasing atomic number. Samarium is very hard like steel. Their melting point range between 1000–1275 K but samarium melts at 1623 K.

(*iii*) They have typical metallic structure and are good conductors of heat and electricity.

(*iv*) In their chemical behaviour, the earlier members of the series are quite reactive similar to calcium but with increasing atomic number they behave like aluminium. The *e.m.f.* $E^{\ominus}$ values for the half reaction

$$Ln^{3+}(aq) + 3e^- \longrightarrow Ln(s)$$

are in the range of – 2.2 to – 2.4 V except for Ln = Eu for which the value is –2.0 V. However, this is very small variation.

(*v*) All these metals combine with hydrogen when heated gently in the gas (473–573 K) to form LnH_3.

(*vi*) They combine with halogens and sulphur to form LnX_3, Ln_2S_3 respectively.

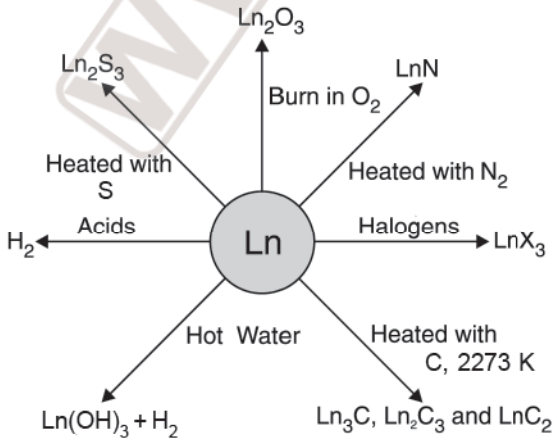
(*vii*) All react with water slowly in cold but rapidly on heating liberating hydrogen and forming $Ln(OH)_3$.

(*viii*) They combine with nitrogen to form nitrides of the formula, LnN.

(*ix*) When the metals are heated with carbon, they form carbides of the formula Ln_3C, Ln_2C_3 and LnC_2.

(*x*) They liberate hydrogen from dilute acids.

All these reactions are summarized below :



NOTE

There is a remarkable difference between the magnetic moments of lanthanoids and transition elements. In case of transition elements the magnetic moments correspond to the spin only magnetic moment. This is given as μ spin only = $\sqrt{n(n+2)}$ BM where *n* is the number of unpaired electrons. However, this relation is not correct for lanthanoids. In general, the magnetic moment arises due to spin motion of the electron (spin magnetic moment) and orbital motion of electrons around the nucleus (orbital magnetic moment). In case of transition elements, the *d*-orbitals are not well shielded from the environment. As a result, the *d*-electrons of the metal interact strongly with the surrounding ligands. Due to the electric field of the ligands, the orbital motion of the electrons gets restricted and thereby orbital moment of these electrons gets quenched. Therefore, **the magnetic moment of *d*-block elements arises mainly from the contribution of spin motion of the electrons only**.

However, in the case of 4*f*-block elements, the 4*f*-orbitals are well shielded from the surroundings by the overlying 5*s* and 5*p* subshells. As a result, the electric field of the ligands surrounding the metal ions does not restrict the orbital motion of the electron. Thus, orbital motion is not quenched and therefore, the magnetic moment of lanthanoid ion is due to both electron spin and orbital motion of the electron. It is given as :

$$\mu_{eff} = \sqrt{4S(S+1) + L(L+1)}$$

where S is the resultant spin quantum number and L is the resultant orbital momentum quantum number. Their detail is beyond the scope of the syllabus.

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7. Solubility of compounds

The fluorides, oxides, hydroxides, carbonates, phosphates, chromates and oxalates of lanthanoids are largely insoluble in water. On the other hand, the halides other than fluorides, nitrates, acetates, perchlorates and salts of oxoacids of lanthanoids follow the pattern of solubility of salts of group 2 elements. However, lanthanoids sulphates unlike the sulphates of group 2 elements are soluble in water.

8. Basic character of hydroxides

All the lanthanoids form hydroxides of formula $Ln(OH)_3$. These are ionic and basic in character. They are stronger bases than $Al(OH)_3$ but weaker than $Ca(OH)_2$. Since the ionic size decreases from La^{3+} to Lu^{3+}, the basicity of hydroxides decreases in the same order. Thus, $La(OH)_3$ is the strongest base while $Lu(OH)_3$ is the weakest base.

9. Atomic or ionic radii and lanthanoid contraction

In the lanthanoid series, with increasing atomic number, the atomic and ionic radii decrease from one element to another but the decrease is very small. For example, on moving from Ce to Lu, the atomic radii decrease from 183 pm to 173 pm and the decrease is only 10 pm. Similarly, the ionic radii decrease from 103 pm to 85 pm on moving from Ce^{3+} to Lu^{3+} ions and the decrease is only 18 pm. Thus, for an increase of atomic number 14, the decrease in atomic radii or ionic radii are very small; only 10 pm and 18 pm respectively. This is very small decrease in comparison to elements of other groups and periods.

The steady decrease in atomic and ionic sizes of lanthanide elements with increasing atomic number is called **lanthanoid contraction**.

The decrease in ionic radii for trivalent lanthanoids (Ln^{3+}) are given in Fig. 13.

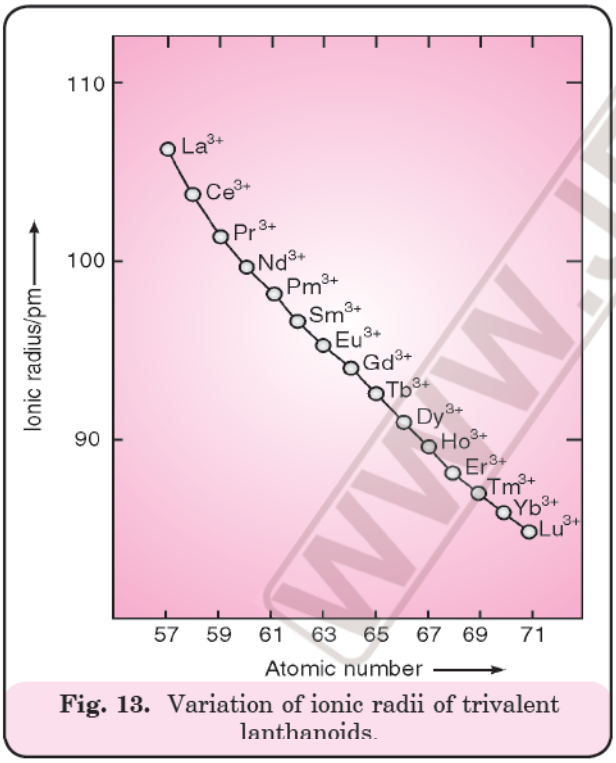


Fig. 13. Variation of ionic radii of trivalent lanthanoids.

Cause of lanthanoid contraction

In the lanthanoid series, as we move from one element to another, the nuclear charge increases by one unit and one electron is added. The new electrons are added to the same inner 4*f*-subshells. However, the 4*f*-electrons shield each other from the nuclear charge quite poorly because of the very diffused shapes of the *f*-orbitals. The nuclear charge, however, increases by one at each step. Hence, with increasing atomic number and nuclear charge, the effective nuclear charge experienced by each 4*f*-electron increases. As a result, the whole of 4*f*-electron shell contracts at each successive element, though the decrease is very small. This results in gradual decrease in size of lanthanoids with increase in atomic number. *The sum of the successive reductions gives the total lanthanoid contraction.*

Consequences of lanthanoid contraction. The important consequences of lanthanoid contraction are :

1. Resemblance of second and third transition series. It has significant effect on the relative properties of the elements before and after the lanthanoids in the periodic table. As we can see from Table 1 there is a regular increase in size from Sc to Y to La. Similarly, we expect normal increase in size in other group as :

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & Ti & \longrightarrow Zr & \longrightarrow Hf \\ V & \longrightarrow & Nb & \longrightarrow Ta, \text{ etc.} & \end{array}$$

Table 18. Variation of atomic and ionic radii, (pm), of lanthanum and lanthanoids.

Element	La	Ce	Pr	Nd	Pm	Sm	Eu	Gd	Tb	Dy	Ho	Er	Tm	Yb	Lu
Radii (Ln)	187	183	182	181	181	180	199	180	178	177	176	175	174	173	—
Radii (Ln^{3+})	106	103	101	99	98	96	95	94	92	91	89	88	87	86	—

Group 3		Group 4	Group 5
Sc (21) 164 pm		Ti (22) 147 pm	V (23) 135 pm
Y (39) 180 pm		Zr (40) 160 pm	Nb (41) 146 pm
La (57) 187 pm	Lanthanoids (58 – 71)	Hf (72) 158 pm	Ta (73) 146 pm

However after the lanthanoids, the increase in radii from second to third transition series almost vanishes. The pairs of elements : Zr—Hf, Nb—Ta, Mo—W, etc., possess almost the same size. The properties of these elements are also very similar. *As a result of lanthanoid contraction, the elements of second and third transition series resemble each other much more than the elements of first and second transition series.*

2. Similarity among lanthanoids. Because of very small change in radii of lanthanoids, their chemical properties are quite similar. Thus, *it is very difficult to separate the elements in pure state.* Recently, methods based on repeated fractional crystallization or ion exchange techniques, which take the advantage of slight differences, in their properties (like solubility, complex ion formation, hydration, etc.) arising from very slight size differences of their trivalent ions have been used.

3. Basicity differences. Due to lanthanoid contraction, the size of lanthanoid ions decreases regularly with increase in atomic number. As a result of decrease in size, their covalent character between lanthanoid ion and OH^- ions increases from La^{3+} to Lu^{3+}. Therefore, ***the basic strength of the hydroxides decreases with increase in atomic number.*** Thus, **$La(OH)_3$ is most basic while $Lu(OH)_3$ is the least basic**.

Uses of Lanthanoids

Pure metals have no specific uses and therefore, these metals are extracted as mixtures of alloys. Lanthanoids find special use for the production of alloy steels for plates and pipes. These are also called **misch metals**. A well known alloy is mischmetal which consists of a lanthanoid metal (about 95%), iron (about 5%) and traces of S, C, Ca, Al, etc. It is used in magnesium based alloy to produce bullets, shells and lighter flint. The common uses of lanthanoids and their salts are given below :

(*i*) Cerium constitutes about 30–50% of the alloys of lanthanoids. They are used for scavenging oxygen and sulphur from other metals.

(*ii*) Addition of about 3% misch metal to magnesium increases its strength and is used in making jet engine parts.

(*iii*) Steel mixed with La, Ce, Pr and Nd is used in the manufacture of flame throwing tanks.

(*iv*) Lanthanoid oxides are used for polishing glass. Neodymium and praseodymium oxides are used for making coloured glasses for goggles. These are particularly useful for glass blowers as they absorb the bright yellow light.

(*v*) Mixed oxides of lanthanoids are used as catalysts in petroleum cracking.

(*vi*) Some lanthanoids are used as phosphors in television screens and similar fluorescing surfaces.

(*vii*) Cerium salts are used in dying cotton. They are also used as catalysts.

(*viii*) Lanthanoid compounds are used as catalysts for hydrogenation, dehydrogenation, oxidation and petroleum cracking. They are also used in magnetic and electronic devices for their paramagnetic and ferromagnetic properties.

(*ix*) Gadolinium sulphate heptahydrate has been used to produce very low temperature.

(*x*) Recently lanthanoids have been used in lasers. For example, neodymium oxide dissolved in selenium oxychloride has been used as a powerful liquid laser.

(*xi*) Cerium-magnesium alloys are used in flash light powders.

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ACTINOIDS

The fourteen elements which follow actinium from thorium (Z = 90) to lawrencium (Z = 103) in the periodic table are called **actinoids**. These are analogous to lanthanoids and involve the filling of 5*f* orbitals. As in the case of lanthanoids, the name of the series is after the name of the preceding element actinium, with which these elements closely resemble.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF ACTINOIDS

1. Electronic Configurations

The **actinoids** involve the filling of 5*f*-subshell. Actinium has the electronic configuration $6d^17s^2$. From thorium (Z = 90) onwards, 5*f* orbitals get progressively filled. Because of almost equal energy of 5*f* and 6*d* subshell, there are some uncertainties regarding the filling of 5*f* and 6*d* subshells. The electron may enter either of these two subshells. Therefore, there is a doubt whether thorium contains 5*f* electrons or not and two electronic configurations are suggested for this :

Th : $5f^06d^27s^2$ or $5f^16d^17s^2$.

Because of these uncertainties, different workers have suggested different configurations. The most widely accepted electronic configurations of these elements are given in Table 19. The general electronic configurations of actinoids may be written as :

$$[Rn]5f^{1-14}6d^{0-1}\ 7s^2$$

Table 19. Probable electronic configurations of actinides.

Element	Symbol	Atomic number	Outer electronic configuration
Actinium	Ac	89	[Rn] $6d^17s^2$
Thorium	Th	90	[Rn] $6d^27s^2$
Protactinium	Pa	91	[Rn] $5f^26d^17s^2$
Uranium	U	92	[Rn] $5f^36d^17s^2$
Neptunium	Np	93	[Rn] $5f^46d^17s^2$
Plutonium	Pu	94	[Rn] $5f^66d^07s^2$
Americium	Am	95	[Rn] $5f^76d^07s^2$
Curium	Cm	96	[Rn] $5f^76d^17s^2$
Berkelium	Bk	97	[Rn] $5f^96d^07s^2$
Californium	Cf	98	[Rn] $5f^{10}6d^07s^2$
Einsteinium	Es	99	[Rn] $5f^{11}6d^07s^2$
Fermium	Fm	100	[Rn] $5f^{12}6d^07s^2$
Mendelevium	Md	101	[Rn] $5f^{13}6d^07s^2$
Nobelium	No	102	[Rn] $5f^{14}6d^07s^2$
Lawrencium	Lr	103	[Rn] $5f^{14}6d^17s^2$

2. Ionization Enthalpies

The ionization enthalpies of the early actinoids are not accurately known but these are lower than those of early lanthanoids. This is due to the fact that when the 5*f* orbitals are beginning to be occupied, they penetrate less into the inner core of electrons and therefore, they are more strongly shielded from the nuclear charge than are the 4*f* electrons of the corresponding lanthanoids. As a result, the outer electrons of actinoids are less firmly held by the nucleus and hence their ionization enthalpies are lower.

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3. Physical Properties

The general physical constants are given in Table 20. Some of these are discussed below :

(*a*) Melting and boiling points. The melting and boiling points of actinoids are moderately high but they are considerably lower than those of transition elements. However, there is no regular trend in the melting and boiling point values.

(*b*) Density. The densities of actinoids first increase and then decrease as shown in Table 20.

(*c*) Enthalpies of fusion and enthalpies of vaporisation. The enthalpies of fusion and vaporisation are measured only for a few elements. The enthalpies of vaporisation, in general decrease from Th to Am (Table 20).

Table 20. Some physical values of actinoids.

Element	Symbol	M. pt. (°C)	B. pt. (°C)	Density (g cm^{-3})	Heat of fusion (kJ mol^{-1})	Heat of vaporisation (kJ mol^{-1})
Actinium	Ac	817	2470	—	—	—
Thorium	Th	1750	4850	11.8	16.11	513.7
Protactinium	Pa	1552	4227	15.4	16.7	481
Uranium	U	1130	3930	19.1	12.6	417
Neptunium	Np	640	5235	20.5	(9.46)	336
Plutonium	Pu	640	(3230)	19.9	2.86	343.5
Americium	Am	1170	2660	13.7	(0.0)	238.5
Curium	Cm	1340		13.5		
Berkelium	Bk	986		14.8		
Californium	Cf	(900)				
Einsteinium	Es	(860)				

4. Oxidation States

Actinoids show different oxidation states such as +2, +3, +4, +5, +6 and +7. However +3 oxidation state is most common among all the actinoids.

The wide range of oxidation states of actinoids is attributed to the fact that *the 5f, 6d and 7s energy levels are of comparable energies*. Therefore, all these three subshells can participate. The common known oxidation states of actinoids are recorded in Table 21.

Table 21. Oxidation states of actinium and actinoids.

Element	Electronic configuration	Oxidation states	Electronic configuration of ions outside [Rn]	
			M^{3+}	M^{4+}
Ac	$[Rn]6d^17s^2$	+3	$5f^0$	—
Th	$[Rn]5f^16d^17s^2$	+3 +4	$5f^1$	$5f^0$
Pa	$[Rn]5f^26d^17s^2$	+3 +4 +5	$5f^2$	$5f^1$
U	$[Rn]5f^36d^17s^2$	+3 +4 +5 +6	$5f^3$	$5f^2$
Np	$[Rn]5f^46d^17s^2$	+3 +4 +5 +6 +7	$5f^4$	$5f^3$
Pu	$[Rn]5f^66d^07s^2$	+3 +4 +5 +6 +7	$5f^5$	$5f^4$
Am	$[Rn]5f^76d^07s^2$	+3 +4 +5 +6	$5f^6$	$5f^5$
Cm	$[Rn]5f^76d^17s^2$	+3 +4	$5f^7$	$5f^6$
Bk	$[Rn]5f^96d^07s^2$	+3 +4	$5f^8$	$5f^7$
Cf	$[Rn]5f^{10}6d^{10}7s^2$	+3	$5f^9$	$5f^8$
Es	$[Rn]5f^{11}6d^{10}7s^2$	+3	$5f^{10}$	$5f^9$
Fm	$[Rn]5f^{12}6d^07s^2$	+3	$5f^{11}$	$5f^{10}$
Md	$[Rn]5f^{13}6d^07s^2$	+3	$5f^{12}$	$5f^{11}$
No	$[Rn]5f^{14}6d^07s^2$	+3	$5f^{13}$	$5f^{12}$
Lr	$[Rn]5f^{14}6d^17s^2$	+3	$5f^{14}$	$5f^{13}$

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It is clear from Table 20 that all the actinoids exhibit in general +3 oxidation state. The elements in the first half of the series exhibit higher oxidation states. For example, the maximum oxidation state increases from +4 in Th to +5, +6 and +7 in Pa, U and Np respectively. After Np, the maximum oxidation state decreases in succeeding elements. Therefore, the actinoids resemble the lanthanoids in having more compounds in +3 state than in +4 state. However, +3 and +4 ions tend to hydrolyse. It may be noted that the distribution of oxidation states among the actinoids is not very even.

The actinoids form ionic species. The principle ionic species are M^{3+}, M^{4+}, MO_2^{+}, MO_2^{2+}. The lower oxidation states tend to be ionic while the higher ones are covalent. The dioxo ions, MO_2^{2+} are formed due to high charge density *e.g.* UO_2^{2+} are formed both in solid and solution state. Oxo cations are stable in acid and in aqueous solutions.

5. Ionic Radii and Actinoid Contraction

Like lanthanoids, actinoids also show actinoid contraction. The size of the atoms or ions of actinoids decreases regularly along the series with the increase in atomic number from actinium to lawrencium. *This steady decrease in the ionic radii with the increase in atomic number* is called **actinoid contraction**.

The actinoid contraction is due to the imperfect shielding of one 5*f* electron by another in the same subshell. Therefore, as we **move** along the series, the nuclear charge and the number of 5*f* electrons increases by one unit at each step. However due to imperfect shielding of 5*f* orbitals, the effective nuclear charge increases which results in contraction of the size.

It may be noted that the contraction is greater from element to element in actinoid series as compared to lanthanoid contraction and therefore, there are bigger jumps between the consecutive members as compared to lanthanoids. This is due to poor shielding of 5*f* electrons. The 5*f* orbitals extend in space beyond 6*s* and 6*p* orbitals whereas 4*f* orbitals are deep burried inside the atom. Thus, there is poor shielding by 5*f* orbitals which results in more increase in effective nuclear charge and therefore, larger attraction by the nucleus.

6. Magnetic Properties

Most of the actinoid ions are paramagnetic because they contain unpaired electrons. The ions (Ac^{3+}, Th^{4+}, Lr^{3+}, etc.) which have the electronic configurations f^0 or f^{14} are diamagnetic. However, the magnetic properties of actinoids are higher than the theoretical predicted values.

7. Colours of Ions

Actinoid ions are generally coloured. The colour of actinoid ions depends upon the number of 5*f*-electrons. The ions containing no 5*f*-electrons or seven 5*f*-electrons (exactly half filled *f*-subshell) are colourless, as expected. The ions containing 2 to 6 electrons in the 5*f*-subshell are coloured (Table 22). The colours arise due to electronic transition between various energy states *within the 5f-subshell* (***f-f* transitions**).

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Table 22. Colours of actinoid ions in aqueous solutions.

Ion	Number of electrons	Colour
Ac^{3+}	f^0	colourless
U^{3+}	f^3	red
Np^{3+}	f^4	blue or purple
Pu^{3+}	f^5	violet
Am^{3+}	f^6	pink
Cm^{3+}	f^7	colourless
Th^{4+}	f^0	colourless
Pa^{4+}	f^1	colourless
U^{4+}	f^2	green
Np^{4+}	f^3	yellow-green
Pu^{4+}	f^4	orange
Am^{4+}	f^5	pink
Cm^{4+}	f^6	pale-yellow

8. Formation of Complexes

Like lanthanoids, actinoids also form complexes. However, actinoids have greater tendency to form complexes in comparison to lanthanoids. This is because of their higher charge and smaller size of their ions.

9. Chemical Reactivity

The main characteristics of chemical reactivity are :

(*i*) The actinoid metals are all silvery in appearance and display a variety of structures.

(*ii*) These are highly reactive metals especially in finely divided form.

(*iii*) They react with boiling water and form a mixture of oxide and hydride.

(*iv*) They react with non-metals at moderate temperatures.

(*v*) All metals are attacked by hydrochloric acid but most of these are slightly affected by nitric acid due to the formation of protective oxide layers.

(*vi*) Alkalies have no action with these metals.

COMPARISON OF ACTINOID AND LANTHANOID SERIES

Both lanthanoids and actinoids involve the filling of *f*-orbitals. They show close resemblances in some of their properties but also differ in many properties. Some of the important points of similarities and differences are summed up below :

Similarities between lanthanoids and actinoids

1. Both exhibit oxidation state of +3 predominantly.

2. In both the series, *f*-orbitals are being progressively filled.

3. Actinoids and lanthanoids having same number of unpaired electrons have quite similar spectra. In the absorption spectra of the elements of both the series, sharp line like bands appear due to *f*-*f* transitions.

4. Both are electropositive and have high reactivity.

5. Like lanthanoid contraction, there is actinoid contraction. These contractions are due to poor shielding of 5*f* and 4*f* electrons in actinides and lanthanoids respectively.

6. The nitrates, perchlorates and sulphates of trivalent actinoids and lanthanoids are soluble whereas the hydroxides, fluorides and carbonates of the elements of both the series are insoluble.

7. Actinoids like lanthanoids show ion exchange behaviour.

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Differences between lanthanoids and actinoids

The important points of differences between lanthanoids and actinoids are summed up below :

Property	Lanthanoids	Actinoids
1. Oxidation states	Lanthanoids show mainly +3 oxidation state except in a few cases where it is +2 and +4	In addition to +3 oxidation state, actinoids also show higher oxidation states such as +4, +5, +6 and +7. For example, uranium exhibits oxidation states of +3, +4, +5 and +6. +6 oxidation state is stable in compounds such as UF_6, UO_2^{2+}.
2. Binding energies	Binding energies of 4*f* are higher.	Binding energies of 5*f* are lower.
3. Shielding effect	4*f* electrons have greater shielding effect. Therefore, the contraction in their ionic radii is less.	5*f* electrons have poor shielding effect. Therefore, the contraction in their sizes is more.
4. Tendency to form complexes	The tendency to form complexes is less.	They have greater tendency to form complexes.
5. Basic character	Lanthanoid compounds are less basic.	Actinoid compounds are more basic.
6. Tendency to form oxo ions	They do not form oxo ions.	They form oxo ions such as UO_2^+, NpO_2^+, PuO_2^+, UO_2^{2+}.
7. Radioactivity	Except promethium, these are non-radioactive.	All the actinoids are radioactive.
8. Colours	Most of their ions are colourless.	Most of the actinoid ions are coloured. For example U^{3+} (red), U^{4+} (green), UO_2^{2+} (yellow)
9. Paramagnetic character	They are paramagnetic and their magnetic properties can be easily explained.	They are also paramagnetic but their magnetic properties cannot be easily explained.

Uses of Actinoids

(*i*) Thorium is used in the form of oxide, ThO_2 for making incandescent gas mantles. The mantle made from silk fibres is dipped into a mixed solution of thorium and cerium nitrates in the ratio of 99 and 1 respectively. When fixed in the lamp and ignited, the silk fibres burn away leaving a network of thoria (ThO_2) and ceria (CeO_2). The small amount of cerium oxide is essential because otherwise ThO_2 itself gives only a poor light.

(*ii*) Thorium is used in the manufacture of *fine rods for atomic reactors.*

(*iii*) Thorium salts are also nowadays used in medicines in the treatment of cancer.

(*iv*) Uranium salts impart green colour to glass.

(*v*) Uranium is used in the production of nuclear energy by the process of nuclear fission.

(*vi*) Uranium salts are used in textile industry, ceramic industry as well as in medicines.

(*vii*) Plutonium is fissionable material and is used for fueling atomic reactors. It is used as an ingredient of atomic explosive weapons. It can also be used to make atomic bombs.

SOME IMPORTANT APPLICATIONS OF *d* AND *f*-BLOCK ELEMENTS

d and *f*-block elements are very important elements because of their applications in different fields. Some important applications of *d*- and *f*-block elements are :

1. Iron and steel are most important construction materials. Their production is based on the reduction of iron oxides, the removal of impurities and the addition of carbon and other alloying metals such as chromium, nickel, manganese, tungsten, molybdenum. Different varieties of steels have been used for the preparation of different types of materials.

2. Some precious metals such as gold, silver and platinum are the symbols of the wealth of a country.

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3. Some compounds are manufactured for special purposes such as titanium oxide (TiO) for pigment industry and manganese dioxide (MnO_2) for use in battery cells. The battery industry also need zinc, nickel, mercury and cadmium.

4. The elements of group 11 are still worthy of being called the 'coinage metals' because of their earlier use as for making coins. These days Ag and Au are restricted to collection items and contemporary UK 'copper' coins are copper coated steel. The 'silver' UK coins are alloys of Cu/Ni.

5. Many of the metals and their compounds find their importance as essential catalysts in chemical industry. V_2O_5 catalyses the oxidation of SO_2 in the manufacture of sulphuric acid.

6. Titanium tetrachloride ($TiCl_4$) with $Al(CH_3)_3$ forms the basis of Ziegler-Natta type catalysts which are used in the manufacture of polythene.

7. Iron catalysts are used in the Haber process for the production of ammonia from a mixture nitrogen and hydrogen.

8. Nickel catalyst is used in the hydrogenation of fats.

9. In the Wacker process, the oxidation of ethyne to ethanol is catalysed by $PdCl_2$.

10. Nickel complexes are useful in the polymerization of alkynes and other organic compounds such as benzene.

11. The photographic industry depends on the special light sensitive properties of silver halides (AgBr).

REMEMBER

- **Titanium and niobium** are used for alloying with aluminium or tin in making aircraft frames and jet engines because these alloys have high strength.
- **Molybdenum** is used in X-ray tube for production of X-rays because it is heavy element.
- **Tantalum** is used in making bone nails for surgery because it is resistant to corrosion.
- **Tungsten** is used in making filaments of electric bulbs because it has very high melting point.

SOLVED EXAMPLES

❑ **Example 15.**

Write down the electronic configurations of the following ions :

Pm^{3+} (Z = 61), Ce^{4+} (Z= 58), Lu^{2+} (Z=71), Th^{4+}(Z = 90)

Solution : (*i*) Pm^{3+} (Z = 61) : $[Xe]4f^4$

(*ii*) Ce^{4+} (Z = 58) : [Xe]

(*iii*) Lu^{2+} (Z = 71) : $[Xe]\ 4f^{14}\ 5d^1$

(*iv*) Th^{4+} (Z = 90) : [Rn]

❑ **Example 16.**

Among lanthanoids, Ln (III) compounds are predominant. However, occasionally in solutions or in solid compounds, +2 and +4 ions are also obtained.

Solution : All lanthanoids exhibit a common stable oxidation state of +3. In addition, some lanthanoids show +2 and +4 oxidation states also in solution or in solid compounds. These are shown by those elements which by doing so attain the stable f^0, (empty *f*-subshell), f^7 (half filled *f*-subshell) configurations. For example,

(*i*) *Ce and Tb exhibit +4 oxidation states.* Cerium (Ce) and terbium (Tb) attain f^0 and f^7 configurations respectively when they get +4 oxidation states, as shown below:

Ce^{4+} : [Xe] $4f^0$, Tb^{4+} : [Xe] $4f^7$

(*ii*) *Eu and Yb exhibit +2 oxidation states.* Europium and ytterbium get f^7 and f^{14} configurations in +2 oxidation state as shown below :

Eu^{2+} : [Xe] $4f^7$, Yb^{2+} : [Xe] $4f^{14}$

❑ **Example 17.**

Actinoid contraction is greater from element to element than lanthanoid contraction. Why ?

N.C.E.R.T. *(D.S.B. 2015)*

Solution : This is because of relatively poor shielding by 5*f* electrons in actinoids in comparison with shielding of 4*f* electrons in lanthanoids.

❑ **Example 18.**

Use Hund's rule to derive the electronic configuration of Ce^{3+} ion and calculate its magnetic moment on the basis of 'spin-only' formula.

N.C.E.R.T.

Solution : Ce (Z = 58) : $[Xe]^{54}\ 4f^1\ 5d^1\ 6s^2$

Ce^{3+} : $4f^1$

No. of unpaired electrons = 1

$\mu_s = \sqrt{n(n+2)} = \sqrt{1\,(1+2)} = \sqrt{3} = 1.73$. B.M.

❑ **Example 19.**

Which is the last element in the series of the actinoids? Write the electronic configuration of this element. Comment on the possible oxidation state of this element. ***N.C.E.R.T.***

Solution : Last actinoid is lawrencium (Z = 103)

Electronic configuration : $[Rn]^{86}\ 5f^{14}\ 6d^1\ 7s^2$

Possible oxidation state : + 3.

❑ **Example 20.**

The actinoids exhibit a larger number of oxidation states than the corresponding members in the lanthanoid series.

(A.I.S.B. 2012, D.S.B. 2012, Pb. S.B. 2012)

Solution : Lanthanoids show limited number of oxidation states, such as +2, +3 and +4 (+3 is the principal oxidation state).

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This is because of large energy gap between 5*d* and 4*f* subshells. On the other hand, actinoids also show principal oxidation state of +3 but show a number of other oxidation states also. For example, uranium (Z = 92) exhibits oxidation states of +3, +4, +5 and +6 and neptunium (Z = 93) and plutonium (Z = 94) show oxidation states of +3, +4, +5, +6 and +7. This is because of small energy difference between 5*f*, 6*d* and 7*s* orbitals.

❑ **Example 21.**

Which out of $Lu(OH)_3$ and $La(OH)_3$ is more basic and why ? *(Pb. S.B. 2012)*

Solution : $La(OH)_3$ is more basic than $Lu(OH)_3$. Due to lanthanoid contraction the size of lanthanoid ions decreases regularly with increase in atomic size. As a result of decrease in size, their covalent character between lanthanoid ion and OH^- ions increases from La^{3+} to Lu^{3+}. Therefore, the basic character of hydroxides decreases from $La(OH)_3$ to $Lu(OH)_3$.

Practice Problems

21. Which of the two : $Lu(OH)_3$ or $La(OH)_3$ is more basic ?
22. What is the common oxidation state of lanthanoids ?
23. How many unpaired electrons are present in Gd(Z = 64) ?
24. Name the actinoid used for the manufacture of fine rods for atomic reactors.
25. Arrange Ce^{3+} (Z = 58), Sm^{3+} (Z = 62) and Yb^{3+} (Z = 70) in decreasing order of ionic radii.
26. Name the basic cause of similar atomic radii of Hf and Zr.
27. Does actinoids show actinoid contraction similar to lanthanoid contraction ?
28. Name the trivalent lanthanoid having the configuration [Xe] $4f^7$.
29. Which of the following ion is colourless ?
U^{3+}, Cm^{4+}, Th^{4+}
30. Name two tripositive lanthanoid ions which are colourless.

Answers to Practice Problems

21. $La(OH)_3$.
22. +3
23. 8 : Electronic configuration : [Xe]$4f^1\ 5d^1\ 6s^2$
24. Thorium.
25. $Ce^{3+} > Sm^{3+} > Yb^{3+}$.
26. Lanthanoid contraction
27. Yes, actinoids also show actinoid contraction.
28. Gadolinium
29. Th^{4+}.
30. La^{3+}, Lu^{3+}.

add on Conceptual Questions 3

CONCEPTUAL QA

Q.1. In the transition series, starting with lanthanum (Z = 57), the next element (Hf) has atomic number 72. Why do we observe this jump in atomic number ?

Ans. In lanthanum, 5*d* is more stable than 4*f*-subshell. From the next element cerium onwards, the 4*f*-subshell becomes relatively more stable than 5*d*-subshell. Therefore, the 14 elements after La involve the filling of 4*f*-orbitals and this subshell gets completely filled at Lu. After Lu, the next electron enters the 5*d*-subshell in Hf(Z = 72) and it is placed in third transition series after La.

Q.2. Among the lanthanoids, Ce (III) can be easily oxidized to Ce (IV). (At. No. of Ce = 58)

Ans. Ce (III) has the electronic configuration : $4f^1\ 5d^0\ 6s^0$. It can be easily oxidised because it can readily lose an electron to acquire the stable $4f^0$ configuration and form Ce (IV).

Q.3. Why do Zr and Hf exhibit similar properties ? ***(H.P.S.B. 2010, Pb.S.B. 2012, 2018)***

Ans. Due to lanthanoid contraction, Hf and Zr have almost similar size and therefore, their properties are similar.

Q.4. What are different oxidation states exhibited by lanthanoids ?

Ans. The principal oxidation state of lanthanoids is +3. In addition, they exhibit oxidation states of +2 and +4.

Q.5. What is the basic difference between the electronic configurations of transition and inner transition elements ? ***(A.I.S.B. 2003)***

Ans. Transition elements have general electronic configuration : $(n-1)\ d^{1-10}\ ns^{1\ or\ 2}$ while inner transition elements have the general electronic configuration $(n-2)\ f^{1-14}\ (n-1)d^{0-1}ns^{0-2}$. Thus, in transition elements the last electron enters *d* orbital of penultimate $(n-1)$ shell while in inner transition elements the last electron enters the outer penultimate $(n-2)$ shell.

Q.6. Which trivalent ion has maximum size in lanthanide series ? ***(D.S.B. 2002)***

Ans. Lanthanum (La^{3+}) ion.

Q.7. Give one example each of lanthanoid ion having +2, +3 and +4 oxidation states.

Ans.
+2 : Eu^{2+} (having [Xe] $4f^7$ configuration)
+3 : La^{3+} (having [Xe] $4f^0$ configuration)
+4 : Ce^{4+} (having [Xe] $4f^0$ configuration)

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CONCEPTUAL QA

Q.8. Can lanthanum ion (Z = 57) exist in +4 oxidation state ? Justify your answer.

Ans. Lanthanum (Z = 57) has the electronic configuration [Xe] $5d^1 6s^2$ and forms La^{3+} by the removal of all the three electrons of outermost shell resulting in noble gas configuration of xenon. To form La^{4+} ion, the electron has to be removed from stable xenon core, which is very difficult. Thus, La^{4+} cannot exist.

Q.9. Chemistry of all lanthanoids is so identical. Explain.

Ans. All the lanthanoids have similar outer electronic configuration and show +3 oxidation state in their compounds. Therefore, all the lanthanoids have similar chemical properties. The different lanthanoids differ mainly in the number of 4*f*-electrons which are burried deep in the atoms and hence, do not influence the properties. Moreover, due to lanthanoid contraction, there is very small difference in the size of all the trivalent lanthanoid ions. Thus, the size of their ions is also almost identical which results in similar chemical properties.

Q.10. Why is europium (II) more stable than cerium (II) ?

Ans. Europium (II) has electronic configuration [Xe] $4f^7\ 5d^0$ while cerium (II) has electronic configuration [Xe] $4f^1\ 5d^1$. In Eu^{2+}, 4*f* subshell is half filled and 5*d*-subshell is empty. Since half filled and completely filled electronic configurations are more stable, Eu^{2+} ion is more stable than Ce^{2+} in which neither 4*f* subshell nor 5*d* subshell is half filled or completely filled.

Q.11. Name an important alloy which contains some of the lanthanoid metals. ***(Uttarakhand S.B. 2013, A.I.S.B. 2013)***

Ans. Misch metal.

Q.12. Identify the lanthanoid element that exhibits +4 oxidation state. ***(CBSE Sample Paper 2017-18)***

Ans. Cerium.

Chapter Summary

Key Terms

- **Transition elements.** Elements belonging to *d*-block lying between *s*- and *p*-blocks and have the general electronic configuration : $(n-1)\,d^{1-10}\,ns^{0-2}$.
- **Paramagnetic substances.** The substances which are attracted by the magnetic field.
- **Diamagnetic substances.** The substances which are repelled by the magnetic field.
- **Crystal field splitting.** The splitting of degenerate *d*-orbitals of the central metal ion under the influence of approaching ions (ligands) towards metal ion.
- **Lanthanoids.** The series involving the filling of 4*f*-orbitals following lanthanum.
- **Actinoids.** The series involving the filling of 5*f*-orbitals following actinium.
- **Lanthanoid contraction.** The steady decrease in atomic and ionic sizes of lanthanoid elements with increasing atomic number.

QUICK CHAPTER ROUND UP

d-Block Elements
$(n\text{-}1)d^{1\text{-}10}\ ns^{1\text{or}2}$

Four transition series

First (3*d*)	Second (4*d*)	Third (5*d*)	Fourth (6*d*)
Sc(21) – Zn(30)	Y(39) – Cd(48)	La(57), Hf(72) – Hg(80)	Ac (89), Rf(104) – Cn(112)

General Characteristics

- Atomic radii decrease with increase in atomic number in a series and decrease becomes small after midway.
- Show variable oxidation because of participation of *ns* and $(n-1)d$-orbitals • Osmium can show oxidation state of +8.
- Copper has +ve reduction potential (+0.34V). Copper is least reactive among first transition series.
- Show paramagnetic character due to the presence of unpaired electrons • Cr has maximum magnetic moment in first transition series.

  Magnetic moment $\mu = \sqrt{n(n+2)}$ BM., n = no. of unpaired electrons.
- are coloured due to the presence of vacant *d*-subshell. • Sc^{3+}, Te^{4+}, Cu^{+}, Zn^{2+} are colourless because of filled *d*-subshell.

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- The colour is because of *d-d* transitions
- form complexes, interstitial compounds, alloys, act as catalyst etc.

COMPOUNDS

- Oxides of higher oxidation state of metal are acidic, of lower oxidation state are basic and those having intermediate oxidation state are amphoteric.
- As the oxidation state increases, the **ionic character decreases** and **acidic character increases** as :

MnO — Mn_3O_4, Mn_2O_3, MnO_2 — Mn_2O_7

Basic — Amphoteric — Acidic

$KMnO_4$

- Prepared from pyrolusite (MnO_2)
- $2KMnO_4 \xrightarrow[513\,K]{Heat} K_2MnO_4 + MnO_2 + O_2$.

  $2K_2MnO_4 \xrightarrow{red\ hot} 2K_2MnO_3 + O_2$
- **Acts as oxidising agent in neutral medium.**

  $MnO_4^- + 2H_2O + 3e^- \longrightarrow MnO_2 + 2OH^-$

  Eq. wt = $\frac{Mol.wt}{3} = \frac{158}{3} = 52.67$

  In strongly alkaline medium.

  $MnO_4^- + e^- \longrightarrow MnO_4^{2-}$

  Eq. wt = $\frac{Mol.wt}{1} = \frac{158}{1} = 158$

  In weakly alkaline medium

  $2MnO_4^- + 2H_2O + 3e^- \longrightarrow MnO_2 + 4OH^-$

  Eq. wt = $\frac{Mol.wt}{3} = \frac{158}{3} = 52.67$

  In acidic medium

  $MnO_4^- + 8H^+ + 5e^- \longrightarrow Mn^{2+} + 4H_2O$

  Eq. wt = $\frac{Mol.wt}{5} = \frac{158}{5} = 31.6$
- MnO_4^- and MnO_4^{2-} ions have tetrahedral shape.

$K_2Cr_2O_7$

- Prepared from chromite ore ($FeO.Cr_2O_3$ or $FeCr_2O_4$)

  $4K_2Cr_2O_7 \xrightarrow{heat} 4K_2CrO_4 + 2Cr_2O_3 + 3O_2$

  Acts as **oxidising agent**.

  $Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 14H^+ + 6e^- \longrightarrow 2Cr^{3+} + 7H_2O$

  Equivalent wt = $\frac{Mol.wt}{6} = \frac{294}{6} = 49$

  $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$ and CrO_4^{2-} exist in equilibrium at pH = 4

  $Cr_2O_7^{2-} + H_2O \underset{}{\overset{pH=4}{\rightleftharpoons}} 2CrO_4^{2-} + 2H^+$

  (Orange red) yellow
- CrO_4^{2-} ion has tetrahedral structure
- $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$ two tetrahedra sharing one corner with Cr—O—Cr bond angle of 126°.

- CrO_4^{3-} and MnO_4^{2-} undergo disproportionation:

  $3CrO_4^{3-} + 8H^+ \longrightarrow 2CrO_4^{2-} + Cr^{3+} + 4H_2O$

  $3MnO_4^{2-} + 4H^+ \longrightarrow 2MnO_4^- + MnO_2 + 2H_2O$
- **The colour of CrO_4^{2-}, $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$ and MnO_4^- ions are due to charge transfer.**
- **Action of heat**

  $4K_2Cr_2O_7 \xrightarrow{\Delta} 4K_2CrO_4 + 2Cr_2O_3 + 3O_2$

  $2KMnO_4 \xrightarrow{\Delta} K_2MnO_4 + MnO_2 + O_2$

f-Block Elements

$(n\text{-}2)f^{0\text{-}14}\ (n\text{-}1)d^{0,1}ns^2$

Lanthanoids

(Z=58–71, La–Lu)

[Xe] $4f^{1-14}\ 5d^{0-1}\ 6s^2$

Actinoids

(Z=89–103, Ac–Lr)

[Rn] $5f^{1-14}\ 6d^{0-1}\ 7s^2$

- The stable oxidation state of lanthanoids is +3 but +2 and +4 are also known. Ce^{4+} ($4f^0$), Tb^{4+} ($4f^7$), Eu^{2+} ($4f^7$), Yb^{2+} ($4f^{14}$) are also stable.
- Lanthanoids show lanthanoid contraction due to poor shielding of 4*f*-electrons.
- Due to lanthanoid contraction, Zr – Hf; Nb – Ta; Mo – W possess almost same size.
- In lanthanoids **basic strength of hydroxides decreases with increase in atomic number**. Thus, $La(OH)_3$ is most basic while $Lu(OH)_3$ is least basic.
- Some of the trivalent lanthanoids are coloured. The colour of the ions containing *nf* electron is about the same as those with (14–*f*) electrons.
- Actinoids also show oxidation state of +3. But in addition they show higher oxidation states such as +4, +5, +6 and +7.
- Actinoids also show actinoid contraction.
- Actinoids have greater tendency to form complexes than lanthanoids.
- All the actinoids are radioactive.

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NCERT FILE Solved

NCERT In-text Questions

Q.1. Silver atom has completely filled *d*-orbitals ($4d^{10}$) in its ground state. How can you say that it is a transition elements ? ***(Pb.S.B. 2011)***

Ans. According to definition, transition elements are those which have partially filled *d*-subshell in their elementary state or in their one of the oxidation states. Silver (Z = 47) can exhibit +2 oxidation state in which it has incompletely filled *d*-subshell ($4d^9$ configuration). Hence, silver is regarded as transition element.

Q.2. In the series Sc(Z = 21) to Zn (Z = 30), the enthalpy of zinc is the lowest (126 kJ mol^{-1}). Why ?

Ans. The high enthalpies of atomization of transition elements is due to the participation of electrons (*n*–1) *d*-orbitals in addition to *ns* electrons in the interatomic metallic bonding. In case of zinc, no electrons from 3*d*-orbitals are involved in the formation of metallic bonds. On the other hand, in all other metals of 3*d* series electrons from *d*-orbitals are always involved in the formation of metallic bonds.

Q.3. Which of the 3*d* series of the transition metals exhibits the largest number of oxidation states and why ? ***(Pb.S.B. 2011)***

Ans. Mn (Z = 25) exhibits the largest number of oxidation states because it has the maximum number of unpaired electrons. Hence, it shows oxidation states from +2 to +7 *i.e.* +2, +3, +4, +5, +6 and +7.

Q.4. The $E^\circ(M^{2+}|M)$ value for copper is positive (+0.34V). What is possible reason for this ?

Ans. *Refer Solved Example 11 (Page 24).*

Q.5. How would you account for the irregular variation of ionisation enthalpies (first and second) in the first series of transition elements ?

Ans. The irregular trend in variation of ionisation enthalpies in the first series of transition elements is because of varying degree of stability of different configurations.

Q.6. Why is the highest oxidation state of a metal exhibited in its oxide or fluoride only ?

Ans. Because oxygen and fluorine have small size and high electronegativity, therefore, they can easily oxidise the metal to its highest oxidation state.

Q.7. Which is a stronger reducing agent Cr^{2+} or Fe^{2+} and why ? ***(Pb.S.B. 2011, CBSE Sample Paper 2011)***

Ans. Cr^{2+} is a stronger reducing agent than Fe^{2+}. This is because the configuration of Cr^{2+} changes from d^4 to d^3 and d^3 configuration is stable (t_{2g}^3) being half filled t_{2g} sub-level (discussed in next unit).

Q.8. Calculate the spin only magnetic moment of M^{2+} (*aq*) (Z = 27).

Ans. The electronic configuration of M^{2+} (Z = 27) is

M^{2+} (Z = 27) : $3d^7$ ⇅ ⇅ ↑ ↑ ↑

It has 3 unpaired electrons. The *spin* only magnetic moment is

$$\mu_s = \sqrt{n(n+2)}$$

$$= \sqrt{3(3+2)} = \sqrt{15} = 3.87 \text{ B.M.}$$

Q.9. Explain why Cu^+ ion is not stable in aqueous solution ? ***(CBSE Sample Paper 2011, A.I.S.B. 2011)***

Ans. $Cu^+(aq)$ is not stable in aqueous solution because of its less negative enthalpy of hydration than of Cu^{2+} (*aq*).

Q.10. Actinoid contraction is greater from element to element than lanthanoid contraction. Why ?

Ans. *Refer Solved Example 17 (Page 49).*

NCERT Textbook Exercises

Q.1. Write down the electronic configuration of :

(*a*) Cr^{3+} (*b*) Cu^+ (*c*) Co^{2+} (*d*) Mn^{2+} (*e*) Pm^{3+} (*f*) Ce^{4+} (*g*) Lu^{2+} (*h*) Th^{4+}

Ans. (*a*) Cr^{3+} : [Ar] $3d^3$ (*b*) Cu^+ : [Ar] $3d^{10}$

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(*c*) Co^{2+} : [Ar] $3d^7$ (*d*) Mn^{2+} : [Ar] $3d^5$

(*e*) Pm^{3+} : [Xe] $4f^4$ (*f*) Ce^{4+} : [Xe]

(*g*) Lu^{2+} : [Xe] $4f^{14}5d^1$ (*h*) Th^{4+} : [Rn]

Q.2. Why are Mn^{2+} compounds more stable than Fe^{2+} towards oxidation to their +3 state ?

Ans. *Refer Solved Example 10. (Page 24)*

Q.3. Explain briefly how +2 state becomes more and more stable in the first half of the first row transition elements with increasing atomic number ?

Ans. As we move in the first row transition elements, the sum of IE_1 and IE_2 increases. As a result, reduction potential (E°) becomes less and less negative and hence the stability decreases upto first half of the first row elements.

Q.4. To what extent do the electronic configurations decide the stability of oxidation states in the first series of the transition elements ? Illustrate your answer with examples.

Ans. In a transition series, the oxidation states which result in half filled and completely filled of *d*-subshell are more stable. For example, in the first transition series, electronic configuration of Mn (Z = 25) is [Ar] $3d^5\ 4s^2$. It shows oxidation states from +2 to +7 but Mn (II) is most stable because it has stable electronic configuration. Similarly, we can say Zn (Z = 30) having electronic configuration [Ar] $3d^{10}4s^2$ exhibits stable +2 oxidation state because of stable completely filled $3d^{10}$ configuration.

Q.5. What may be stable oxidation state of the transition element with the following *d*-electron configurations in the ground state of their atoms : $3d^3$, $3d^5$, $3d^8$, and $3d^4$?

Ans. The stable oxidation states are predicted on the basis that up to Mn, the maximum oxidation states of stability correspond to sum of *s* and *d*-electrons. After Mn, there is decrease in the stability of higher oxidation states.

$3d^3\ 4s^2$: +5

$3d^5\ 4s^1$: +6 and $3d^5\ 4s^2$ = + 2 and + 7

$3d^8\ 4s^2$: +2

$3d^4\ 4s^2$ or $3d^5\ 4s^1$: + 6 (and + 3)

Q.6. Name the oxometal anions of the first series of the transition metals in which the metal exhibits the oxidation state equal to its group number.

Ans. MnO_4^- : Oxidation state of Mn = +7 (Group No. = 7)

CrO_4^{2-} : Oxidation state of Cr = +6 (Group No. = 6)

Q.7. What is lanthanoid contraction ? What are the consequences of lanthanoid contraction ?

Ans. *Refer Text (Page 42)*

Q.8. What are the characteristics of the transition elements and why are they called transition elements ? Which of the *d*-block elements may not be regarded as the transition elements ?

Ans. *Refer Text (Page 5)*

Q.9. In what way is the electronic configuration of the transition elements different from that of the non-transition elements ? (*Pb.S.B. 2010, H.P.S.B. 2010*)

Ans. The transition elements involve the filling of *d*-orbitals while the representative elements involve the filling of *s* or *p*-orbitals. The general electronic configuration of transition elements is $(n-1)\ d^{1-10}\ ns^{1-2}$.

On the other hand, the general electronic configuration of representative elements in ns^{1-2} or $ns^2\ np^{1-6}$. Thus, in representative elements, only the last shell is incomplete while in transition elements the last but one shell is also incomplete.

Q.10. What are the different oxidation states exhibited by the lanthanoids ?

Ans. The principal oxidation state of lanthanoids is + 3. In addition, they exhibit oxidation states of + 2 and + 4.

Q.11. Explain giving reasons :

(*a*) Transition metals and many of their compounds show paramagnetic behaviour.

(*b*) The enthalpies of atomisation of the transition metals are high.

(*c*) The transition metals generally form coloured compounds.

(*d*) Transition metals and their many compounds act as good catalyst.

Ans. *Refer Text (a) Page 20; (b) Page 8; (c) Page 19; (d) Page 21.*

Q.12. What are interstitial compounds ? Why are such compounds well known for transition metals ?

Ans. *Refer Text (Page 22)*

Q.13. How is the variability in oxidation states of transition metals different from that of the non-transition metals ? Illustrate with examples.

Ans. The variability of oxidation states in transition elements arise because of the participation of $(n-1)$ *d*-orbitals and *ns* orbitals. These different oxidation states of transition elements differ by unity. For example, vanadium shows oxidation states of +2, +3, +4 and +5; manganese shows oxidation states of +2, +3, +4, +5, +6 and +7. On the other hand, some non-transition elements of *p*-block show variable oxidation states which differ by a unit of two. For example, tin has oxidation states +2 and +4, indium has +1 and +3, etc.

Q.14. Describe the preparation of potassium dichromate from iron chromite ore. What is the effect of increasing pH on a solution of potassium dichromate ?

Ans. Preparation of $K_2Cr_2O_7$ *Refer Text (Page 28)*

The dichromate and chromate ions exist in equilibrium at pH = 4

$$\underset{\text{Dichromate ion (Orange red)}}{Cr_2O_7^{2-}} + H_2O \underset{}{\overset{pH=4}{\rightleftharpoons}} \underset{\text{Chromate ion (Yellow)}}{2CrO_4^{2-}} + 2H^+$$

On increasing pH (by adding alkali), the H^+ ions are used up and according to Le-Chatelier's principle, the reaction proceeds towards the forward direction producing yellow chromate ions. On decreasing pH (by adding an acid), the reaction shifts towards the backward direction producing the orange dichromate ion.

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Q.15. Describe the oxidising action of potassium dichromate and write the ionic equations for its reaction with : (*a*) iodide (*b*) iron (II) solution, and (*c*) H_2S.

Ans.

(*i*) $Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 6I^- + 14H^+ \longrightarrow 2Cr^{3+} + 3I_2 + 7H_2O$

(*ii*) $Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 6Fe^{2+} + 14H^+ \longrightarrow 2Cr^{3+} + 6Fe^{3+} + 7H_2O$

(*iii*) $Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 3H_2S + 8H^+ \longrightarrow 2Cr^{3+} + 3S + 7H_2O$

Q.16. Describe the preparation of potassium permanganate. How does the acidified permanganate solution reacts with (*a*) iron (II) ions (*b*) SO_2 and (*c*) oxalic acid ? Write the ionic equations for the reactions.

Ans. Preparation of $KMnO_4$ *(Refer Page 32).*

Reaction of $KMnO_4$

(*i*) $2MnO_4^- + 10Fe^{2+} + 16H^+ \longrightarrow 2Mn^{2+} + 10Fe^{3+} + 8H_2O$

(*ii*) $2MnO_4^- + 5\,SO_2 + 2H_2O \longrightarrow 5\,SO_4^{2-} + 2Mn^{2+} + 4H^+$

(*iii*) $2MnO_4^- + 5\,C_2O_4^{2-} + 16H^+ \longrightarrow 2Mn^{2+} + 8H_2O + 10CO_2$

Q.17. For M^{2+}/M and M^{3+}/M^{2+} system the E° values for some metals are as folows :

Cr^{2+}/Cr	**– 0.9 V**	**Cr^{3}/Cr^{2+}**	**– 0.4 V**
Mn^{2+}/Mn	**– 1.2 V**	**Mn^{3+}/Mn^{2+}**	**+ 1.5 V**
Fe^{2+}/Fe	**– 0.4 V**	**Fe^{3+}/Fe^{2+}**	**+ 0.8 V**

Use this data to comment upon :

(*a*) the stability of Fe^{3+} in acid solution as compared to that of Cr^{3+} or Mn^{3+}, and

(*b*) the ease with which iron can be oxidised as compared to the similar process for either chromium or manganese metal.

Ans. (*a*) Cr^{3+}/Cr^{2+} has a negative reduction potential and, therefore, Cr^{3+} cannot be reduced to Cr^{2+} *i.e.,* Cr^{3+} is most stable.

Mn^{3+}/Mn^{2+} has large +ve value and, therefore, Mn^{3+} can be easily reduced *i.e.,* Mn^{3+} is least stable.

Fe^{3+}/Fe^{2+} has small +ve value and, therefore, Fe^{3+} is more stable than Mn^{3+} but less stable than Cr^{3+}.

(*b*) Reduction potential for Mn^{2+}/Mn is most negative and, therefore, it will be most easily oxidized and ease of getting oxidized will be Mn > Cr > Fe.

Q.18. Predict which of the following will be coloured in aqueous solution Ti^{3+}, V^{3+}, Cu^+, Sc^{3+}, Mn^{2+}, Fe^{3+} and Co^{2+}. Give reason for each.

Ans. The ions which have incompletely filled *d*-orbitals will be coloured and those with fully filled or empty *d*-orbitals will be colourless. Ti^{3+}, V^{3+}, Mn^{2+}, Fe^{3+} and Co^{2+} are coloured because they have incompletely filled *d*-orbitals. Cu^+ and Sc^{3+} are colourless because Cu^{2+} has $3d^{10}$ completely filled *d*-orbitals while Sc^{3+} has empty ($3d^0$) *d*-orbitals.

Q.19. Compare the stability of +2 oxidation state for the elements of the first transition series.

Ans. The electrode potentials of $M^{2+}|M$ decreases in the first transition series and therefore, in general, the stability of +2 oxidation state decreases from left to right (except for Mn and Zn). The decrease in the negative electrode potential, $E°(M^{2+}|M)$ is due to the increase in the sum of $IE_1 + IE_2$. However, the greater stability of +2 oxidation state for Mn is due to half filled *d* subshell ($3d^5$) in Mn^{2+} and that of Zn is due to completely filled *d* subshell ($3d^{10}$) in Zn^{2+}.

Q.20. Compare the chemistry of actinoids with that of the lanthanoids with special reference to :

(*a*) electronic configuration

(*b*) oxidation state

(*c*) atomic and ionic sizes, and

(*d*) chemical reactivity.

Ans. (*a*) **Electronic configurations.** The general electronic configuration of lanthanoids is $[Xe]4f^{1-14}\ 5d^{0-1}\ 6s^2$ whereas that of actionoids is $[Rn]\ 5f^{1-14}\ 6d^{0-1}\ 7s^2$. Thus, lanthanoids involve the filling of 4*f*-orbitals whereas actinoids involve the filling of 5*f*-orbitals.

(*b*) **Oxidation states.** Lanthanoids have principal oxidation state of +3. In addition, the lanthanoids show limited oxidation states such as +2, +3 and +4 because of large energy gap between 4*f* and 5*d* subshells. On the other hand, actinoids show a large number of oxidation states because of small energy gap between 5*f* and 6*d* subshells.

(*c*) **Atomic and ionic sizes.** Both lanthanoids and actinoids show decrease in size of their atoms or ions in +3 oxidation state. In lanthanoids, the decrease is called lanthanoid contraction and in actinoids, it is called actinoid contraction.

(*d*) **Chemical reactivity.** Lanthanoids are highly electropositive in nature and they have almost similar chemical reactivity. All the actinoids are also electropositive and have high reactivity. However, in general, actinoids are more reactive (especially in finely divided state) than lanthanoids.

Q.21. How would you account for the following :

(*a*) Of the d^4 species, Cr^{2+} is strongly reducing while Mn(III) is strongly oxidising.

(*b*) Cobalt (II) is stable in a aqueous solution but in the presence of complexing reagents it is easily oxidised.

(*c*) The d^1 configuration is very unstable in ions.

Ans. (*a*) E values for $Cr^{3+} \mid Cr^{2+}$ is negative (–0.41 V) and for $Mn^{3+} \mid Mn^{2+}$ is positive (+1.57 V). Thus, Cr^{2+} can undergo oxidation and, therefore, is reducing agent. On the other hand, Mn (III) can undergo reduction, and therefore, acts as an oxidizing agent.

(*b*) In the presence of complexing agents, cobalt gets oxidised from +2 to +3 state because Co (III) is more stable than Co (II).

(*c*) After loss of *ns* electrons, d^1 electron can easily be lost to give a stable configuration. Therefore, the elements having d^1 configuration are either reducing or undego disproportionation.

Q.22. What is meant by 'disproportionation' ? Give two examples of disproportionation reaction in aqueous solution.

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Ans. The disproportionation reactions are those in which the same substance gets oxidised as well as reduced. For example,

(*i*) $3Cr^{V}O_4^{3-} + 8H^+ \longrightarrow 2\,Cr^{VI}O_4^{2-} + \overset{III}{Cr}^{3+} + 4H_2O$

(*ii*) $2\,Mn^{VI}O_4^{2-} + 4H^+ \longrightarrow Mn^{VII}O_4^- + Mn^{IV}O_2 + 2H_2O$

Q.23. Which metal in the first series of transition metals exhibits +1 oxidation state most frequently and why ?

Ans. Copper has electronic configuration [Ar] $3d^{10}\ 4s^1$. It can easily lose one ($4s^1$) electron to give stable $3d^{10}$ configuration.

Q.24. Calculate the number of unpaired electrons in the following gaseous ions : Mn^{3+}, Cr^{3+}, V^{3+} and Ti^{3+}. Which one of these is most stable in aqueous solution?

Ans. Mn^{3+} : $3d^4$ No. of unpaired electrons = 4
Cr^{3+} : $3d^3$ No. of unpaired electrons = 3
V^{3+} : $3d^2$ No. of unpaired electrons = 2
Ti^{3+} : $3d^1$ No. of unpaired electrons = 1
Cr^{3+} is most stable in aqueous solution.

Q.25. Give example and suggest reasons for the following features of the transition metal chemistry :
(*a*) The lowest oxide of transition metal is basic, the highest is amphoteric/acidic.
(*b*) A transition metal exhibits highest oxidation state in oxides and fluorides.
(*c*) The highest oxidation state is exhibited in oxoanions of a metal.

Ans. (*a*) The lower oxide of transition metal having low oxidation state is basic whereas the higher oxide of transition metal having high oxidation state is amphoteric or acidic. For example, MnO (II) is basic while Mn_2O_7 (VII) is acidic. Similarly, CrO (II) is basic while Cr_2O_3 (III) is amphoteric.

(*b*) A transition metal exhibits higher oxidation states in oxides and fluorides because oxygen and fluorine are of small size and high electronegativety and hence can readly oxidise the metals. For example, OsF_6[Os(VI)], V_2O_5[V(V)].

(*c*) Oxoanions of metals have highest oxidation states. For example, Cr in $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$ has an oxidation state of +6 whereas Mn in MnO_4^- has an oxidation state of +7. This is because of high electronegativity of oxygen and is high oxidising property.

Q.26. Indicate the steps in the preparation of :
(*a*) $K_2Cr_2O_7$ from chromite ore
(*b*) $KMnO_4$ from pyrolusite ore

Ans. *Refer Text (Page 28, 32)*

Q.27. What are alloys? Name an important alloy which contains some of the lanthanoid metals. Mention its uses.

Ans. An alloy is a homogeneous mixture of two or more metals or metals and non-metals.

An important alloy of lanthanoid metals is **misch metal.** It contains about 95% lanthanoid metal and about 5% iron and traces of S, C, Ca or Al. It is used in magnesium based alloy to produce bullets, shells and lighter flints.

Q.28. What are inner transition elements ? Decide which of the following atomic numbers are the atomic numbers of the inner transition elements : 29, 59, 74, 95, 102, 104.

Ans. The inner transition elements are those in which the last electron enters the *f*-subshell. These include lanthanoids (from atomic number 58–71) and actinoids (from atomic number 90–103).

Elements having atomic numbers 59, 95 and 102 are inner transition elements.

Q.29. The chemistry of the actinoid elements is not so smooth as that of the lanthanoids. Justify this statement by giving some examples from the oxidation state of these elements.

Ans. Lanthanoids show limited number of oxidation states, such as +2, +3 and +4 (+3 is the principal oxidation state). This is because of large energy gap between 5*d* and 4*f* subshells. On the other hand, actionoids also show principal oxidation state of +3 but show a number of other oxidation states also. For example, uranium (Z = 92) exhibits oxidation states of +3, +4, +5, + 6, and +6 and neptunium (Z = 94) shows oxidation states of +3, +4, +5, +6 and +7. This is because of small energy difference between 5*f* and 6*d* orbitals.

Q.30. Which is the last element in the series of the actionoids ? Write the electronic configuration of this element. Comment on the possible oxidation state of this element.

Ans. *Refer Solved Example 19. (Page 49)*

Q.31. Use Hund's rule to derive the electronic configuration of Ce^{3+} ion and calculate its magnetic moment on the basis of 'spin-only' formula.

Ans. *Refer Solved Example 18. (Page 49)*

Q.32. Name the members of the lanthanoid series which exhibit +4 oxidation states and those which exhibit +2 oxidation states. Try to correlate this type of behaviour with the electronic configurations of these elements.

Ans. +4 oxidation state is exhibited by :
Ce (58), Pr (59), Nd (60), Tb (65) and Dy (66)
This oxidation state is exhibited by element which acquire configuration close to $4f^0$ (*e.g.*, $4f^0\ 4f^1$, or $4f^2$) and $4f^7$ (*e.g.*, $4f^7$ or $4f^8$).
+2 oxidation state is exhibited by :
Nd (60), Sm (62), Eu (63), Tm (69) and Yb (70)
Eu and Yb exhibit +2 oxidation state to acquire half filled ($4f^7$) and completely filled ($4f^{14}$) configurations. Others Nd^{2+} ($5f^4$), Sm^{2+} ($4f^6$) and Tm^{2+} ($4f^{13}$) are also observed though less stable than +3.

Q.33. Compare the chemistry of the actinoids with that of lanthanoids with reference to :
(*i*) electronic configuration
(*ii*) oxidation states and
(*iii*) chemical reactivity.

Ans. *Refer Qs. 20. (Page 55)*

Q.34. Write the electronic configurations of the elements with the atomic numbers 61, 91, 101 and 109.

Ans. (*i*) Z = 61 : [Xe] $4f^5\ 5d^0\ 6s^2$
(*ii*) Z = 91 : [Rn] $5f^2\ 6d^1\ 7s^2$
(*iii*) Z = 101 : [Rn] $5f^{13}\ 6d^0\ 7s^2$
(*iv*) Z = 109 : [Rn] $5f^{14}\ 6d^7\ 7s^2$

Q.35. Compare the general characteristics of the first series of the transition metals with those of the second and third series metals in the respective vertical columns. Give special emphasis on the following points :
(*i*) electronic configurations (*ii*) oxidation states,
(*iii*) ionisation enthalpies and (*iv*) atomic sizes.

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Ans. (*i*) **Electronic configurations :** In the first transition series, 3*d* orbitals are progressively filled whereas in second and third transition series 4*d* and 5*d* orbitals respectively are filled.

(*ii*) **Oxidation states :** Elements show variable oxidation states in all the transitin series. For the first transition series, the lower oxidation states especially+2 and +3 are more stable than for the elements of second and third transition series. For example, in cobalt group, cobalt forms a large number of comlexes in Co (II) and Co (III) states, But no similar cmplexes of Rh^{2+} or Rh^{3+} and Ir^{2+} or Ir^{3+} are known. Within a group, the maximum oxidation state increases as we move from element of first transition series to second and third transition series. For example, in group 8, iron shows common oxidation states of +2 and +3 but ruthenium and osmium in the same group form compounds in +4, +6 and +8 oxidation states.

(*iii*) **Ionisation enthalpies :** The ionisation enthalpies of elements of 5*d* series are higher than those of 3*d* and 4*d* series. This is because in 5*d* series, there are filled 4*f*-orbitals. The 4*f*- orbitals have poor shielding effect. As a result, the outer electrons have greater effective nuclear charge acting on the outermost electrons. Therefore, the ionisation enthalpies are higher.

(*iv*) **Atomic size :** The atomic size of 4*d* series are larger than those of 3*d*-series. However, the elements of 5*d* series have nearly the same size as those of 4*d* series because of lanthanoid contraction.

Q.36. Write down the number of 3*d* electrons in each of the following ions : Ti^{2+}, V^{2+}, Cr^{3+}, Mn^{2+}, Fe^{2+}, Co^{2+}, Ni^{2+} and Cu^{2+}. Indicate how would you expect the five 3*d* orbitals to be occupied for these hydrated ions (octahedral).

Ans. (*i*) Ti^{2+} : $3d^2$

For hydrated ions these will be occupied as

 or $t_{2g}^{\ 2}$

This is because water forms high spin or outer orbital complexes. The inner *d*-orbitals remain undisturbed.

(*ii*) V^{2+} : $3d^3$  or $t_{2g}^{\ 3}$

(*iii*) Cr^{3+} : $3d^3$  or $t_{2g}^{\ 3}$

(*iv*) Mn^{2+} : $3d^5$  or $t_{2g}^{\ 3}\, e_g^{\ 2}$

(*v*) Fe^{2+} : $3d^6$  or $t_{2g}^{\ 4}\, e_g^{\ 2}$

(*vi*) Co^{2+} : $3d^7$  or $t_{2g}^{\ 5}\, e_g^{\ 2}$

(*vii*) Ni^{2+} : $3d^8$  or $t_{2g}^{\ 6}\, e_g^{\ 2}$

(*viii*) Cu^{2+} : $3d^9$  or $t_{2g}^{\ 6}\, e_g^{\ 3}$

Q.37. Comment on the statement that elements of the first transition series possess many properties different from those of heavier transition elements.

Ans. *Refer Page 6.*

Q.38. What can be inferred from the magnetic moment values of the following complex species ?

Example	Magnetic moment (BM)
$K_4[Mn(CN)_6]$	2.2
$[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$	5.3
$K_2[MnCl_4]$	5.9

Ans. **$K_4[Mn(CN)_6]$**

Mn^{2+} : $3d^5$, magnetic moment of 2.2 indicates that it has one unpaired electron and hence forms inner orbital or low spin complex. Its configuration is :

$$t_{2g}^{\ 5}$$

$[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$

Fe^{2+} : $3d^6$, The magnetic moment value is close to 4 unpaired electrons. So it forms outer orbital complex having 4 unpaired electrons. Its configuration is :

$$t_{2g}^{\ 4}\ e_g^{\ 2}$$

$K_2[MnCl_4]$

Mn^{2+} : $3d^5$,

The magnetic moment corresponds to 5 unpaired electrons. The *d*-orbitals are not disturbed. So it forms tetrahedral complex. Its configuration is :

$$e^2 t_2^{\ 3}$$

***Q.36** and **Q.37** are discussed in next chapter.*



NCERT Exemplar Problems

Note: *Objective Questions from Exemplar Problems are given in Competition File, page 79.*

Short Answer Type Questions

Q.1. Why does copper not replace hydrogen from acids ?

Ans. Copper has positive $E^{\ominus}$ value.

Q.2. Why $E^{\ominus}$ values for Mn, Ni and Zn are more negative than expected ?

Ans. Negative $E^{\ominus}$ values for Mn^{2+} and Zn^{2+} are because of stabilities of half filled ($3d^5$: Mn^{2+}) and fully filled ($3d^{10}$: Zn^{2+}) configuration respectively. Ni^{2+} ion has higher $E^{\ominus}$ value because of highest negative enthalpy of hydration.

Subjective Questions

Q.3. Why first ionisation enthalpy of Cr is lower than that of Zn ?

Ans. The ionisation enthalpy of Cr ([Ar] $3d^5 4s^1$) is lower because it can easily lose electron to form stable electronic configuration. But Zn([Ar] $3d^{10}4s^2$) does not form stable ([Ar] $3d^{10}4s^1$) configuration after losing one electron from 4*s* orbital.

Q.4. Transition elements show high melting points. Why ?

Ans. The high melting points of transition metals are due to strong metallic bonds between the atoms of these

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elements. This is because of involvements of greater number of electrons in the interatomic metallic bonding from $(n-1)\,d$ orbitals in addition to ns electrons.

Q.5. When Cu^{2+} ion is treated with KI, a white precipitate is formed. Explain the reaction with the help of chemical equation.

Ans. Cu^{2+} gets reduced to Cu^{+} forming white ppt. of Cu_2I_2.

$$2Cu^{2+} + 4I^- \longrightarrow \underset{\text{White ppt.}}{Cu_2I_2} + I_2$$

Q.6. Out of Cu_2Cl_2 and $CuCl_2$, which is more stable and why ?

Ans. $CuCl_2$ is more stable than Cu_2Cl_2. The higher stability of $CuCl_2$ is because of high enthalpy of hydration of $Cu^{2+}(aq)$ than that of $Cu^{+}(aq)$.

Q.7. When a brown compound of manganese (A) is treated with HCl it gives a gas (B). The gas taken in excess, reacts with NH_3 to give an explosive compound (C). Identify compounds A, B and C.

Ans. A is MnO_2 (brown compound)

$$\underset{(A)}{MnO_2} + 4HCl \longrightarrow MnCl_2 + \underset{(B)}{Cl_2} + 2H_2O$$

$$NH_3 + Cl_2 \longrightarrow \underset{(C)}{NCl_3} + 3HCl$$

NCl_3 is explosive compound.

Q.8. Although fluorine is more electronegative than oxygen, but the ability of oxygen to stabilise higher oxidation states exceeds that of fluorine. Why ?

Ans. This is because of ability to form multiple bonds.

Q.9. Although Cr^{3+} and Co^{2+} ions have same number of unpaired electrons but the magnetic moment of Cr^{3+} is 3.87 B.M. and that of Co^{2+} is 4.87 B.M. Why ?

Ans. Cr^{3+} ion has the configuration $3d^3$. Because of symmetrical electronic configuration $(t_{2g}^{\,3})$ there is no orbital contribution to magnetic moment. However, there is appreciable orbital contribution for Co^{2+} ion $(t_{2g}^{\,4}\, e_g^{\,2})$.

Q.10. Ionisation enthalpies of Ce, Pr and Nd are higher than Th, Pa and U. Why ?

Ans. In the beginning when $5f$ orbitals start getting occupied, they penetrate less into the inner core of electrons. As a result, $5f$ electrons will be more effectively shielded from the nuclear charge than $4f$ electrons of the corresponding lanthanoids. Therefore, outer electrons are less firmly held and consequently can easily be removed.

Q.11. Although Zr belongs to $4d$ and Hf belongs to $5d$ transition series but it is quite difficult to separate them. Why ?

Ans. This is because of lanthanoid contraction, Zr and Hf have almost same size (Zr = 160 pm), (Hf = 159 pm) and therefore exhibit almost similar properties and difficult to separate.

Q.12. Although +3 oxidation states is the characteristic oxidation state of lanthanoids but cerium shows +4 oxidation state also. Why ?

Ans. After losing one more electron, cerium acquires stable $4f^0$ electronic configuration,

$$Ce : [Xe]\ 4f^0$$

Q.13. Explain why does colour of $KMnO_4$ disappear when oxalic acid is added to its solution in acidic medium.

Ans. $KMnO_4$ acts as an oxidising agent. It oxidises oxalic acid to CO_2 and itself changes to Mn^{2+} ions which are colourless.

$$5C_2O_4^{2-} + \underset{\text{Purple}}{2MnO_4^-} + 16H^+ \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Colourless}}{2Mn^{2+}} + 8H_2O + 10CO_2$$

Q.14. When orange solution containing $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$ ion is treated with an alkali, a yellow solution is formed and when H^+ ions are added to yellow solution, an orange solution is obtained. Explain why does this happen ?

Ans. On heating with alkalies, the orange colour of dichromate solution changes to yellow due to the formation of chromate ions.

$$K_2Cr_2O_7 + \underset{\text{(Orange)}}{2KOH} \longrightarrow \underset{\substack{\text{Pot. chromate}\\ \text{(Yellow)}}}{2K_2CrO_4} + H_2O$$

or $$Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 2OH^- \longrightarrow \underset{\substack{\text{(Yellow)}\\ \text{Chromate ion}}}{2CrO_4^{2-}} + H_2O$$

On acidifying the yellow solution, the colour again changes to orange red due to the reversible reaction.

$$\underset{\text{(Yellow)}}{2K_2CrO_4} + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{(Orange)}}{K_2Cr_2O_7} + K_2SO_4 + H_2O$$

or $$\underset{\text{(Yellow)}}{2CrO_4^{2-}} + 2H^+ \longrightarrow \underset{\text{(Orange)}}{Cr_2O_7^{2-}} + H_2O$$

Q.15. A solution of $KMnO_4$ on reduction yields either a colourless solution or a brown precipitate or a green solution depending on pH of the solution. What different stages of the reduction do these represent and how are they carried out?

Ans. Oxidising behaviour of $KMnO_4$ depends on the pH of the solution.

In acidic medium (pH < 7), it gives colourless Mn^{2+} ions:

$$MnO_4^- + 8H^+ + 5e^- \longrightarrow \underset{\text{(Colourless)}}{Mn^{2+}} + 4H_2O$$

In alkaline medium (pH > 7), green coloured MnO_4^{2-} ions are formed :

$$MnO_4^- + e^- \longrightarrow \underset{\text{(Green)}}{MnO_4^{2-}}$$

In neutral medium(pH = 7), brown coloured MnO_2 are formed :

$$MnO_2^- + 2H_2O + 3e^- \longrightarrow \underset{\text{(Brown precipitate)}}{MnO_2} + 4OH^-$$

Q.16. The second and third rows of transition elements resemble each other much more than they resemble the first row. Explain why ?

Ans. Due to lanthanoid contraction, the atomic radii of the second and third row transition elements is almost same. Therefore, they resemble each other much more as compared to first row elements.

Q.17. $E^{\ominus}$ of Cu is +0.34 V while that of Zn is –0.76 V. Explain.

Ans. The high ionisation enthalpy to transform $Cu(s)$ to $Cu^{2+}(aq)$ is not balanced by its hydration enthalpy. However, in case of Zn after removal of electrons from $4s$-orbital, stable $3d^{10}$ configuration is formed.

Q.18. The halides of transition elements become more covalent with increasing oxidation state of the metal. Why ?

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Ans. As the oxidation state of the metal increases, the size decreases. According to Fazan rules, the tendency of the metal ion to polarise the anions increases and consequently, the covalent character increases.

Q.19. While filling up of electrons in the atomic orbitals, the 4*s* orbital is filled before the 3*d* orbital but reverse happens during the ionisation of the atom. Explain why ?

Ans. According to $n + l$ rule : For $3d = n + l = 5$
$4s = n + l = 4$
Therefore, the electron will enter in 4*s* orbital first and then in 3*d* orbitals.
Ionisation enthalpy is responsible for the ionisation of atom. 4*s* electrons are loosely held by the nucleus. So electrons are removed from 4*s* orbital prior to 3*d*.

Q.20. Reactivity of transition elements decreases almost regularly from Sc to Cu.

Ans. The reactivity of transition elements decreases from Sc to Cu because of regular increase in ionisation enthalpy.



QUICK MEMORY TEST

A. Say True or False

1. Mn_2O_7 is a basic oxide.
2. $KMnO_4$ is coloured because manganese in $KMnO_4$ can undergo *d*–*d* transitions.
3. Ni (II) compounds are thermodynamically more stable than Pt (II) compounds.
4. Both La^{3+} and Lu^{3+} are diamagnetic.
5. Lanthanide compounds are less basic than actinide compounds.
6. Lanthanoids in +4 oxidation state act as good oxidising agents.
7. In $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$, all Cr–O bonds are equivalent.
8. Ti (III) compounds are coloured while Ti (IV) compounds are colourless.
9. $CuCl_4^{2-}$ exists but CuI_4^{2-} does not.
10. In CrO_5, the oxidation state of Cr is +6.

B. Complete the missing links

1. In CrO_4^{2-} ion, Cr is ..... hybridised.
2. The general electronic configuration of transition element is ..... .
3. The common oxidation state of lanthanoids is ..... .
4. The highest oxidation state exhibited by a transition element is ..... .
5. The chromite ion in acidic medium changes to ..... ion.
6. The formula of chromite is ..... .
7. The most abundant transition metal is ..... .
8. The spin only magnetic moment for ion having d^8 electronic configuration is ..... B.M.
9. When $K_2Cr_2O_7$ is heated to red hot the products are ....., ... and ..... .
10. The reddish brown vapours formed when sodium chloride is heated with $K_2Cr_2O_7$ and conc. H_2SO_4 are due to the formation of ..... .
11. The most common mineral containing lanthanoids is ..... .
12. In the first transition series, the maximum number of oxidation states is shown by ..... .
13. The theoretical magnetic moment of Ti^{3+} ion is ..... B.M.
14. The colour weight of aqueous solution of CrO_4^{2-} is ..... and that of $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$ is ..... .
15. Equivalent weight of $K_2Cr_2O_7$ in acidic medium is ..... .
16. CrO_3 is an acidic hydride of ..... .
17. Two lanthanoids ..... and ..... show +4 oxidation states.
18. The formula of Prussion blue is ..... .
19. The actinoid used for manufacture of fine rods for atomic reactors is ..... .
20. The last element in the actinoid series is ..... .

C. Choose the correct alternative

1. Cerium (Z = 58) exhibits *+2 / +4* oxidation state.
2. Lanthanoid compounds in general are *less / more* basic than actinoid compounds.
3. NO_2^- is oxidised to *N_2 / NO_3^-* by acidified $KMnO_4$.
4. As we proceed from $La(OH)_3$ to $Lu(OH)_3$ basic strength *increases / decreases*.
5. Misch metal alloy contains about 95% *lanthanoid / actinoid* metals.
6. Baeyer's reagent is *alkaline* *alkaline $KMnO_4$ / alkaline $K_2Cr_2O_7$* solution.
7. Ionic radius of Ce^{3+} (Z = 58) is *less / more* than that of Yb^{3+} (Z = 70).
8. Number of unpaired electrons in gadolinium (Z = 64) is *8 / 6*.
9. Colour of acidic $K_2Cr_2O_7$ solution is *orange / yellow*.
10. Mn_2O_3 is *acidic / basic* oxide.
11. Pt^{4+} is *less / more* stable than Ni^{4+}.
12. Density of Mn is *more / less* than Fe.

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Answers QUICK MEMORY TEST

A. Say True or False

1. **False.** Mn_2O_7 is an acidic oxide.
2. **False.** In $KMnO_4$, Mn is in +7 oxidation state with $3d^0$ configuration. Hence, colour is not due to *d*–*d* transitions but due to charge transfer.
3. **True.**
4. **True.**
5. **True.**
6. **True** because these can change to stable M^{3+} state.
7. **False.** Two Cr–O bonds which share an oxygen atom at the common vertex of the two tetrahedral units are longer than the other six equivalent Cr–O bonds.
8. **True.**
9. **False.** I^- is a stronger reducing agent than Cl^- ion and therefore, reduces Cu^{2+} to Cu^+. As a result, CuI_2 is converted to CuI and hence CuI_4^{2-} does not exist.
10. **True.**

B. Complete the missing links

1. sp^3
2. $(n-1)d^{1-10}\,ns^{0-2}$
3. +3
4. +8
5. dichromate
6. $FeCr_2O_4$
7. iron
8. 2.82
9. K_2CrO_4, Cr_2O_3, O_2
10. Chromyl chloride (CrO_2Cl_2).
11. monazite
12. manganese
13. 1.732
14. yellow, orange
15. 49
16. chromic acid
17. Ce, Tb
18. $KFe^{III}[Fe^{II}(CN)_6]$
19. thorium
20. Lawrencium

C. Choose the correct alternative

1. +4
2. less
3. NO_3^-
4. decreases
5. lanthanoid
6. alkaline $KMnO_4$
7. more
8. 8
9. orange
10. basic
11. more
12. less.

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QUESTIONS WITH ANSWERS

Q 1. $[CuI_4]^{2-}$ does not exist while $[CuCl_4]^{2-}$ species exists. Why?

Ans. Iodide (I^-) ion is stronger reducing agent than chloride (Cl^-) ion and therefore, reduces Cu^{2+} to Cu^+. As a result, CuI_2 is converted into CuI and hence $[CuI_4]^{2-}$ does not exist.

$$2CuI_2 \longrightarrow 2CuI + I_2$$

Q 2. The second ionisation enthalpies of both chromium and copper are higher than those of the next element. Why?

Ans. After the removal of one electron, chromium, acquires half filled $3d^5$ electronic configuration and copper acquires completely filled $3d^{10}$ electronic configuration. Therefore, it becomes difficult to remove the second electron from highly stable $3d^5$ core in case of Cr and highly stable $3d^{10}$ core in case of Cu. Hence, their second ionisation enthalpies are high.

Q 3. First ionisation energy of copper is higher than those of alkali metals, while second and third ionisation energies are lower. Explain.

Ans. Copper has small size compared to alkali metals in their period. Its elecronic configuration is [Ar] $3d^{10}4s^1$. As filled 3*d*-subshell is less effective in shielding the outer *s*-electrons than a *s*- and *p*-subshell, so *s*-electron in copper is more tightly held by the nucleus than in alkali metals. Hence, its first ionisation energy is higher than for alkali metals. However, second and third ionisation energy values of copper are lower as compared to those of alkali metals due to removal of electrons from diffused *d*-orbitals.

Q 4. Explain why mercury (I) ion exists as Hg_2^{2+} ion while copper (I) exists as Cu^+ ion.

Ans. The electronic configuration of Hg(I) is [Xe] $4f^{14}5d^{10}6s^1$. It has one unpaired electron in the valence 6*s*-subshell. Because of the presence of unpaired electron, it is expected to be paramagnetic but actually Hg(I) compounds are diamagnetic. This can be explained by assuming that the singly filled 6*s*-orbitals of two Hg^+ ions overlap to form Hg^+—Hg^+ covalent bond. Therefore, Hg^+ ion exists as dimeric species Hg_2^{2+}. On the other hand, Cu(I) ion has electronic configuration : [Ar] $3d^{10}$.

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It has no unpaired electron to form dimeric Cu_2^{2+} species and therefore, it exists as Cu^+ ion.

Q 5. In the titration of Fe^{2+} ions with $KMnO_4$ in acidic medium, why is dilute H_2SO_4 used and not dilute HCl ?

Ans. $KMnO_4$ acts as an oxidising agent in the presence of dil. H_2SO_4 liberating oxygen which oxidises ferrous salt to ferric salt as

$$2KMnO_4 + 3H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow K_2SO_4 + 2MnSO_4 + 3H_2O + 5O$$

$$2FeSO_4 + H_2SO_4 + O \longrightarrow Fe_2(SO_4)_3 + H_2O] \times 5$$

$$2KMnO_4 + 10FeSO_4 + 8H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow K_2SO_4 + 2MnSO_4 + 5Fe_2(SO_4)_3 + 8H_2O$$

(Fe^{3+} salt)

$KMnO_4$ in the presence of dil. HCl also acts as an oxidising agent but oxygen produced is also used up for the partial oxidation of HCl to Cl_2.

$$2KMnO_4 + 4HCl \longrightarrow 2KCl + 2MnCl_2 + 2H_2O + 6[O]$$

$$2HCl + O \longrightarrow H_2O + Cl_2$$

Therefore, volume of $KMnO_4$ used will not be correct as some $KMnO_4$ is used for the oxidation of HCl to Cl_2.

Q 6. Why is hydrated copper sulphate blue while anhydrous copper sulphate white?

Ans. In hydrated copper sulphate, four water molecules are present as ligands. In the presence of these ligands, the *d*-orbitals split up into different levels and hence these are no longer degenerate. IIence, *d*-*d* transitions take place absorbing red wavelength and complementary blue colour is reflected. On the other hand, in anhydrous $CuSO_4$, *d*-orbitals remain degenerate because of the absence of ligands. Hence, no *d*-*d* transitions can occur and the anhydrous $CuSO_4$ is white.

Q 7. Which of two : cuprous chloride or cupric chloride is coloured and why ?

Ans. In cuprous chloride (CuCl), Cu^+ ion has fully filled 3*d*-subshell and therefore, it cannot absorb energy for *d*—*d* transition. Therefore, it is colourless. In cupric chloride ($CuCl_2$), Cu^{2+} has $3d^9$ configuration having one unpaired electron and therefore, it can absorb energy for *d*—*d* transition. Hence, it is blue coloured.

Q 8. A mixed oxide of iron and chromium, $FeO.Cr_2O_3$ is fused with sodium carbonate in the presence of air to form a yellow compound (A). On acidification, the compound (A) forms an orange coloured compound (B) which is a strong oxidising agent. Identify

(*i*) the compounds (A) and (B)

(*ii*) write balanced chemical equations for each step.

Ans. $$4FeO.Cr_2O_3 + 8Na_2CO_3 + 7O_2 \longrightarrow 8Na_2CrO_4 + 2Fe_2O_3 + 8CO_2$$

(A)

(Yellow compound)

$$2Na_2CrO_4 + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow Na_2Cr_2O_7 + Na_2SO_4 + H_2O$$

(A) (B)

Yellow compound Orange

The compound (B) is an oxidising agent.

Q.9. Calculate the magnetic moment (spin only) of manganese in $K_4[Mn(NCS)_6]$.

Ans. In this complex, Mn is in +2 oxidation state

Mn^{2+} : [Ar] ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑

It has 5 unpaired electrons. Therefore,

$$\mu = \sqrt{n(n+2)} = \sqrt{5(5+2)} = \sqrt{35} = 5.92 \text{ B.M.}$$

Q.10. $HgCl_2$ and $SnCl_2$ cannot exist in aqueous solution. Why ?

Ans. $SnCl_2$ is strong reducing agent and therefore, it reduces $HgCl_2$ to Hg_2Cl_2 and then to mercury as :

$$SnCl_2 + 2HgCl_2 \longrightarrow SnCl_4 + Hg_2Cl_2$$

$$Hg_2Cl_2 + SnCl_2 \longrightarrow SnCl_4 + 2Hg$$

Q.11. $TiCl_3$ acts as a good reducing agent. Why ?

Ans. Ti(III) has the electronic configuration [Ar]$3d^1$ and is less stable while Ti(IV) is more stable having fully filled noble gas configuration. Therefore, Ti(III) has a good tendency to lose an electron and reduce other species. Thus, $TiCl_3$ acts as a good reducing agent.

Q.12. In the transition series, starting from lanthanum (Z = 57), the next element Hf has atomic number 72. Why do we observe this jump in atomic number ?

Ans. In lanthanum, 5*d* is more stable than 4*f*-subshell. Therefore, the 14 elements after La involve the filling of 4*f*-orbitals and this subshell gets completely filled at Lu. After Lu, the next electron enters the 5*d*-subshell in Hf (Z = 72) and it is placed in third transition series after La.

Q.13. The 4*d* and 5*d* series of transition metals have more frequent metal–metal bonding in their compounds than do the 3d transition metals. Explain.

Ans. In the same group of *d*-block elements, the 4*d* and 5*d* transition elements have larger size that 3*d*-element. Therefore, their valence electrons are less tightly held and can form metal–metal bond more frequently. This is the reason that melting points and enthalpies of atomisation of elements of 4*d* and 5*d*-series are higher than those of 3*d* series.

Q.14. Which of the two Na^+ or Ag^+ is stronger Lewis acid and why ?

Ans. Ag^+ ion is stronger Lewis acid than Na^+. Ag^+ has 18-electron shell configuration (known as pseudo inert gas configuration) and causes greater polarisation than Na^+ ion with 8-electron shell configuration. This is due to the fact that in case of 18-electrons shell ion there are 10 *d*-electrons in addition to 8*s*- and *p*-electrons. The *d*-electrons donot shield the nuclear charge effectively and therefore, they have increased effective nuclear charge. Hence they cause greater polarisation and therefore, Ag^+ is a stronger Lewis acid than Na^+ ion.

Q.15. Give the relationship between the equivalent weight and molecular weight of $KMnO_4$ in

(*i*) acidic (*ii*) alkaline and (*iii*) neutral medium.

Ans. (*i*) Acidic medium : Eq. wt. = $\frac{\text{Mol. wt.}}{5}$

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(*ii*) Basic medium : Eq. wt. = $\frac{\text{Mol. wt.}}{3}$

(*iii*) Neutral medium : Eq. wt. = $\frac{\text{Mol. wt.}}{3}$

Q.16. Write equations for the reaction of

(*i*) silver bromide with hypo in photographic process.

(*ii*) cobaltous chloride with excess of KNO_2 in aqueous acidic solution.

Ans. (*i*) $AgBr + 2Na_2S_2O_3 \longrightarrow Na_3[Ag(S_2O_3)_2] + NaBr$

(*ii*) $CoCl_2 + 7\,KNO_2 + 2HCl \longrightarrow K_3[Co(NO_2)_6] + NO + H_2O + 4KCl.$

Q.17. Pyrolusite on heating with KOH in the presence of air gives dark green compound (A). The solution of (A) on treatment with H_2SO_4 gives a purple coloured compound (B), which gives the following :

(*i*) KI on reaction with alkaline solution of (B) changes into a compound (C).

(*ii*) The colour of the compound (B) disappears on treatment with the acidic solution of $FeSO_4$.

(*iii*) With conc. H_2SO_4 compound (B) gives (D) which can decompose to yield (E) and oxygen.

Identify (A) to (E) and write balanced chemical equations for the formation of (A) and (B) and steps (*i*) to (*ii*).

Ans. Equation for the formation of (A) is :

$$\underset{\text{Pyrolusite}}{2MnO_2} + 4KOH + O_2 \longrightarrow \underset{\substack{\text{(A)}\\ \text{Potassium}\\ \text{manganate}}}{2K_2MnO_4} + 2H_2O$$

Formation of (B) :

$$\underset{\text{(A)}}{3K_2MnO_4} + 2H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow 2KMnO_4 + \underset{\text{(B)}}{MnO_2} + 2K_2SO_4 + 2H_2O$$

Equations for the reactions of (B)

(*i*) $2KMnO_4 + H_2O + KI \longrightarrow 2MnO_2 + 2KOH + \underset{\text{(C)}}{KIO_3}$

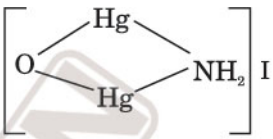
(*ii*) $2KMnO_4 + 10FeSO_4 + 8H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow K_2SO_4 + 2MnSO_4 + 5Fe_2(SO_4)_3 + 8H_2O$

(*iii*) $2KMnO_4 + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{(D)}}{Mn_2O_7} + K_2SO_4 + H_2O$

$$2Mn_2O_7 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{(E)}}{4MnO_2} + 3O_2$$

Q.18. When a white crystalline compound X is heated with $K_2Cr_2O_7$ and concentrated H_2SO_4, a reddish brown gas A is evolved. On passing A into caustic soda solution, a yellow coloured solution B is obtained. Neutralizing the solution B with acetic acid on subsequent addition of lead acetate, a yellow precipitate C is formed. When X is heated with NaOH solution, a colourless gas is evolved and on passing this gas into K_2HgI_4 solution, a reddish brown precipitate D is formed. Identify A, B, C, D and X. Write the equations of the reactions involved. ***(I.I.T. 2002)***

Ans. $X = NH_4Cl$, $A = CrO_2Cl_2$, $B = Na_2CrO_4$, $C = PbCrO_4$

D = $NH_2HgOHgI$ or 

The various chemical reactions involved are :

$$\underset{\text{(X)}}{4NH_4Cl} + K_2Cr_2O_7 + 6H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow \underset{\substack{\text{Reddish brown}}}{2CrO_2Cl_2} + 4NH_4HSO_4 + 2KHSO_4 + 3H_2O$$

$$\underset{\text{(A)}}{CrO_2Cl_2} + 2NaOH \longrightarrow \underset{\substack{\text{Yellow solution}\\ \text{(B)}}}{Na_2CrO_4} + 2HCl$$

$$\underset{\text{(B)}}{Na_2CrO_4} + Pb(CH_3COO)_2 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Yellow ppt (C)}}{PbCrO_4} + 2CH_3COONa$$

$$NH_4Cl + NaOH \longrightarrow NaCl + NH_3 + H_2O$$

$$2K_2HgI_4 + NH_3 + 3KOH \longrightarrow \underset{\substack{\text{Reddish brown ppt}\\ \text{(D)}}}{NH_2HgOHgI} + 7KI + 2H_2O$$

Q.19. (*a*) A blackish brown solid (A) when fused with alkali metal hydroxide in the presence of air, produces a dark green coloured compound (B) which on electrolytic oxidation in alkaline medium gives a dark purple coloured compound (C). Identify (A), (B) and (C). Write the reactions involved.

(*b*) What happens when an acidic solution of the green compound (B) is allowed to stand for sometime ? Give the equations involved. What is this type of reaction called ?

Ans. (*a*) $\underset{\substack{\text{(A)}\\ \text{Blackish brown}\\ \text{compound}}}{2MnO_2} + 4KOH + O_2 \xrightarrow{\text{Fuse}} \underset{\substack{\text{(B)}\\ \text{Potassium manganate}\\ \text{Green coloured}}}{2K_2MnO_4} + 2H_2O$

$$\underset{\text{(B)}}{2K_2MnO_4} + H_2O + O \xrightarrow[\text{medium}]{\text{Alkaline}} \underset{\substack{\text{(C)}\\ \text{Purple coloured}\\ \text{compound}}}{2KMnO_4} + 2KOH$$

(*b*) When acidic solution of green compound (B) is allowed to stand for sometime, it disproportionates to give permanganate as follows :

$$3MnO_4^{2-} + 4H^+ \longrightarrow 2MnO_4^- + MnO_2 + 2H_2O$$

This reaction is called disproportionation reaction.

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Revision Exercises

Very Short Answer Questions carrying 1 mark

1. What is the number of unpaired electrons in
(*i*) Fe^{3+} (*ii*) Cu^{+} ?

2. Write two examples of mixed oxides and give their equivalent oxides.

3. Name the phenomenon responsible for the similar properties of Zr and Hf. Define it.

4. Which metal in the first series of transition metals exhibits +1 oxidation state most frequently and why ?

5. What is the most common oxidation state in the lanthanoids ? *(H.P.S.B. 2012)*

6. Write the general electronic configuration of *f*-block elements. *(H.P.S.B. 2012)*

7. What is the most common oxidation state in the actinoids ? *(H.P.S.B. 2012)*

8. What are lanthanoids ? *(Pb.S.B. 2012)*

9. What are actinoids ? *(Pb.S.B. 2012)*

10. What are transition elements ? *(Pb.S.B. 2012, H.P.S.B. 2014)*

11. What is the structure of chromate ion CrO_4^{2-} ? *(H.P.S.B. 2013, Kerala S.B. 2018)*

12. Draw the structure of permanganate ion ? *(H.P.S.B. 2013, 2014, Hr. S.B. 2017)*

13. Draw the structure of dichromate ion. *(H.P.S.B. 2014)*

14. Write the formula of an oxo-anion of chromium (Cr) in which it shows the oxidation state equal to its group number. *(D.S.B. 2017)*

15. Write the formula of an oxo-anion of manganese(Mn) in which it shows the oxidation state equal to its group number. *(D.S.B. 2017)*

16. The oxidation state of Cr in $K_2Cr_2O_7$ is ..... . *(H.P.S.B. 2015)*

17. $KMnO_4 \xrightarrow{\Delta} ? + MnO_2 + ?$ *(H.P.S.B. 2015)*

18. $K_2Cr_2O_7 \xrightarrow{\Delta} ? + ? + ?$ *(H.P.S.B. 2015)*

19. Complete the following :
$2MnO_4^- (aq) + 5H_2O_2 (aq) \longrightarrow 2Mn^{2+} + 8H_2O + ...$ *(Manipur S.B. 2012)*

20. Why do transition metals have high enthalpies of atomisation ? *(Pb. S.B. 2018)*

CBSE QUESTIONS

21. Why are Cd^{2+} salts white ? *(A.I.S.B. 2007)*

22. What is meant by lanthanoid contraction ? *(A.I.S.B. 2007)*

MCQs from State Boards' Examinations

23. Which transition metal can show highest oxidation state ?
(*a*) Sc (*b*) Ti
(*c*) Os (*d*) Zn *(Hr.S.B. 2013)*

24. Which of the following is not an actinoid ?
(*a*) Cerium (*b*) Californium
(*c*) Uranium (*d*) Terbium *(Hr.S.B. 2013)*

25. Which of the following would be diamagnetic ?
(*a*) Cu^{2+} (*b*) Ni^{2+}
(*c*) Cd^{2+} (*d*) Ti^{3+} *(Hr.S.B. 2013)*

26. Misch metal is an alloy of
(*a*) La (*b*) Th
(*c*) Ac (*d*) none of these *(Hr.S.B. 2013)*

27. Maximum magnetic moment is shown by
(*a*) $3d^8$ (*b*) $3d^7$
(*c*) $3d^9$ (*d*) $3d^5$ *(Hr. S.B. 2015)*

28. Maximum oxidation number of manganese is in
(*a*) K_2MnO_4 (*b*) MnO_2
(*c*) $KMnO_4$ (*d*) Mn_2O_4 *(Hr. S.B. 2015)*

29. Electronic configuration of Fe^{2+} ion is
(*a*) [Ar] $4s^2 3d^4$ (*b*) [Ar] $4s^1\ 3d^5$
(*c*) [Ar] $3d^6$ (*d*) [Ar] $3d^8$ *(Hr. S.B. 2015)*

30. Electronic configuration of Cr (Z = 24) is
(*a*) $3d^4\ 4s^2$ (*b*) $3d^6\ 4s^0$
(*c*) $3d^5\ 4s^1$ (*d*) none of these *(Hr. S.B. 2016)*

31. Increasing order of paramagnetism is
(*a*) $Cu^{2+}, Co^{2+}, Mn^{2+}, Ni^{2+}$
(*b*) $Co^{2+}, Cu^{2+}, Mn^{2+}, Ni^{2+}$
(*c*) $Cu^{2+}, Ni^{2+}, Co^{2+}, Mn^{2+}$
(*d*) $Mn^{2+}, Co^{2+}, Ni^{2+}, Cu^{2+}$ *(Hr. S.B. 2016)*

32. Copper sulphate dissolves in excess of KCN to give:
(*a*) $[Cu(CN)_4]^{3-}$ (*b*) $[Cu(CN)_4]^{2-}$
(*c*) CuCN (*d*) $[Cu(CN)_2]$. *(Hr. S.B. 2017)*

33. Which of the following is not a lanthanoid element?
(*a*) Cerium (*b*) Europium
(*c*) Lutetium (*d*) Thorium *(Kerala S.B. 2017)*

34. Which is colourless in H_2O ?
(*a*) Ti^{3+} (*b*) V^{3+}
(*c*) Cr^{3+} (*d*) Sc^{3+} *(H.P.S.B. 2018)*

35. Which one is coloured ?
(*a*) Cu_2Cl_2 (*b*) $[Sc(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$
(*c*) $[Zn(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$ (*d*) $[Ti(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$ *(Hr. S.B. 2018)*

36. Which of the following titanium compounds cannot be prepared ? (Atomic No. of Ti = 22)
(*a*) TiO (*b*) TiO_2
(*c*) K_2TiO_4 (*d*) $TiCl_2$ *(West Bengal S.B. 2018)*

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Short Answer Questions *carrying 2 or 3 marks*

1. (*a*) What are transition elements ? Which of the *d*-block elements are not regarded as transition elements ?
(*b*) In what way the electronic configurations of transition elements are different from those of representative elements ?

2. (*a*) What is the difference between the electronic structures of transition and inner transition elements ? (*Pb.S.B. 2014*)
(*b*) Why are *f*-block elements placed at the bottom of the periodic table ? Give the names of the series present in the block. (*H.P.S.B. 2010*)

3. Give an explanation for each of the following observations:
(*i*) The gradual decrease in size (actinoid contraction) from element to element is greater among the actinoids than that among the lanthanoids (lanthanoid contraction).
(*ii*) The greatest number of oxidation states are exhibited by the members in the middle of a transition series.
(*iii*) With the same *d*-orbital configuration (d^4), Cr^{2+} ion is a reducing agent but Mn^{3+} ion is an oxidising agent. (*D.S.B. 2009*)

4. Give reasons for the following :
(*a*) Transition metals and many of their compounds act as catalysts.
(*b*) Scandium (Z = 21) does not exhibit variable oxidation state and yet it is regarded as a transition element.
(*c*) Write the step involved in the preparation of Na_2CrO_4 from chromite ore. (*Kerala S.B. 2018*)

5. Explain the following observations :
(*i*) Cu^+ ion is unstable in aqueous solutions.
(*ii*) Although Co^{2+} ion appears to be stable, it is easily oxidised to Co^{3+} ion in the presence of a strong ligand.
(*iii*) The E^0 value of $Mn^{2+}|Mn$ for manganese is much more than expected from the trend for other elements in the series. (*D.S.B. 2009*)

6. (*a*) Scandium (Z = 21) is a transition element but zinc (Z = 30) is not. Explain.
(*b*) Calculate equivalent weight of $KMnO_4$ in acidic medium.
(*c*) What do you mean by lanthanoid contraction?

Or

(*a*) Write down any three differences between lanthanoids and actinoids.
(*b*) The melting and boiling points of Zn, Cd and Hg are low. Why?
(*c*) Draw the structure of manganate ion. (*Pb. S.B. 2017*)

7. How would you account for the following?
(*i*) The atomic radii of the metals of the third (5*d*) series of transition elements are virtually the same as those of the corresponding members of the second (4*d*) series.
(*ii*) The E° value for the Mn^{3+}/Mn^{2+} couple is much more positive than that for Cr^{3+}/Cr^{2+} couple or Fe^{3+}/Fe^{2+} couple.
(*iii*) The highest oxidation state of a metal is exhibited in its oxide or fluoride. (*D.S.B. 2010*)

8. (*a*) Explain why Ce^{4+} is a good oxidising agent whereas Sm^{2+} is a good reducing agent.
(*b*) You are supplied with a concentrated solution of Na_2CrO_4. How will you obtain $K_2Cr_2O_7$ from this? Write the equation involved. (*Meghalaya S.B. 2018*)

9. How would you account for the following ?
(*i*) With the same *d*-orbital configuration (d^4), Cr^{2+} is a reducing agent while Mn^{3+} is an oxidizing agent.
(*ii*) The actinoids exhibit a larger number of oxidation states than the corresponding members in the lanthanoid series.
(*iii*) Most of the transition metal ions exhibit characteristic colours in aqueous solutions. (*D.S.B. 2012*)

10. Explain the following observations giving an appropriate reason for each.
(*i*) The enthalpies of atomization of transition elements are quite high.
(*ii*) There occurs much more frequent metal-metal bonding in compounds of heavy transition metals (i.e., 3rd series).
(*iii*) Mn^{2+} is much more resistant than Fe^{2+} towards oxidation. (*D.S.B. 2012*)

11. Transition elements are '*d*'-block elements.
(*i*) Write any four characteristic properties of transition elements.
(*ii*) Cr^{2+} and Mn^{3+} have d^4 configuration. But Cr^{2+} is reducing and Mn^{3+} is oxidising. Why? (*Kerala S.B. 2017*)

12. (*a*) What are interstitial compounds ? Mention their characteristics.
(*b*) Write uses of actinoids.

Or

(*a*) Write one oxidising reaction of $K_2Cr_2O_7$ in acidic medium.
(*b*) Write one oxidising reaction of $KMnO_4$ in basic medium. (*Uttarakhand S.B. 2014*)

13. (*a*) Why are Zn^{2+} salts white while Cu^{2+} salts are blue ?
(*b*) What is meant by 'disproportionation'? Write the disproportionation reaction of Cu^+ in aqueous solution. (*Meghalaya S.B. 2018*)

14. (*a*) How does permanganate solution react with Fe(II) ions? Write balanced ionic equations for the reaction.
(*b*) Why do transition metals and many of their compounds act as good catalysts?

Or

(*a*) What are lanthanoids? Give their general electronic configurations. What is lanthanoid contraction? (*Meghalaya. S.B. 2015*)

15. (*a*) How is potassium permanganate prepared from chromite?

Or

(*b*) Explain with reference to *d*-block elements:
(*i*) magnetic property
(*ii*) catalytic property (*Nagaland S.B. 2015*)

16. (*a*) Why do transition elements show catalytic properties?
(*b*) Calculate equivalent weight of $KMnO_4$ in neutral medium.
(*c*) What is the cause of lanthanoid contraction?

Or

(*a*) Write down any three similarities between lanthanoids and actinoids.
(*b*) Out of Co^{2+} and Zn^{2+} which will be paramagnetic and why?
(*c*) Draw the structure of permanganate ion. (*Pb.S.B. 2017*)

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17. Explain the following with reference to transition metals:
(*i*) Oxidation states
(*ii*) Catalytic properties (*Hr. S.B. 2018*)

18. (*a*) Define transition elements.
Give the general electronic configuration of the transition elements.
(*b*) (*i*) Name a transition element which does not exhibit variable oxidation state.
(*ii*) Which of the 3*d* series of transition metals exhibit the largest number of oxidation states?
(*iii*) Give reason why HCl is not used to acidify $KMnO_4$ solution in volumetric determination of Fe^{2+}.
(*Assam S.B. 2017*)

19. (*a*) Why is the highest oxidation state of a transition metal exhibited in its oxide or fluoride only?
(*b*) Write a balanced chemical equation for the reaction of acidified $KMnO_4$ with potassium iodide.
(*c*) Name an important alloy of lanthanoid metals.

Or

(*a*) Why do the transition elements exhibit higher enthalpies of atomization?
(*b*) Draw the structure of $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$ ion.
(*c*) Why is hydrochloric acid not used in potassium permanganate titrations? (*Meghalaya. S.B. 2017*)

20. (*a*) Why do Zr and Hf have similar properties ?
(*b*) What happens when $K_2Cr_2O_7$ is treated with H_2SO_4 and NaCl solution ?
(*c*) Why do transition metals form alloys easily ?
(*Pb. S.B. 2018*)

21. Give the preparation of potassium permanganate from pyrolusite ore. (*Pb.S.B. 2016, Nagaland S.B. 2016*)

22. (*a*) What happens when $K_2Cr_2O_7$ is heated strongly?
(*b*) Transition elements form complexes easily. Justify.
(*c*) Why 5d transition series elements have higher ionization enthalpies than 4d transition series elements ? (*Pb.S.B. 2018*)

23. (*a*) Explain why Cu^+ is not stable in aqueous solution.
(*b*) State what happens when a solid mixture of KCl and $K_2Cr_2O_7$ is heated with conc. sulphuric acid. Give balanced chemical equation. (*Kolkata S.B. 2016*)

24. (*a*) Name the element showing maximum number of oxidation states among the first series of transition metals from Sc (Z = 21) to Zn (Z = 30)
(*b*) Mn^{2+} is much more resistant than. Fe^{2+} towards oxidation. Explain.

Or

(*a*) Name the transition element which shows only + 3 oxidation state.
(*b*) What is lanthanoid contraction? (*Tripura S.B. 2016*)

25. (*a*) Describe the preparation of potassium dichromate from chromite ore:
(*b*) How does the acidified solution of potassium permanganate react with (*i*) oxalic acid
(*ii*) iron (II) ions. (*Manipur S.B. 2017*)

26. (*a*) What is lanthanoid contraction? What is the cause of lanthanoid contraction?
(*b*) Explain whether Cu^{2+} is paramagnetic or diamagnetic.
(*H.P.S.B. 2017*)

27. (*a*) Write the electronic configuration of :
(*i*) Co^{2+} (27) (*ii*) Ce^{4+} (58) (*iii*) Lu^{2+} (71).
(*b*) Explain why Cu^+ ion is not stable in aqueous solution.
(*Hr. S.B. 2017*)

28. (*a*) What is the cause of lanthanoid contraction? Discuss.
(*b*) What is Misch metal? (*H.P.S.B. 2016*)

29. (*a*) What is lanthanoid contraction? What are its consequences?
(*b*) $La(OH)_3$ is more basic than $Lu(OH)_3$. Explain.
(*H.P.S.B. 2016*)

30. Answer the following:
(*i*) Aqueous solution of Ti^{4+} is colourless, but aqueous solution of Ti^{3+} is violet in colour. Explain.
(*ii*) Copper (I) has d^{10} configuration while copper (II) has d^9 configuration, still copper (II) is more stable in aqueous solution than copper (I). Why?
(*iii*) What are lanthanoids?
(*iv*) Give the chemical equation for the reaction between a saturated solution of sodium dichromate and potassium chloride. (*Assam S.B. 2016*)

31. When chromite ore $FeCr_2O_4$ is fused with NaOH in presence of air, a yellow-coloured compound (A) is obtained, which on acidification with dilute sulphuric acid gives a compound (B). Compound (B) on reaction with KCl forms an orange coloured crystalline compound (C).
(*i*) Write the formulae of the compounds (A), (B) and (C).
(*ii*) Write one use of compound (C).

Or

Complete the following chemical equations:
(*i*) $8MnO_4^- + 3S_2O_3^{2-} + H_2O \rightarrow$
(*ii*) $Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 3Sn^{2+} + 14H^+ \rightarrow$ (*D.S.B 2016*)

32. Give reasons:
(*i*) Mn shows the highest oxidation state of +7 with oxygen but with fluorine, it shows the highest oxidation state of +4.
(*ii*) Transition metals show variable oxidation states.
(*iii*) Actinoids show irregularities in their electronic configurations. (*D.S.B 2016*)

33. (*a*) Write the structure of $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$. Give two uses of $K_2Cr_2O_7$.
(*b*) Write note on interstitial compounds.
(*c*) Compare the chemistry of actinoids with that of lanthanoids with special reference to:
(*i*) Atomic sizes
(*ii*) Chemical reactivity. (*Hr. S.B. 2017*)

34. (*a*) Explain the magnetic behaviour of transition metals.
(*b*) Write the electronic configuration of Ni(28) and Zn(30).
(*c*) Write the chemical reaction of $KMnO_4$ with:
(*ii*) KI (*ii*) H_2S (*iii*) $FeSO_4$ (*Hr. S.B. 2017*)

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35. Explain :
(*i*) Variable oxidation states of *d*-block elements
(*ii*) *d*-block elements form alloys. *(H.P. S.B. 2018)*

36. (*a*) Compare two properties of lanthanoids and actionids.
Or
(*b*) Why do transition elements form complexes ? *(Nagaland S.B. 2018)*

37. (*a*) Define transition elements.
(*b*) Give general electronic configuration of *f*-block elements. *(H.P.S.B. 18)*
(*c*) Most of transition elements are coloured, why ?
(*d*) Transition elements show variable oxidation states, why ? *(H.P.S.B. 2018)*

38. Explain :
(*i*) Compounds of transitional metals are often coloured.
(*ii*) Copper (I) is diamagnetic whereas copper (II) is paramagnetic.
(*iii*) Why do transitional elements exhibit the tendency for complex formation ? Give examples. *(Jammu S.Z. 2018)*

39. Give reason.
(*a*) Cerium (Ce) exhibits +4 oxidation state.
(*b*) Actionid contraction is greater from element to element than lanthanoid contraction. *(Karnataka S.B. 2018)*

40. (*a*) How is potassium permanganate ($KMnO_4$) prepared from MnO_2? Write the equations.
(*b*) (*i*) Why do 3*d*-series of elements act as good catalysts?
(*ii*) Give reason: Ti^{4+} salts are colourless whereas Cr^{3+} salts are coloured. *(Karnataka S.B. 2018)*

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41. Complete the following chemical equations :
(*i*) $MnO_4^-(aq) + S_2O_3^{2-}(aq) + H_2O(l) \longrightarrow$
(*ii*) $Cr_2O_7^{2-}(aq) + Fe^{2+}(aq) + H^+(aq) \longrightarrow$
Or
State reasons for the following :
(*i*) Cu (I) ion is not stable in an aqueous solution.
(*ii*) Unlike Cr^{3+}, Mn^{2+}, Fe^{3+} and the subsequent other M^{2+} ions of the 3*d* series of elements, the 4*d* and the 5*d* series metals generally do not form stable cationic species. *(A.I.S.B. 2011)*

42. How would you account for the following ?
(*i*) Cr^{2+} is reducing in nature while with the same *d*-orbital configuration (d^4) Mn^{3+} is an oxidising agent.
(*ii*) In a transition series of metals, the metal which exhibits the greatest number of oxidation states occurs in the middle of the series.
(*iii*) Metal-metal bonding is more frequent for the 4*d* and the 5*d* series of transition metals than for the 3*d* series. *(A.I.S.B. 2011)*

43. How would you account for the following ?
(*i*) Among lanthanoids, Ln (III) compounds are predominant. However, occasionally in solutions or in solid compounds, +2 and +4 ions are also obtained.
(*ii*) The $E^0(M^{2+}|M)$ for copper is positive (0.34 V). Copper is the only metal in the first series of transition elements showing this behaviour.
(*iii*) The metallic radii of the third (5*d*) series of transition metals are nearly the same as those of the corresponding members of the second series. *(A.I.S.B. 2012)*

44. Explain the following observations :
(*i*) Many of the transition elements are known to form interstitial compounds.
(*ii*) There is a general increase in density from titanium (Z = 22) to copper (Z = 29).
(*iii*) The members of the actinoid series exhibit a larger number of oxidation states than the corresponding members of the lanthanoid series. *(A.I.S.B. 2012)*

45. Why do the transition elements have higher enthalpies of atomisation? In 3*d* series (Sc to Zn), which element has the lowest enthalpy of atomisation and why? *(A.I.S.B. 2015)*

46. (*a*) How would you account for the following:
(*i*) The chemistry of actinoids is more complicated as compared to lanthanoids.
(*ii*) Transition metals form complex compounds.
(*b*) Complete the following equation:
$2MnO_4^- + 6H^+ + 5SO_3^{2-} \longrightarrow$ *(A.I.S.B. 2015)*

47. Complete and balance the following chemical equations:
(*a*) $Fe^{2+} + MnO_4^- + H^+ \longrightarrow$
(*b*) $MnO_4^- + H_2O + I^- \longrightarrow$ *(A.I.S.B. 2018)*

48. Give reasons :
(*a*) E° value for $Mn^{3+}|Mn^{2+}$ couple is much more positive than that for $Fe^{3+}|Fe^{2+}$
(*b*) Iron has higher enthalpy of atomisation than that of copper.
(*c*) Sc^{3+} is colourless in aqueous solution whereas Ti^{3+} is coloured. *(A.I.S.B. 2018)*

Long Answer Questions *carrying 5 marks*

1. (*i*) Describe preparation of $K_2Cr_2O_7$ from iron chromite ore.
(*ii*) Why transition metals form interstitial compounds ?
Or
Compare chemistry of actinoids with that of lanthanoids with reference to :
(*i*) Electronic Configuration
(*ii*) Oxidation State
(*iii*) Chemical Reactivity
(*iv*) Atomic Size
(*v*) Ionization Energies *(Hr. S.B. 2012)*

2. (*a*) How do you prepare:
(*i*) K_2MnO_4 from MnO_2 ?
(*ii*) $Na_2Cr_2O_7$ from Na_2CrO_4 ?
(*b*) Account for the following :
(*i*) Mn^{2+} is more stable than Fe^{2+} towards oxidation to +3 state.

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(*ii*) The enthalpy of atomization is lowest for Zn in 3*d* series of the transition elements.

(*iii*) Actinoid elements show wide range of oxidation states.

Or

(*i*) Name the element of 3*d* transition series which shows maximum number of oxidation states. Why does it show so ?

(*ii*) Which transition metal of 3*d* series has positive $E°(M^{2+}|M)$ value and why ?

(*iii*) Out of Cr^{3+} and Mn^{3+}, which is a stronger oxidizing agent and why ?

(*iv*) Name a member of the lanthanoid series which is well known to exhibit +2 oxidation state.

(*v*) Complete the following equation:

$MnO_4^- + 8H^+ + 5e^- \longrightarrow$ (*D.S.B. 2014*)

3. (*a*) Out of Cu^{2+} and Cu^+ ion, which one is colourless and why?

(*b*) What is lanthanoid contraction? Explain any two consequences of lanthanoid contraction.

Or

(*i*) The ionisation energies of 5*d* elements are greater than 3*d* elements. Give reason.

(*ii*) What is the general electronic configuration of transition elements? Why do transition elements form variable oxidation states? Explain.

(*Mizoram S.B. 2015*)

4. (*a*) What happens when acidified $KMnO_4$ react with :

(*i*) H_2S

(*ii*) KI

(*iii*) $FeSO_4$

(*b*) Zn, Cd and Hg metals are not considered as transition metals. Give reason. (*Hr. S.B. 2018*)

Or

(*a*) Write electronic configurations of :

(*i*) Fe^{2+}

(*ii*) Cr

(*iii*) Mn^{2+}

(*b*) Why to transition metals form interstitial compounds? (*Hr. S.B. 2018*)

5. Describe the preparation of potassium permanganate. How does acidified $KMnO_4$ solution react with :

(*i*) SO_2

(*ii*) Oxalic acid

(*iii*) $FeSO_4$

Write ionic equations for these reactions.

(*Hr. S.B. 2018*)

Or

(*a*) What happens when acidified K_2CrO_7 is reacted with

(*i*) H_2S

(*ii*) KI

(*iii*) $FeSO_4$

(*b*) Transition metals form interstitial compounds. Explain. (*Hr. S.B. 2018*)

6. (*i*) Why do lanthanoids have very similar chemical reactivity?

(*ii*) Why are Mn^{2+} compounds more stable than Fe^{2+} compounds towards oxidation to their +3 oxidation states ?

Or

(*i*) Why do transition metals form a large number of alloys?

(*ii*) Write the steps with chemical reactions involved in the preparation of $K_2Cr_2O_7$ from chromite ore.

(*Mizoram S.B. 2016*)

7. (*a*) What are the three consequences of lanthanoid contraction?

(*b*) Why do transition metals show catalytic properties?

Or

(*a*) Out of Ag^+ and Co^{2+}, which one will be coloured and why? (Atomic number of Ag is, 47 and Co is 27).

(*b*) Why is + 4 oxidation state of titanium more stable than its + 3 state? (Z = 22)

(*c*) Is zinc (Z = 30) a transition element? Comment on it.

(*Pb.S.B. 2016*)

8. (*a*) What is Lanthanoids contraction? Give the cause of lanthanoids contraction.

(*b*) Why do transition metals form many coloured ions?

Or

(*a*) Out of Cu^+ and V^{2+} will be coloured and why? (Atomic number of V is 23 and Cu is 29).

(*b*) Why is + 3 oxidation state of Fe (Z = 26) more stable than its + 2 oxidation state?

(*c*) Is Au (Z = 79) a transition metal or not? Explain.

(*Pb.S.B. 2016*)

9. (*a*) Account for the following:

(*i*) Transition metals form large number of complex compounds.

(*ii*) The lowest oxide of transition metal is basic whereas the highest oxide is amphoteric or acidic.

(*iii*) $E°$ value for the Mn^{3+}/Mn^{2+} couple is highly positive (+1.57 V) as compared to Cr^{3+}/Cr^{2+}.

(*b*) Write one similarity and one difference between the chemistry of lanthanoid and actinoid elements.

Or

(*a*) (*i*) How is the variability in oxidation states of transition metals different from that of the *p*-block elements?

(*ii*) Out of Cu^+ and Cu^{2+}, which ion is unstable in aqueous solution and why?

(*iii*) Orange colour of $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$ ion changes to yellow when treated with an alkali. Why?

(*b*) Chemistry of actinoids is complicated as compared to lanthanoids. Give two reasons. (*D.S.B. 2017*)

10. (*i*) Give the general electronic configuration of *d*-block elements.

(*ii*) Silver atom has completely filled *d*-orbitals ($4d^{10}$) in its ground state. Yet, it is considered as transition element. Why?

(*iii*) Cu^+ ion is not stable in aqueous solution. Explain.

(*iv*) Actinoids contraction is greater from element to element than lanthanoid contraction. Why?

(*Assam S.B. 2018*)

11. (*i*) Which of the first row transition metal exhibit +7 oxidation state?

(*ii*) How would you account for the irregular variation of 1st and 2nd ionisation enthalpies in the 1st series of transition elements ?

(*iii*) What are interstitial compounds ?

(*iv*) Give two uses of potassium permanganate.

(*Assam S.B. 2018*)

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12. (*a*) Complete the following chemical equations :

(*i*) $Cr_2O_7^{2-}(aq) + H_2S(g) + H^+(aq) \rightarrow$

(*ii*) $Cu^{2+}(aq) + I^-(aq) \rightarrow$

(*b*) How would you account for the following ?

(*i*) The oxidising power of oxoanions are in the order

$$VO_2^+ < Cr_2O_7^{2-} < MnO_4^-.$$

(*ii*) The third ionization enthalpy of manganese (Z = 25) is exceptionally high.

(*iii*) Cr^{2+} is a stronger reducing agent than Fe^{2+}.

Or

(*a*) Complete the following chemical equations :

(*i*) $MnO_4^-(aq) + S_2O_3^{2-}(aq) + H_2O(l) \longrightarrow$

(*ii*) $Cr_2O_7^{2-}(aq) + Fe^{2+}(aq) + H^+(aq) \longrightarrow$

(*b*) Explain the following observations :

(*i*) La^{3+} (Z = 57) and Lu^{3+} (Z = 71) do not show any colour in solutions.

(*ii*) Among the divalent cations in the first series of transition elements, manganese exhibits the maximum paramagnetism.

(*iii*) Cu^+ ion is not known in aqueous solutions.

(A.I.S.B. 2010)

13. (*a*) Give reasons for the following :

(*i*) Mn^{3+} is a good oxidising agent.

(*ii*) $E°(M^{2+}|M)$ values are not regular for first row transition metals (3*d* series).

(*iii*) Although 'F' is more electronegative than 'O', the highest Mn fluoride is MnF_4, whereas the highest oxide is Mn_2O_7.

(*b*) Complete the following equations :

(*i*) $2CrO_4^{2-} + 2H^+ \longrightarrow$

(*ii*) $KMnO_4 \xrightarrow{\text{heat}}$

Or

(*a*) Why do transition elements show variable oxidation states ?

(*i*) Name the element showing maximum number of oxidation states among the first series of transition metals from Sc (Z = 21) to Zn (Z = 30).

(*ii*) Name the element which shows only +3 oxidation state.

(*b*) What is lanthanoid contraction ? Name an important alloy which contains some of the lanthanoid metals.

(A.I.S.B. 2013)

14. (*a*) Complete the following equations :

(*i*) $Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 2OH^- \longrightarrow$

(*ii*) $MnO_4^- + 4H^+ + 3e^- \longrightarrow$

(*b*) Account for the following :

(*i*) Zn is not considered as a transition element.

(*ii*) Transition metals form a large number of complexes.

(*iii*) The $E°$ value for the $Mn^{3+}|Mn^{2+}$ couple is much more positive than that for $Cr^{3+}|Cr^{2+}$ couple.

Or

(*i*) With reference to structural variability and chemical reactivity, write the differences between lanthanoids and actinoids.

(*ii*) Name a member of the lanthanoid series which is well known to exhibit +4 oxidation state.

(*iii*) Complete the following equation :

$MnO_4^- + 8H^+ + 5e^- \longrightarrow$

(*iv*) Out of Mn^{3+} and Cr^{3+}, which is more paramagnetic and why ?

(Atomic nos. Mn = 25, Cr = 24) *(A.I.S.B. 2014)*

15. (*a*) Account for the following:

(*i*) Mn shows the highest oxidation state of +7 with oxygen but with fluorine it shows the highest oxidation state of +4.

(*ii*) Zirconium and hafnium exhibit similar properties.

(*iii*) Transition metals act as catalysts.

(*b*) Complete the following equations:

(*i*) $2MnO_2 + 4KOH + O_2 \xrightarrow{\Delta}$

(*ii*) $Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 14H^+ + 6I^- \longrightarrow$

Or

The elements of 3d transition series are given as:

Sc Ti V Cr Mn Fe Co Ni Cu Zn

Answer the following:

(*i*) Write the element which is not regarded as a transition element. Give reason.

(*ii*) Which element has the highest m.p?

(*iii*) Write the element which can show an oxidaition state of +1.

(*iv*) Which element is a strong oxidizing agent in +3 oxidation state and why? *(A.I.S.B. 2016)*

16. (*a*) Following are the transition metal ions of 3*d* series:

Ti^{4+}, V^{2+}, Mn^{3+}, Cr^{3+}

(Atomic numbers: Ti = 22, V = 23, Mn = 25, Cr = 24)

Answer the following:

(*i*) Which ion is most stable in an aqueous solution and why?

(*ii*) Which ion is a strong oxidising and why?

(*iii*) Which ion is colourless and why?

(*b*) Complete the following equations:

(*i*) $2\,MnO_4^- + 16\,H^+ + 5S^{2-} \longrightarrow$

(*ii*) $KMnO_4 \xrightarrow{\text{heat}}$ *(A.I.S.B. 2017)*

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Hints & Answers *for* Revision Exercises

Very Short Answer Questions

1. (*i*) 5 (*ii*) 0 **4.** Copper **5.** + 3
6. $(n-2)\,f^{1-14}\,(n-1)d^{0-1}\,ns^2$ **7.** +3
14. $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$ **15.** MnO_4^-
16. +6

17. $2\,KMnO_4 \xrightarrow{\Delta} K_2MnO_4 + MnO_2 + O_2$

18. $4\,K_2Cr_2O_7 \xrightarrow{\Delta} 4K_2CrO_4 + 2Cr_2O_3 + 3O_2$

19. $2MnO_4^- + 5H_2O_2 + 6H^+ \longrightarrow 2Mn^{2+} + 8H_2O + 5O_2$

23. (*c*) **24.** (*d*) **25.** (*c*) **26.** (*a*) **27.** (*d*)
28. (*c*) **29.** (*c*) **30.** (*c*) **31.** (*c*) **32.** (*a*)
33. (*d*) **34.** (*d*) **35.** (*b*) **36.** (*d*)

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Objective Questions

Multiple Choice Questions *M. C. Q.*

A Topicwise MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS *with only one correct answer*

General Characteristics of *d*-Block Elements

A1. The electronic configuration of copper is:
(*a*) [Ar] $3d^9 4s^2$ (*b*) [Ar] $3d^{10} 4s^1$
(*c*) [Ar] $3d^8 4s^2$ (*d*) [Ar] $3d^{10} 4s^2$.

A2. Which of the following ions does not give coloured solution ?
(*a*) Fe^{2+} (*b*) Zn^{2+} (*c*) Cr^{3+} (*d*) Mn^{2+}.

A3. Which metal has lowest melting point ?
(*a*) Cs (*b*) Hg (*c*) Mn (*d*) Cu.

A4. The maximum oxidation state of Os is ?
(*a*) +6 (*b*) +7 (*c*) +5 (*d*) +8.

A5. The highest oxidation state shown by manganese in its compounds is
(*a*) +7 (*b*) +6 (*c*) +5 (*d*) +8.

A6. The colour of *d*-block elements is due to:
(*a*) *nd*-(*n* + 1)*s* transition
(*b*) *nd*-(*n* + 1)*p* transition
(*c*) *nd*-*nd* transition
(*d*) *nd*-(*n* + 1)*d* transition.

A7. The number of unpaired electrons in Ni^{2+} is
(*a*) Zero (*b*) 2 (*c*) 4 (*d*) 8

A8. The magnetic moment of a transition metal ion has been found to be 3.87 BM. It is probably
(*a*) Fe^{3+} (*b*) Ti^{2+} (*c*) Cr^{3+} (*d*) Ni^{2+}

A9. Which one of the element with the following outer orbital configuration may exhibit the largest number of oxidation states ?
(*a*) $3d^5\,4s^1$ (*b*) $3d^5\,4s^2$ (*c*) $3d^2\,4s^2$ (*d*) $3d^3\,4s^2$

A10. Which of the following has positive $M^{2+}(aq)$ standard reduction electrode potential ?
(*a*) Cu (*b*) Zn (*c*) Fe (*d*) Mn

A11. Which of the following ions has smallest radius ?
(*a*) Mn^{2+} (*b*) Ni^{2+} (*c*) Ti^{2+} (*d*) V^{2+}.

A12. In which of the following ions, the colour is not due to *d*-*d* transition ?
(*a*) $[Ti(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$ (*b*) $[Cu(NH_3)_4]^{2+}$
(*c*) $[CoF_6]^{3-}$ (*d*) CrO_4^{2-}.

Compounds of *d*-Block Elements

A13. When potassium dichromate is heated with potassium hydroxide and the solution obtained is acidified, the colour becomes
(*a*) yellow (*b*) green (*c*) orange (*d*) blue.

A14. In a reaction, K_2MnO_4 is converted into $KMnO_4$. The change in the oxidation number of Mn is :
(*a*) zero (*b*) +1 (*c*) –1 (*d*) +7.

Answers

A1. (*b*) **A2.** (*b*) **A3.** (*b*) **A4.** (*d*) **A5.** (*a*) **A6.** (*c*) **A7.** (*b*) **A8.** (*c*) **A9.** (*b*) **A10.** (*a*)
A11. (*b*) **A12.** (*d*) **A13.** (*c*) **A14.** (*b*)

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A15. Mn_3O_4 is a mixed oxide of
(a) MnO_2, MnO_3 (b) MnO, MnO_2
(c) MnO, Mn_2O_3 (d) MnO_2, Mn_2O_3.

A16. The equivalent weight of $KMnO_4$ in alkaline medium is equal to:
(a) $\frac{\text{Mol. wt.}}{3}$ (b) $\frac{\text{Mol. wt.}}{5}$
(c) $\frac{\text{Mol. wt.}}{2}$ (d) Mol. wt.

A17. $KMnO_4$ on heating gives
(a) K_2MnO_4, Mn_2O_3
(b) K_2MnO_4, MnO,O_2
(c) K_2MnO_4, MnO_2,O_2
(d) K_2MnO_4, MnO_2,O_3.

A18. Which of the following is an acidic oxide ?
(a) Mn_2O_7 (b) Mn_3O_4
(c) MnO (d) Mn_2O_3

A19. In the reaction :
$CrO_4^{2-} + X \longrightarrow Cr_2O_7^{2-}$, X is
(a) OH^- (b) H_2O (c) H^+ (d) O_2

A20. The hybridisation of Cr in $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$ ion is
(a) sp^3d (b) sp^3d^2
(c) sp^3 (d) sp^2.

A21. In strongly alkaline medium, MnO_4^-
$MnO_4^- + e^- \longrightarrow MnO_4^{2-}$
In this medium, equivalent weight of $KMnO_4$ is reduced as:
(a) 31.6 (b) 52.67 (c) 79 (d) 158.

A22. In acidic medium, the equivalent weight of $K_2Cr_2O_7$ (Mol. wt. = M) is
(a) M (b) M/2 (c) M/3 (d) M/6.

A23. Ammonium dichromate is used in fireworks. The green coloured powder blown in air is
(a) CrO_3 (b) Cr_2O_3 (c) Cr (d) $CrO(O_2)$.

A24. The number of moles of $KMnO_4$ that will be needed to react with one mole of sulphite ion acidic solution is
(a) 2/5 (b) 3/5 (c) 4/5 (d) 1.

A25. Number of electrons transferred in each case when $KMnO_4$ acts as an oxidising agent to give MnO_2, Mn^{2+}, $Mn(OH)_3$ and MnO_4^{2-} respectively are
(a) 3, 5, 4 and 1 (b) 4, 3, 1 and 5
(c) 1, 3, 4 and 5 (d) 5, 4, 3 and 1.

A26. The basic character of the transition metal monoxides follows the order :
(a) VO > CrO > TiO > FeO
(b) CrO > VO > FeO > TiO
(c) TiO > FeO > VO > CrO
(d) TiO > VO > CrO > FeO.

A27. At pH = 11, $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$ ion changes to
(a) CrO_3 (b) CrO_4^{2-}
(c) Cr^{3+} (d) CrO_2^{2+}

Compounds of *f*-Block Elements

A28. Which of the following is the strongest base ?
(a) $Dy(OH)_3$ (b) $La(OH)_3$
(c) $Lu(OH)_3$ (d) $Yb(OH)_3$.

A29. Zr and Hf have almost equal atomic and ionic radii because
(a) of diagonal relationship
(b) of lanthanoid contraction
(c) of actinoid contraction
(d) both belong to *f*-block of elements.

A30. The outer shell electronic configuration of Gd (Z = 64) is
(a) $4f^7\ 5d^1\ 6s^2$ (b) $4f^8\ 6s^2$
(c) $4f^9\ 6s^1$ (d) $4f^7\ 5d^2\ 6s^1$.

A31. The stable oxidation state of Ce (Z = 58) is
(a) +4 (b) +3 (c) +2 (d) +5.

A32. In which of the following pairs, the atomic size is almost the same ?
(a) La – Ce (b) Nb – Ta
(c) Zn – Hf (d) Nb – Zr.

A33. The lanthanoid contraction is responsible for the fact that
(a) Zr and Y have about the same radius
(b) Zr and Nb have similar oxidation state
(c) Zr and Hf have about the same radius
(d) Zr and Zn have the same oxidation state.

A34. The electronic configuration of terbium (IV) (At. No. 65) is
(a) [Xe] $4f^5\ 6s^2$ (b) [Xe] $4f^7\ 6s^0$
(c) [Xe] $4f^8\ 6s^0$ (d) [Xe] $4f^7\ 6s^2$

A35. Which of the following statement is not correct ?
(a) $La(OH)_3$ is less basic than $Lu(OH)_3$
(b) In lanthanoid series, ionic radius decreases from La^{3+} to Lu^{3+} ion.
(c) La is actually an element of transition series rather than lanthanoids
(d) Atomic radius of Zr and Hf are same because of lanthanoid contraction.

A36. The correct order of ionic radii of Y^{3+}, La^{3+}, Eu^{3+} and Lu^{3+} is :
(a) $Y^{3+} < La^{3+} < Eu^{3+} < Lu^{3+}$
(b) $Y^{3+} < Lu^{3+} < Eu^{3+} < La^{3+}$
(c) $Lu^{3+} < Eu^{3+} < La^{3+} < Y^{3+}$
(d) $La^{3+} < Eu^{3+} < Lu^{3+} < Y^{3+}$.

A37. Which of the following has tendency to act as an oxidising agent ?
(a) Ce^{4+} (b) Sm^{2+}
(c) Lu^{3+} (d) Gd^{3+}

Answers

A15. (b)	**A16.** (a)	**A17.** (c)	**A18.** (a)	**A19.** (c)	**A20.** (c)	**A21.** (d)	**A22.** (d)	**A23.** (b)	**A24.** (a)
A25. (a)	**A26.** (d)	**A27.** (b)	**A28.** (b)	**A29.** (b)	**A30.** (a)	**A31.** (a)	**A32.** (b)	**A33.** (c)	**A34.** (b)
A35. (a)	**A36.** (b)	**A37.** (a)							

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B1. Which one of the following ions is the most stable in aqueous solutions ?
(a) Mn^{3+} (b) Cr^{3+} (c) V^{3+} (d) Ti^{3+}
(C.B.S.E. P.M.T. 2007)
(at. no. : Ti = 22, V = 23,, Cr = 24, Mn = 25)

B2. The correct order of decreasing second ionisation enthalpy of Ti (22), V (23), Cr (24) and Mn (25)
(a) V > Mn > Cr > Ti
(b) Mn > Cr > Ti > V
(c) Ti > V > Cr > Mn
(d) Cr > Mn > V > Ti *(C.B.S.E. P.M.T. 2008)*

B3. Which one of the elements with the following outer orbital configurations may exhibit the largest number of oxidation states ?
(a) $3d^5 4s^1$ (b) $3d^5 4s^2$ (c) $3d^2 4s^2$ (d) $3d^3 4s^2$
(C.B.S.E. Med. 2009)

B4. Which of the following ions will exhibit colour in aqueous solutions ?
(a) Lu^{3+} (Z = 71) (b) Sc^{3+} (Z = 21)
(c) La^{3+} (Z = 57) (d) Ti^{3+} (Z = 22)
(C.B.S.E. PMT 2010)

B5. Which of the following pairs has the same size ?
(a) Zr^{4+}, Hf^{4+} (b) Zn^{2+}, Hf^{4+}
(c) Fe^{2+}, Ni^{2+} (d) Zr^{4+}, Ti^{4+}
(C.B.S.E. PMT 2010)

B6. Acidified $K_2Cr_2O_7$ solution turns green when Na_2SO_3 is added to it. This is due to the formation of
(a) $Cr_2(SO_4)_3$ (b) CrO_4^{2-}
(c) $Cr_2(SO_3)_3$ (d) $CrSO_4$ *(AIPMT 2011)*

B7. For the four successive transition elements (Cr, Mn, Fe and Co) the stability of +2 oxidation states will be there in which of the following order ?
(a) Mn > Fe > Cr > Co (b) Fe > Mn > Co > Cr
(c) Co > Mn > Fe > Cr (d) Cr > Mn > Co > Fe
(At. no. Cr = 24, Mn = 25, Fe = 26, Co = 27)
(AIPMT 2011)

B8. Which of the following statements is not true ?
(a) On passing H_2S through acidified $K_2Cr_2O_7$ solution, a milky colour is observed.
(b) $Na_2Cr_2O_7$ is preferred over $K_2Cr_2O_7$ in volumetric analysis.
(c) $K_2Cr_2O_7$ solution in acidic medium is orange.
(d) $K_2Cr_2O_7$ solution becomes yellow on increasing the pH beyond 7. *(A.I.P.M.T. 2012)*

B9. Which of the following does not give oxygen on heating ?
(a) $K_2Cr_2O_7$ (b) $(NH_4)_2Cr_2O_7$
(c) $KClO_3$ (d) $Zn(ClO_3)_2$ *(NEET 2013)*

B10. Which of the following lanthanoid ions is diamagnetic ?
(At. nos. Ce = 58, Sm = 62, Eu = 63, Yb = 70)
(a) Eu^{2+} (b) Yb^{2+} (c) Ce^{2+} (d) Sm^{2+}
(NEET 2013)

B11. Reason of lanthanoid contraction is
(a) negligible screening effect of 'f'-orbitals
(b) increasing nuclear charge
(c) decreasing nuclear charge
(d) decreasing screening effect. *(AIPMT 2014)*

B12. The reaction of aqueous $KMnO_4$ with H_2O_2 gives
(a) Mn^{4+} and O_2 (b) Mn^{2+} and O_2
(c) Mn^{2+} and O_3 (d) Mn^{4+} and MnO_2
(AIPMT 2014)

B13. Magnetic moment of 2.83 B.M. is given by which of the following ion ?
(a) Ti^{3+} (b) Ni^{2+} (c) Cr^{3+} (d) Mn^{2+}
(AIPMT 2014)

B14. Gadolinium belongs to 4f series. Its atomic number is 64. Which of the following is the correct electronic configuration of gadolinium?
(a) [Xe] $4f^7 5d^1 6s^2$ (b) [Xe] $4f^6 5d^2 6s^2$
(c) [Xe] $4f^8 6d^2$ (d) [Xe] $4f^9 5s^1$ *(AIPMT 2015)*

B15. Because of lanthanoid contraction, which of the following pairs of elements have nearly same atomic radii? (Numbers in the parenthesis are atomic numbers)
(a) Zr(40) and Hf(72) (b) Zr(40) and Ta(73)
(c) Ti(22) and Zr(40) (d) Zr(40) and Nb(41)
(AIPMT 2015)

B16. Which one of the following statement is correct when SO_2 is passed through acidified $K_2Cr_2O_7$ solution?
(a) SO_2 is reduced
(b) Green $Cr_2(SO_4)_3$ is formed
(c) The solution turns blue
(d) The solution is decolourised. *(NEET 2016)*

B17. The electronic configurations of Eu (Atomic No. 63), Gd (Atomic No. 64) and Tb (Atomic No. 65) are
(a) [Xe]$4f^6 5d^1 6s^2$, [Xe]$4f^7 5d^1 6s^2$ and [Xe]$4f^8 5d^1 6s^2$
(b) [Xe]$4f^7 6s^2$, [Xe]$4f^7 5d^1 6s^2$ and [Xe]$4f^9 6s^2$
(c) [Xe]$4f^7 6s^2$, [Xe]$4f^8 6s^2$ and [Xe]$4f^8 5d^1 6s^2$
(d) [Xe]$4f^6 5d^1 6s^2$, [Xe]$4f^7 5d^1 6s^2$ and [Xe]$4f^9 6s^2$
(NEET 2016)

B18. Which one of the following statements related to lanthanoids is incorrect?
(a) Europium shows +2 oxidation state
(b) The basicity decreases as the ionic radius decreases from Pr to Lu.
(c) All the lanthanoids are much more reactive than aluminium.
(d) Ce(+4) solutions are widely used as oxidising agent in volumetric analysis. *(NEET 2016)*

Answers

B1. (b) **B2.** (d) **B3.** (b) **B4.** (d) **B5.** (a) **B6.** (a) **B7.** (a) **B8.** (b) **B9.** (b) **B10.** (b)
B11. (a) **B12.** (b) **B13.** (b) **B14.** (a) **B15.** (a) **B16.** (b) **B17.** (b) **B18.** (c)

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B19. Name the gas that can readily decolourise acidified $KMnO_4$ solution.
(*a*) SO_2 (*b*) NO_2 (*c*) P_2O_5 (*d*) CO_2
(NEET 2017)

B20. The reason for greater range of oxidation states in actinoids is attributed to
(*a*) actinoid contraction
(*b*) 5*f*, 6*d* and 7*s* levels having comparable energies
(*c*) 4*f* and 5*d* levels being close in energies
(*d*) the radioactive nature of actinoids. *(NEET 2017)*

B21. Which one of the following ions exhibits *d*-*d* transition and paramagnetism as well ?
(*a*) CrO_4^{2-} (*b*) $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$
(*c*) MnO_4^- (*d*) MnO_4^{2-} *(NEET 2018)*

B22. Match the metal ions given in Column I with the spin magnetic moments of the ions given in Column II and assign the correct code :

Column-I	Column-II
(*a*) Co^{3+}	(*i*) $\sqrt{8}$ B.M.
(*b*) Cr^{3+}	(*ii*) $\sqrt{35}$ B.M
(*c*) Fe^{3+}	(*iii*) $\sqrt{3}$ B.M.
(*d*) Ni^{2+}	(*iv*) $\sqrt{24}$ B.M.
	(*v*) $\sqrt{15}$ B.M.

	A	B	C	D
(*a*)	(*iv*)	(*v*)	(*ii*)	(*i*)
(*b*)	(*i*)	(*ii*)	(*iii*)	(*iv*)
(*c*)	(*iv*)	(*i*)	(*ii*)	(*iii*)
(*d*)	(*iii*)	(*v*)	(*i*)	(*ii*)

(NEET 2018)

B23. The correct order of ionic radii of Y^{3+}, La^{3+}, Eu^{3+} and Lu^{3+} is
(*a*) $Y^{3+} < La^{3+} < Eu^{3+} < Lu^{3+}$
(*b*) $Lu^{3+} < Eu^{3+} < La^{3+} < Y^{3+}$
(*c*) $La^{3+} < Eu^{3+} < Lu^{3+} < Y^{3+}$
(*d*) $Y^{3+} < Lu^{3+} < Eu^{3+} < La^{3+}$
(*e*) $Eu^{3+} < La^{3+} < Lu^{3+} < Y^{3+}$ *(Kerala P.M.T. 2007)*

B24. $KMnO_4$ is a strong oxidising agent in acid medium. To provide acid medium. H_2SO_4 is used instead of HCl. This is because
(*a*) H_2SO_4 is a stronger acid than HCl
(*b*) HCl is oxidized by $KMnO_4$ to Cl_2
(*c*) H_2SO_4 is a dibasic acid
(*d*) rate is faster in the presence of H_2SO_4.
(*e*) only H_2SO_4 is completely ionized
(Kerala P.M.T. 2007)

B25. The maximum oxidation state shown by Mn in its compounds is
(*a*) +4 (*b*) +5 (*c*) +6 (*d*) +7
(*c*) +8 *(Kerala P.M.T. 2009)*

B26. Among the oxides, Mn_2O_7 (I), V_2O_3 (II), V_2O_5 (III), CrO (IV) and Cr_2O_3 (V) the basic oxides are
(*a*) I and II (*b*) II and III
(*c*) III and IV (*d*) II and IV
(*e*) III and V *(Kerala PMT 2010)*

B27. The acidic, basic or amphoteric nature of Mn_2O_7, V_2O_5 and CrO are respectively
(*a*) acidic, acidic and basic
(*b*) basic, amphoteric and acidic
(*c*) acidic, amphoteric and basic
(*d*) acidic, basic and amphoteric
(*e*) acidic, basic and basic *(Kerala PMT 2011)*

B28. Among the 3*d*-series of transition metals the one that has positive $M^{2+}|M$ standard electrode potential is
(*a*) Cr (*b*) Mn (*c*) Zn (*d*) Ni
(*e*) Cu *(Kerala PMT 2014)*

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B29. Amount of oxalic acid present in a solution can be determined by its titration with $KMnO_4$ solution in the presence of H_2SO_4. The titration gives unsatisfactory result when carried out in the presence of HCl, because HCl
(*a*) reduces permanganate to Mn^{2+}
(*b*) oxidises oxalic acid to carbon dioxide and water
(*c*) gets oxidised by oxalic acid to chlorine
(*d*) furnishes H^+ ions in addition to those from oxalic acid. *(A.I.E.E.E. 2008)*

B30. The correct order of $E(M^{2+}|M)$ values with negative sign for the four successive elements Cr, Mn, Fe and Co is :
(*a*) Fe > Mn > Cr > Co (*b*) Cr > Mn > Fe > Co
(*c*) Mn > Cr > Fe > Co (*d*) Cr > Fe > Mn > Co.
(A.I.E.E.E. 2010)

B31. In context of the lanthanoids, which of the following statement is not correct ?
(*a*) There is a gradual decrease in the radii of the members with increasing atomic number in the series.
(*b*) All the members exhibit +3 oxidation state.
(*c*) Because of similar properties the separation of lanthanoids is not easy.
(*d*) Availability of 4*f* electrons results in the formation of compounds in +4 state for all the members of the series. *(A.I.E.E.E. 2011)*

B32. Iron exhibits +2 and +3 oxidation states. Which of the following statements about iron is incorrect ?
(*a*) Ferrous compounds are relatively more ionic than the corresponding ferric compounds.
(*b*) Ferrous compounds are less volatile than the corresponding ferric compounds.
(*c*) Ferrous compounds are more easily hydrolysed than the corresponding ferric compounds.
(*d*) Ferrous oxide is more basic in nature than the ferric oxide. *(A.I.E.E.E. 2012)*

Answers

B19. (*a*) **B20.** (*b*) **B21.** (*d*) **B22.** (*a*) **B23.** (*d*) **B24.** (*b*) **B25.** (*d*) **B26.** (*d*) **B27.** (*c*) **B28.** (*e*)
B29. (*a*) **B30.** (*c*) **B31.** (*d*) **B32.** (*c*)

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B33. Four successive members of the first row transition elements are listed below with atomic numbers. Which one of them is expected to have the highest $E^\circ_{M^{3+}/M^{2+}}$ value ?

(*a*) Co (Z = 27) (*b*) Cr (Z = 24)
(*c*) Mn (Z = 25) (*d*) Fe (Z = 26)

(*JEE Main 2013*)

B34. Which of the following arrangement does not represent the correct order of the property stated against it?

(*a*) Sc < Ti < Cr < Mn : number of oxidation states
(*b*) $V^{2+} < Cr^{2+} < Mn^{2+} < Fe^{2+}$: paramagnetic behaviour
(*c*) $Ni^{2+} < Co^{2+} < Fe^{2+} < Mn^{2+}$: ionic size
(*d*) $Co^{3+} < Fe^{3+} < Cr^{3+} < Sc^{3+}$: stability in aqueous solution

(*JEE Main 2013*)

B35. Which series of reactions correctly represents chemical reactions related to iron and its compound ?

(*a*) $Fe \xrightarrow{dil\ H_2SO_4} FeSO_4 \xrightarrow{H_2SO_4, O_2} Fe_2(SO_4)_3 \xrightarrow{heat} Fe$

(*b*) $Fe \xrightarrow{O_2, heat} FeO \xrightarrow{dil\ H_2SO_4} FeSO_4 \xrightarrow{heat} Fe$

(*c*) $Fe \xrightarrow{Cl_2, heat} FeCl_3 \xrightarrow[air]{heat} FeCl_2 \xrightarrow{Zn} Fe$

(*d*) $Fe \xrightarrow{O_2, heat} Fe_3O_4 \xrightarrow{CO, 600^\circ C} FeO \xrightarrow{CO, 700^\circ C} Fe$

(*JEE (Main) 2014*)

B36. The colour of $KMnO_4$ is due to

(*a*) L → M charge transfer transition
(*b*) σ → σ* transition
(*c*) M → L charge transfer transition
(*d*) *d* – *d* transition (*JEE Main 2015*)

B37. In the following reactions, ZnO is respectively acting as a/an

(*i*) $ZnO + Na_2O \longrightarrow Na_2ZnO_2$
(*ii*) $ZnO + CO_2 \longrightarrow ZnCO_3$

(*a*) acid and acid (*b*) acid and base
(*c*) base and acid (*d*) base and base (*JEE Main 2017*)

B38. Mark the correct statement(s).

(1) Manganese exhibits +7 oxidation state
(2) Zinc forms coloured ions
(3) $[CoF_6]^{3-}$ is diamagnetic
(4) Sc forms +4 oxidation state
(5) Zn exhibits only +2 oxidation state

(*a*) 1 and 2 (*b*) 1 and 5
(*c*) 2 and 4 (*d*) 3 and 4
(*e*) 2 and 5 (*Kerala PET 2010*)

B39. The maximum oxidation state exhibited by actinide ions is

(*a*) +5 (*b*) +4 (*c*) +7 (*d*) +8
(*e*) +6 (*Kerala PET 2010*)

B40. $KMnO_4$ gets reduced to

(*a*) K_2MnO_4 in neutral medium
(*b*) MnO_2 in acidic medium
(*c*) Mn^{2+} in alkaline medium
(*d*) MnO_2 in neutral medium (*A.M.U. Engg. 2011*)

B41. The yellow precipitate formed during the chromyl chloride test is chemically

(*a*) chromic acid (*b*) lead chromate
(*c*) lead acetate (*d*) sodium chromate

(*Karnataka CET 2011*)

B42. The bonds present in the structure of dichromate ion are

(*a*) four equivalent Cr – O bonds only
(*b*) Six equivalent Cr – O bonds are one O – O bond
(*c*) six equivalent Cr – O bonds and one Cr – Cr bond
(*d*) eight equivalent Cr – O bonds
(*e*) six equivalent Cr – O bonds and one Cr – O – Cr bond

(*Kerala PET 2011*)

B43. Consider the following statements

(I) $La(OH)_3$ is the least basic among hydroxides of lanthanides
(II) Zr^{4+} and Hf^{4+} possess almost the same ionic radii
(III) Ce^{4+} can act as an oxidizing agent

Which of the above is/are true ?

(*a*) (I) and (III) (*b*) (II) and (III)
(*c*) (II) only (*d*) (I) and (II)
(*e*) (I) only (*Kerala PET 2011*)

B44. When H_2O_2 is shaken with an acidified solution of $K_2Cr_2O_7$ in presence of ether, the ethereal layer turns blue due to the formation of

(*a*) Cr_2O_3 (*b*) CrO_4^{2-}
(*c*) $Cr_2(SO_4)_3$ (*d*) CrO_5

(*Karala C.E.T. 2007, W.B.J.E.E. 2012*)

B45. The reddish brown gas produced by heating KCl with $K_2Cr_2O_7$ (solid) and conc. H_2SO_4 is

(*a*) Cl_2 (*b*) CrO_2Cl_2
(*c*) CrO_3 (*d*) H_2CrO_3

(*A.M.U. Engg. 2012*)

B46. Which of the following ions has the same number of unpaired electrons as present in V^{3+} ?

(*a*) Ti^{3+} (*b*) Fe^{3+} (*c*) Ni^{2+} (*d*) Cr^{3+}
(*e*) Mn^{2+} (*Kerala PMT 2015*)

B47. Among the following actinoid pairs, the maximum oxidation states is shown by

(*a*) U and Np (*b*) Np and Pu
(*c*) Pu and Am (*d*) U and Pa
(*e*) Th and Pu (*Kerala PMT 2015*)

B48. The atomic number of cerium (Ce) is 58. The correct electronic configuration of Ce^{3+} ion is

(*a*) [Xe]$4f^1$ (*b*) [Kr]$4f^1$
(*c*) [Xe]$4f^{13}$ (*d*) [Kr]$4d^1$ (*WB JEE 2015*)

Answers

B33. (*a*) **B34.** (*b*) **B35.** (*d*) **B36.** (*a*) **B37.** (*b*) **B38.** (*b*) **B39.** (*c*) **B40.** (*d*) **B41.** (*b*) **B42.** (*e*) **B43.** (*b*)
B44. (*d*) **B45.** (*b*) **B46.** (*c*) **B47.** (*b*) **B48.** (*a*)

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B49. The only radioactive element among the lanthanoids is

(*a*) Gadolinium (*b*) Holmium

(*c*) Promethium (*d*) Neodynium

(*MH-CET 2015*)

B50. How many grams of potassium dichromate are required to oxidise 20.0 g of Fe^{2+} in $FeSO_4$ to Fe^{3+} if the reaction is carried out in an acidic medium? Molar masses of $K_2Cr_2O_7$ and $FeSO_4$ are 294 and 152 respectively.

(*a*) 6.45 g (*b*) 7.45 g (*c*)8.45 g (*d*) 9.45 g

(*A.M.U. Engg. 2015*)

B51. Which of the following statement regarding lanthanides is false?

(*a*) All lanthanides are solid at room temperature

(*b*) Their usual oxidation state is +3

(*c*) They can be separated from one another by ion-exchange method

(*d*) Ionic radii of trivalent lanthanides steadily increase with increase in atomic number. (*WB-JEE 2016*)

B52. What is the general molecular formula of the products obtained on heating lanthanoids (Ln) with sulphur?

(*a*) LnS (*b*) LnS_3 (*c*) Ln_3S_2 (*d*) Ln_2S_3

(*MH-CET 2016*)

B53. Choose the wrong statement in the following:

(*a*) TiO_2 is used in the pigment industry

(*b*) MnO_2 is used in dry battery cells

(*c*) V_2O_5 catalyses the oxidation of SO_2 in the manufacture of sulphuric acid

(*d*) Ziegler Natta catalyst is used in the manufacture of high density polyethylene

(*e*) The 'silver' UK coins are made of Ag/Ni alloy

(*Kerala PET 2016*)

B54. In aqueous solution, Cr^{2+} is stronger reducing agent than Fe^{2+}. This is because

(*a*) Cr^{2+} ion is more stable than Fe^{2+}

(*b*) Cr^{3+} ion with d^3 configuration has favourable crystal field stabilisation energy

(*c*) Cr^{3+} has half-filled configuration and hence more stable

(*d*) Fe^{3+} in aqueous solution is more stable than Cr^{3+}

(*e*) Fe^{2+} ion with d^6 configuration has favourable crystal field stabilisation energy. (*Kerala PET 2016*)

B55. Choose the correct matching of transition metal ion and magnetic moment from the codes given below:

(At. No : Ti = 22, V = 23, Fe = 26)

Transition element	**Magnetic moment (B.M.)**
(A) Titanium (III)	(1) 4.9
(B) Vanadium (II)	(2) 1.73
(C) Iron (II)	(3) 3.87

(*a*) (A) – (2), (B) – (3), (C) – (1)

(*b*) (A) – (2), (B) – (1), (C) – (3)

(*c*) (A) – (1), (B) – (2), (C) – (3)

(*d*) (A) – (1), (B) – (3), (C) – (2)

(*e*) (A) – (3), (B) – (2), (C) – (1) (*Kerala PET 2016*)

B56. The bivalent metal ion having maximum paramagnetic bahaviour among the first transition series elements is

(*a*)Mn^{2+} (*b*) Cu^{2+} (*c*) Sc^{2+} (*d*) Cu^{+}

(*Karnataka C.E.T. 2016*)

B57. When a brown compound of Mn (A) is treated with HCl, it gives a gas (B). The gas (B) taken in excess reacts with NH_3 to give an explosive compound (C)

The compounds A, B and C are

(*a*) A = MnO_2, B = Cl_2, C = NCl_3

(*b*) A = MnO, B = Cl_2, C = NH_4Cl

(*c*) A = Mn_3O_4, B = Cl_2, C = NCl_3

(*d*) A = MnO_3, B = Cl_2, C = NCl_2 (*Karnataka C.E.T. 2016*)

B58. Mn^{2+} compounds are more stable than Fe^{2+} compounds towards oxidation to their +3 state, because

(*a*) Mn^{2+} is more stable with high 3rd ionisation energy

(*b*) Mn^{2+} is bigger in size

(*c*) Mn^{+} has completely filled *d*-orbitals

(*d*) Mn^{2+} does not exist (*Karnataka C.E.T. 2016*)

B59. The correct basicity order of the following lanthanoid ions is

(*a*) $La^{3+} > Lu^{3+} > Ce^{3+} > Eu^{3+}$

(*b*) $Ce^{3+} > Lu^{3+} > La^{3+} > Eu^{3+}$

(*c*) $Lu^{3+} > Ce^{3+} > Eu^{3+} > La^{3+}$

(*d*) $La^{3+} > Ce^{3+} > Eu^{3+} > Lu^{3+}$ (*WB JEE 2017*)

B60. Which of the following statements is wrong regarding lanthanoids?

(*a*) Ln(III) compounds are predominantly ionic in character.

(*b*) Ln(III) hydroxides are mainly basic in nature.

(*c*) The ionic size of Ln(III) ions decreases with increasing atomic number.

(*d*) Ln(III) compounds are generally colourless. (*Karnataka CET 2017*)

B61. The magnetic nature of elements depends on the presence of unpaired electrons. Identify the configuration of transition elements which shows highest magnetic moment?

(*a*) $3d^2$ (*b*) $3d^8$ (*c*) $3d^7$ (*d*) $3d^5$

(*Karnataka CET 2017*)

Answers

B49. *(c)* **B50.** *(a)* **B51.** *(d)* **B52.** *(d)* **B53.** *(e)* **B54.** *(b)* **B55.** *(a)* **B56.** *(a)* **B57.** *(a)* **B58.** *(a)*
B59. *(d)* **B60.** *(d)* **B61.** *(d)*

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B62. When MnO_2 is fused with KOH and KNO_3, a coloured compound is formed. Choose the right compound with the appropriate colour.
(*a*) K_2MnO_4, green (*b*) $KMnO_4$, purple
(*c*) Mn_2O_3, brown (*d*) Mn_3O_4, black
(*e*) MnO_2, black (*Kerala PET 2017*)

B63. Identify the case(s) where there is change in oxidation number.
(*a*) Acidified solution of CrO_4^{2-}
(*b*) SO_2 gas bubbled through an acidic solution of $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$
(*c*) Alkaline solution of $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$
(*d*) Ammoniacal solution of CrO_4^{2-}
(*e*) Aqueous solution of CrO_2Cl_2 in NaOH.
(*Kerala PET 2017*)

B64. Out of the following outer electronic configurations of atoms, the highest oxidation state is achieved by which one ?
(*a*) $(n-1)\,d^8\,ns^2$ (*b*) $(n-1)d^5\,ns^2$
(*c*) $(n-1)\,d^3\,ns^2$ (*d*) $(n-1)\,d^5\,ns^1$ (*WB JEE 2018*)

B65. Which of the following pair is an amphoteric oxide ?
(*a*) V_2O_5, Cr_2O_3 (*b*) Mn_2O_7, Cr_2O_3
(*a*) CrO, V_2O_5 (*b*) V_2O_5, Vr_2O_4
(*Karnataka CET 2018*)

B66. $KMnO_4$ acts as an oxidising agent in alkaline medium. When alkaline $KMnO_4$ is treated with Kl, iodide ion is oxidised to
(*a*) I_2 (*b*) IO^-
(*c*) IO_3^- (*d*) IO_4^- (*Karnataka CET 2018*)

B67. Gd(64) has ____ unpaired electrons with sum of spin ____
(*a*) 7, 3.5 (*b*) 8, 3
(*c*) 6, 3 (*d*) 8, 4
(*e*) 9, 3.5 (*Kerala PET 2018*)

B68. When H_2O_2 is added to an acidified $K_2Cr_2O_7$ solution
(*a*) a green colour solution is obtained
(*b*) a yellow solution is obtained
(*c*) a green precipitate is formed
(*d*) a yellow precipitate is formed (*Kerala PET 2018*)

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B69. When I^- is oxidised by MnO_4^- in alkaline medium, I^- converts into
(*a*) IO_3^- (*b*) I_2 (*c*) IO_4^- (*d*) IO^-.
(*I.I.T. Screening, 2003*)

B70. Blue solution of $CuSO_4$ on treatment with excess KCN give colourless solution due to the
(*a*) formation of CuCN
(*b*) formation of $Cu(OH)_2$
(*c*) formation of $[Cu(CN)_4]^{2-}$
(*d*) Cu^{2+} is reduced by CN^- to Cu^+ which forms the complex $[Cu(CN)_4]^{3-}$. (*I.I.T. 2006*)

B71. Consider a titration of potassium dichromate solution with acidified Mohr's salt solution using diphenylamine as indicator. The number of moles of Mohr's salt required per mole of dichromate is
(*a*) 3 (*b*) 4 (*c*) 5 (*d*) 6
(*I.I.T. 2007*)

B72. Among the following, the coloured compound is
(*a*) CuCl (*b*) $K_3[Cu(CN)_4]$
(*c*) CuF_2 (*d*) $[Cu(CH_3CN)_4]BF_4$ (*I.I.T. 2008*)

B73. The complex showing a spin only magnetic moment of 2.82 B.M. is
(*a*) $Ni(CO)_4$ (*b*) $[NiCl_4]^{2-}$ (*c*) $Ni(PPh_3)_4$ (*d*) $[Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$
(*I.I.T. 2010*)

B74. The colour of light absorbed by an aqueous solution of $CuSO_4$ is
(*a*) orange-red (*b*) blue-green
(*c*) yellow (*d*) violet (*I.I.T. 2012*)

Answers

B62. *(a)* **B63.** *(b)* **B64.** *(b)* **B65.** *(a)* **B66.** *(c)* **B67.** *(d)* **B68.** *(a)* **B69.** *(a)* **B70.** *(d)* **B71.** *(d)*
B72. *(c)* **B73.** *(b)* **B74.** *(a)*

C MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS
with more than one correct answers

C1. Which of the following pairs have almost similar atomic radii ?
(*a*) Nb – Ru (*b*) Zr – Hf
(*c*) Mo – W (*d*) Pd – Ag.

C2. Which of the following ions are colourless ?
(*a*) Ti^{3+} (*b*) Cu^{2+} (*c*) Cd^{2+} (*d*) Sc^{3+}.

C3. Which of the following ions have same number of unpaired electrons ?
(*a*) Ni^{2+} (*b*) Ti^{3+} (*c*) V^{3+} (*d*) Fe^{3+}.

Answers

C1. *(b),(c)* **C2.** *(c),(d)* **C3.** *(a),(c)*

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C4. Which of the following statements is/are wrong ?
(*a*) Ti^{4+} and Ag^{+} are repelled by magnetic field.
(*b*) Mn^{2+} shows maximum magnetic character among the first transition series.
(*c*) Fe^{2+} is more stable than Mn^{2+} towards oxidation to +3 state.
(*d*) Cr in $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$ ion involves sp^3d^3 hybridisation.

C5. In which of the following oxides, the first is not more acidic than the second ?
(*a*) Mn_2O_7, Mn_2O_3 (*b*) CrO_2, CrO_3
(*c*) MnO, Mn_3O_4 (*d*) Mn_3O_4, Mn_2O_3.

C6. Which of the following statements are correct with reference to ferrous and ferric ions ?
(*a*) Fe^{3+} gives brown colour with potassium ferricyanide
(*b*) Fe^{2+} gives blue precipitate with potassium ferricyanide
(*c*) Fe^{3+} gives red colour with potassium thiocyanate
(*d*) Fe^{2+} gives brown colour with ammonium thiocyanate.

C7. Reduction of the metal centre in aqueous permanganate ion involves
(*a*) 3 electrons in neutral medium
(*b*) 5 electrons in neutral medium
(*c*) 3 electrons in alkaline medium
(*d*) 5 electrons in acidic medium. *(I.I.T. 2011)*

C8. The correct statements(s) about Cr^{2+} and Mn^{3+} is (are) [Atomic numbers of Cr = 24 and Mn = 25]
(*a*) Cr^{2+} is a reducing agent
(*b*) Mn^{3+} is an oxidizing agent
(*c*) both Cr^{2+} and Mn^{3+} exhibit d^4 electronic configuration
(*d*) when Cr^{2+} is used as a reducing agent, the chromium ion attains d^5 electronic configuration.
(JEE Advance 2015)

C9. Which of the following statement(s) is (are) correct when a mixture of NaCl and $K_2Cr_2O_7$ is gently warmed with conc. H_2SO_4?
(*a*) A deep red vapour is evolved
(*b*) The vapour when passed through NaOH solution, gives a yellow solution.
(*c*) Chlorine gas is also evolved.
(*d*) Chromyl chloride is formed *(WB. JEE 2016)*

C10. The correct option(s) to distiguish, nitrate salts of Mn^{2+} and Cu^{2+} taken separately is (are)
(*a*) Mn^{2+} shows the characteristic green colour in the flame test
(*b*) only Cu^{2+} shows the formation of precipitate by passing H_2S in acidic medium
(*c*) only Mn^{2+} shows the formation of precipitate by passing H_2S in faintly basic medium
(*d*) $Cu^{2+}|Cu$ has higher reduction potential than $Mn^{2+}|Mn$ (measured under similar conditions).
(JEE Advance 2018)

Answers

C4. *(c),(d)* **C5.** *(a),(b),(d)* **C6.** *(b), (c)* **C7.** *(a), (c), (d)* **C8.** *(a), (b), (c)* **C9.** *(a), (b), (d)*
C10. *(b), (d)*

D MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS
based on the given passage/comprehension

Passage I.

Potassium dichromate acts as a strong oxidising agent in the acidic medium. When heated with a metal chloride and conc. sulphuric acid, it gives orange red fumes. On passing these fumes through sodium hydroxide, it gives a yellow solution (X) and this acidified solution gives yellow precipitate (Y) with lead acetate. On heating potassium dichromate with KOH, it forms a yellow solution (Z) which on acidification changes to orange colour. Acidified solution of dichromate ion gives deep blue colour with H_2O_2 due to the formation of (P).

Answer the following questions :

D1. The orange red fumes obtained on heating potassium dichromate with a metal chloride and conc. H_2SO_4 is due due to the formation of
(*a*) CrO_3 (*b*) CrO_5
(*c*) CrO_2Cl_2 (*d*) $CrOCl_2$

D2. The yellow solution (X) is
(*a*) K_2CrO_4 (*b*) Na_2CrO_4
(*c*) $CrCl_3$ (*d*) $Cr(OH)_3$

D3. The yellow precipitate (Y) corresponds to
(*a*) PbS (*b*) $PbCO_3$
(*c*) $PbCrO_4$ (*d*) $PbSO_4$

D4. The yellow solution (Z) on acidification gives
(*a*) K_2CrO_4 (*b*) $K_2Cr_2O_7$
(*c*) K_2SO_4 (*d*) $(CH_3COO)_2Pb$

D5. The oxidation state of Cr in compound P is
(*a*) +10 (*b*) +8
(*c*) +6 (*d*) +5

D6. The blue colour of compound P fades due to the formation of
(*a*) Cr^{3+} and O_2 (*b*) CrO_4^{2-} and Cr^{3+}
(*c*) $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$ and Cr^{3+} (*d*) CrO_3

Answers

Passage - I. **D1.** *(c)* **D2.** *(b)* **D3.** *(c)* **D4.** *(b)* **D5.** *(c)* **D6.** *(a)*

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Passage II.

The *f*-block elements are those in which the differentiating electron enters the *(n–2)f* orbital. There are two series of *f*-block elements corresponding to filling of 4*f* and 5*f*-orbitals called lanthanides and actinides respectively. They show different oxidation states depending upon the stability of f^0, f^7 and f^{14} configurations, though the principal oxidation state is +3. There is a regular decrease in size of lanthanide ions with increase in atomic number and it is known as lanthanide contraction. As a result of this, the basic character of oxides and hydroxides decreases from first element (La) to last element (Lu). All the actinides are radioactive and therefore, it is difficult to study their chemical nature.

Answer the following questions :

D7. Terbium has the electronic configuration : [Xe]$5f^9\ 6s^2$. It will show oxidation states of

(*a*) +3, +4 (*b*) +2, +3, +4,

(*c*) +3, +4, +5 (*d*) +2, +3, +4, +5

D8. The atomic numbers of three lanthanide elements X,Y and Z are 65,68 and 70 respectively. The basic character of their hydroxides will decrease as

(*a*) X > Y > Z (*b*) X > Z > Y

(*c*) Z > Y > X (*d*) Z > Y > X

D9. Ce (Z = 58) and Yb (Z = 70) exhibit stable +4 and +2 oxidation states respectively. This is because

(*a*) Ce^{4+} and Yb^{2+} acquire f^7 configurations

(*b*) Ce^{4+} and Yb^{2+} acquire f^0 configurations

(*c*) Ce^{4+} and Yb^{2+} acquire f^0 and f^{14} configurations

(*d*) Ce^{4+} and Yb^{2+} acquire f^7 and f^{14} configurations

D10. Which of the following statements is not true ?

(*a*) La $(OH)_3$ is more basic than $Lu(OH)_3$

(*b*) All *f*-block elements are radioactive in nature.

(*c*) The principal oxidation state of lanthanides is +3.

(*d*) The size of trivalent lanthanide ions decrease in 4*f* block series.

Answers

Passage - II. D7. *(a)* **D8.** *(a)* **D9.** *(c)* **D10.** *(b)*

Assertion Reason Type Questions

The questions given below consist of an Assertion and the Reason. Use the following key to choose the appropriate answer :

(*a*) If both assertion and reason are CORRECT and reason is the correct explanation of the assertion.

(*b*) If both assertion and reason are CORRECT, but reason is NOT THE CORRECT explanation of the assertion.

(*c*) If assertion is CORRECT but reason is INCORRECT.

(*d*) If assertion is INCORRECT but reason is CORRECT.

(*e*) If both assertion and reason are INCORRECT.

1. Assertion : Tungsten has very high melting point.
Reason : Tungsten is a covalent compound.

2. Assertion : Cuprous salts are diamagnetic.
Reason : Cu^+ has 3*d*-filled subshell.

3. Assertion : Fe^{2+} has $3d^6$ electronic configuration.
Reason : Electrons are lost from 4*s*-orbital to form Fe^{2+} ion.

4. Assertion : $La(OH)_3$ is less basic than $Lu(OH)_3$.
Reason : Basic character of hydroxides of lanthanoids increase on moving from La^{3+} to Lu^{3+}.

5. Assertion : $FeCl_3$ reacts with KCNS to give blood red colouration.
Reason : $FeCl_3$ reacts with KCNS to form potassium ferro-ferricyanide.

6. Assertion : Sodium chloride used to clear snow on the roads.
Reason : The alkaline solution of potassium dichromate contains CrO_4^{2-} ions.

7. Assertion : Zn^{2+} and Cu^{2+} are colourless.
Reason : Both Zn^{2+} and Cu^{2+} contain 3*d*-filled subshell.

8. Assertion : There is a continuous decrease in size among lanthanoids.
Reason : Lanthanoids show lanthanoid contraction.

9. Assertion : Lanthanoids show a limited number of oxidation states whereas actinoids show a large number of oxidation states.
Reason : Energy gap between 4*f*, 5*d* and 6*s* subshells is small whereas that between 5*f*, 6*d* and 7*s* subshells is large.

10. Assertion : E° value of $Mn^{3+}\,|\,Mn^{2+}$ is more positive than for $Cr^{3+}\,|\,Cr^{2+}$.
Reason : Cr^{3+} is more stable than Cr^{2+} but Mn^{3+} is less stable than Mn^{2+}.

Answers

1. *(c)* **2.** *(a)* **3.** *(a)* **4.** *(e)* **5.** *(c)* **6.** *(d)* **7.** *(e)* **8.** *(a)* **9.** *(c)* **10.** *(a)*

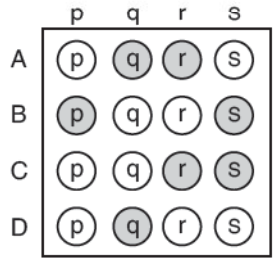
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Matrix Match Type Questions

Each question contains statements given in two columns, which have to be matched. Statements in Column I are labelled as A, B, C and D whereas statements in Column II are labelled as *p*, *q*, *r* and *s*. Match the entries of Column I with appropriate entries of Column II. Each entry in Column I may have one or more than one correct option from Column II. The answers to these questions have to be appropriately bubbled as illustrated in the following example.

If the correct matches are A-*q*, A-*r*, B-*p*, B-*s*, C-*r*, C-*s* and D-*q*, then the correctly bubbled matrix will look like the following:



1. Match the element in Column I with the property mentioned in Column II

Column I		Column II	
(A)	Actinium	(*p*)	show oxidation state of +4
(B)	Terbium	(*q*)	show oxidation state of +3
(C)	Ytterbium	(*r*)	show oxidation state of +2
(D)	Uranium	(*s*)	are radioactive in nature

2. Match the element in Column I with appropriate statement in Column II

Column I		Column II	
(A)	Uranium	(*p*)	forms colourless compounds
(B)	Lutetium	(*q*)	used for making incandescent gas mentles.
(C)	Thorium	(*r*)	forms oxo ions
(D)	Cerium	(*s*)	belongs to 5*f* series

Answers

(1) : (A) – (*q*), (*s*) (B) – (*p*), (*q*) (C) – (*q*), (*r*) (D) – (*p*), (*q*), (*s*)

(2) : (A) – (*r*), (*s*) (B) – (*p*) (C) – (*p*), (*q*), (*s*) (D) – (*p*), (*q*)

Integer Type Questions

Integer Type: The answer to each of the following questions is a **single-digit**-integer ranging from 0 to 9.

1. Acidified $KMnO_4$ oxidises H_2O_2 to H_2O and O_2. The coefficient of H_2O_2 in the balanced chemical reaction of $KMnO_4$ with H_2O_2 in the presence of dil H_2SO_4 is
2. The number of electrons present in the 4*f*-subshell of Gd (Z = 64) is
3. The number of amphoteric oxides among Cr_2O_3, V_2O_5, CrO, Mn_2O_7, NiO, Fe_2O_3, Mn_3O_4, VO_2, Cu_2O, MnO_2, CrO_2 is
4. The number of paramagnetic ions among Ti^{3+}, Cr^{3+}, Ti^{4+}, Fe^{2+}, Co^{2+}, Zn^{2+}, Cu^{+}; V^{3+}, Mn^{2+} is
5. The magnetic moment of a transition metal ion is found to be 4.90 BM. The number of unpaired electrons present in the ion is
6. The oxidation number of Mn *x* the product of alkaline oxidative fusion of MnO_2 is + *x* . The value of *x* is
7. In neutral or faintly alkaline solution, 8 moles of permanganate anion quantitatively oxidise thiosulphate anions to produce X moles of a sulphur containing product. The magnitude of X is

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Answers

1. 5 **2.** 7 **3.** 6 **4.** 6 **5.** 4 **6.** 6 **7.** 6

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NCERT Exemplar Problems

Objective Questions

Multiple Choice Questions (Type-I)

1. Electronic configuration of a transition element X in +3 oxidation state is [Ar]$3d^5$. What is its atomic number?
(*a*) 25 (*b*) 26 (*c*) 27 (*d*) 24

2. The electronic configuration of Cu (II) is $3d^9$ whereas that of Cu (I) is $3d^{10}$. Which of the following is correct?
(*a*) Cu (II) is more stable
(*b*) Cu (II) is less stable
(*c*) Cu (I) and Cu (II) are equally stable
(*d*) Stability of Cu (I) and Cu (II) depends on nature of copper salts

3. Metallic radii of some transition elements are given below.

Element	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu
Metallic radii/pm	126	125	125	128

Which of these elements will have highest density ?
(*a*) Fe (*b*) Ni (*c*) Co (*d*) Cu

4. Generally transition elements form coloured salts due to the presence of unpaired electrons. Which of the following compounds will be coloured in solid state ?
(*a*) Ag_2SO_4 (*b*) CuF_2
(*c*) ZnF_2 (*d*) Cu_2Cl_2

5. On addition of small amount of $KMnO_4$ to concentrated H_2SO_4 , a green oily compound is obtained which is highly explosive in nature. Identify the compound from the following.
(*a*) Mn_2O_7 (*b*) MnO_2 (*c*) $MnSO_4$ (*d*) Mn_2O_3

6. The magnetic nature of elements depends on the presence of unpaired electrons. Identify the configuration of transition element, which shows highest magnetic moment.
(*a*) $3d^7$ (*b*) $3d^5$ (*c*) $3d^8$ (*d*) $3d^2$

7. Which of the following oxidation state is common for all lanthanoids ?
(*a*) +2 (*b*) +3 (*c*) +4 (*d*) +5

8. Which of the following reactions are disproportionation reactions ?
(*i*) $Cu^+ \longrightarrow Cu^{2+} + Cu$
(*ii*) $3MnO_4^{2-} + 4H^+ \longrightarrow 2MnO_4^- + MnO_2 + 2H_2O$
(*iii*) $2KMnO_4 \longrightarrow K_2MnO_4 + MnO_2 + O_2$
(*iv*) $2MnO_4^- + 3Mn^{2+} + 2H_2O \longrightarrow 5MnO_2 + 4H^+$
(*a*) *i, ii* (*b*) *i, ii, iii*
(*c*) *ii, iii, iv* (*d*) *i, iv*

9. When $KMnO_4$ solution is added to oxalic acid solution, the decolourisation is slow in the beginning but becomes instantaneous after some time because
(*a*) CO_2 is formed as the product
(*b*) Reaction is exothermic
(*c*) MnO_4^- catalyses the reaction
(*d*) Mn^{2+} acts as autocatalyst

10. There are 14 elements in actinoid series. Which of the following elements does not belong to this series?
(*a*) U (*b*) Np (*c*) Tm (*d*) Fm

11. $KMnO_4$ acts as an oxidising agent in acidic medium. The number of moles of $KMnO_4$ that will be needed to react with one mole of sulphide ions in acidic solution is
(*a*) $\frac{2}{5}$ (*b*) $\frac{3}{5}$ (*c*) $\frac{4}{5}$ (*d*) $\frac{1}{5}$

12. Which of the following is amphoteric oxide?
Mn_2O_7, CrO_3 , Cr_2O_3 , CrO, V_2O_5 , V_2O_4
(*a*) V_2O_5 , Cr_2O_3 (*b*) Mn_2O_7, CrO_3
(*c*) CrO, V_2O_5 (*d*) V_2O_5, V_2O_4

13. Gadolinium belongs to *4f* series. It's atomic number is 64. Which of the following is the correct electronic configuration of gadolinium ?
(*a*) [Xe] $4f^7\ 5d^1 6s^2$ (*b*) [Xe] $4f^6\ 5d^2\ 6s^2$
(*c*) [Xe] $4f^8\ 6d^2$ (*d*) [Xe] $4f^9\ 5s^1$

14. Interstitial compounds are formed when small atoms are trapped inside the crystal lattice of metals. Which of the following is not the characteristic property of interstitial compounds ?
(*a*) They have high melting points in comparison to pure metals
(*b*) They are very hard
(*c*) They retain metallic conductivity
(*d*) They are chemically very reactive

15. The magnetic moment is associated with its spin angular momentum and orbital angular momentum. Spin only magnetic moment value of Cr^{3+} ion is _____.
(*a*) 2.87 B.M. (*b*) 3.87 B.M. (*c*) 3.47 B.M. (*d*) 3.57 B.M.

16. $KMnO_4$ acts as an oxidising agent in alkaline medium. When alkaline $KMnO_4$ is treated with KI, iodide ion is oxidised to _____.
(*a*) I_2 (*b*) IO^- (*c*) IO_3^- (*d*) IO_4^-

17. Which of the following statements is not correct ?
(*a*) Copper liberates hydrogen from acids.
(*b*) In its higher oxidation states, manganese forms stable compounds with oxygen and fluorine.
(*c*) Mn^{3+} and Co^{3+} are oxidising agents in aqueous solution.
(*d*) Ti^{2+} and Cr^{2+} are reducing agents in aqueous solution.

18. When acidified $K_2Cr_2O_7$ solution is added to Sn^{2+} salts then Sn^{2+} changes to
(*a*) Sn (*b*) Sn^{3+} (*c*) Sn^{4+} (*d*) Sn^+

Answers

1. *(b)*	**2.** *(a)*	**3.** *(d)*	**4.** *(b)*	**5.** *(a)*	**6.** *(b)*	**7.** *(b)*	**8.** *(a)*	**9.** *(d)*	**10.** *(c)*
11. *(a)*	**12.** *(a)*	**13.** *(a)*	**14.** *(d)*	**15.** *(b)*	**16.** *(c)*	**17.** *(a)*	**18.** *(c)*		

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19. Highest oxidation state of manganese in fluoride is +4 (MnF_4) but highest oxidation state in oxides is +7 (Mn_2O_7) because _____.
(*a*) fluorine is more electronegative than oxygen.
(*b*) fluorine does not possess *d*-orbitals.
(*c*) fluorine stabilises lower oxidation state.
(*d*) in covalent compounds fluorine can form single bond only while oxygen forms double bond.

20. Although Zirconium belongs to *4d* transition series and Hafnium to *5d* transition series even then they show similar physical and chemical properties because_____.
(*a*) both belong to *d*-block
(*b*) both have same number of electrons
(*c*) both have similar atomic radius
(*d*) both belong to the same group of the periodic table

21. Why is HCl not used to make the medium acidic in oxidation reactions of $KMnO_4$ in acidic medium ?
(*a*) Both HCl and $KMnO_4$ act as oxidising agents.
(*b*) $KMnO_4$ oxidises HCl into Cl_2 which is also an oxidising agent.
(*c*) $KMnO_4$ is a weaker oxidising agent than HCl.
(*d*) $KMnO_4$ acts as a reducing agent in the presence of HCl.

Answers

19. *(d)* **20.** *(c)* **21.** *(b)*

Multiple Choice Questions (Type-II)

Note : *In the following questions two or more options may be correct.*

22. Generally transition elements and their salts are coloured due to the presence of unpaired electrons in metal ions. Which of the following compounds are coloured ?
(*a*) $KMnO_4$ (*b*) $Ce(SO_4)_2$ (*c*) $TiCl_4$ (*d*) Cu_2Cl_2

23. Transition elements show magnetic moment due to spin and orbital motion of electrons. Which of the following metallic ions have almost same spin only magnetic moment?
(*a*) Co^{2+} (*b*) Cr^{2+} (*c*) Mn^{2+} (*d*) Cr^{3+}

24. In the form of dichromate, Cr (VI) is a strong oxidising agent in acidic medium but Mo (VI) in MoO_3 and W (VI) in WO_3 are not because _____.
(*a*) Cr (VI) is more stable than Mo (VI) and W (VI)
(*b*) Mo (VI) and W (VI) are more stable than Cr (VI)
(*c*) Higher oxidation states of heavier members of Group-6 of transition series are more stable
(*d*) Lower oxidation states of heavier members of Group-6 of transition series are more stable

25. Which of the following actinoids show oxidation states upto +7 ?
(*a*) Am (*b*) Pu (*c*) U (*d*) Np

26. General electronic configuration of actionoids is $(n-2)f^{1-14}\ (n\text{-}1)d^{0-2}ns^2$. Which of the following actinoids have one electron in *6d* orbital ?
(*a*) U (Atomic no. 92) (*b*) Np (Atomic no.93)
(*c*) Pu (Atomic no. 94) (*d*) Am (Atomic no. 95)

27. Which of the following lanthanoids show +2 oxidation state besides the characteristic oxidation state +3 of lanthanoids ?
(*a*) Ce (*b*) Eu (*c*) Yb (*d*) Ho

28. Which of the following ions show higher spin only magnetic moment value ?
(*a*) Ti^{3+} (*b*) Mn^{2+} (*c*) Fe^{2+} (*d*) Co^{3+}

29. Transition elements form binary compounds with halogens. Which of the following elements will form MF_3 type compounds ?
(*a*) Cr (*b*) Co (*c*) Cu (*d*) Ni

30. Which of the following will not act as oxidising agents ?
(*a*) CrO_3 (*b*) MoO_3 (*c*) WO_3 (*d*) CrO_4^{2-}

31. Although +3 is the characteristic oxidation state for lanthanoids but cerium also shows +4 oxidation state because _____.
(*a*) it has variable ionisation enthalpy
(*b*) it has a tendency to attain noble gas configuration
(*c*) it has a tendency to attain f^0 configuration
(*d*) it resembles Pb^{4+}

Matching Type Questions

Note : *Match the items of Column I and Column II in the following questions.*

32. Match the catalysts given in Column I with the processes given in Column II.

Column I (Catalyst)	Column II (Process)
(*a*) Ni in the presence of hydrogen	(*i*) Zieglar Natta catalyst
(*b*) Cu_2Cl_2	(*ii*) Contact process
(*c*) V_2O_5	(*iii*) Vegetable oil to ghee
(*d*) Finely divided iron	(*iv*) Sandmeyer reaction
(*e*) $TiCl_4 + Al(CH_3)_3$	(*v*) Haber's Process
	(*vi*) Decomposition of $KClO_3$

Answers

22. *(a),(b)* **23.** *(a),(d)* **24.** *(b),(c)* **25.** *(b),(d)* **26.** *(a),(b)* **27.** *(b),(c)* **28.** *(b), (c)* **29.** *(a),(b)* **30.** *(b),(c)* **31.** *(b),(c)*
32. (*a*) —(*iii*) ; (*b*) — (*iv*) ; (*c*) — (*ii*) ; (*d*) — (*v*) ; (*e*) — (*i*)

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33. Match the compounds/elements given in Column I with uses given in Column II.

Column I (Compound/element)	Column II (Use)
(*a*) Lanthanoid oxide	(*i*) Production of iron alloy
(*b*) Lanthanoid	(*ii*) Television screen
(*c*) Misch metal	(*iii*) Petroleum cracking
(*d*) Magnesium based alloy is constituent of	(*iv*) Lanthanoid metal + iron
(*e*) Mixed oxides of lanthanoids are employed	(*v*) Bullets
	(*vi*) In X-ray screen

34. Match the properties given in Column I with the metals given in Column II.

Column I (Property)	Column II (Metal)
(*a*) An element which can show +8 oxidation state	(*i*) Mn
(*b*) *3d* block element that can show upto +7 oxidation state	(*ii*) Cr
	(*iii*) Os
(*c*) *3d* block element with highest melting point	(*iv*) Fe

35. Match the statements given in Column I with the oxidation states given in Column II.

Column I	Column II
(*a*) Oxidation state of Mn in MnO_2 is	(*i*) +2
(*b*) Most stable oxidation state of Mn is	(*ii*) +3
(*c*) Most stable oxidation state of Mn in oxides is	(*iii*) +4
	(*iv*) +5
(*d*) Characteristic oxidation state of lanthanoids is	(*v*) +7

36. Match the solutions given in Column I and the colours given in Column II.

Column I (Aqueous solution of salt)	Column II (Colour)
(*a*) $FeSO_4.7H_2O$	(*i*) Green
(*b*) $NiCl_2.4H_2O$	(*ii*) Light pink
(*c*) $MnCl_2.4H_2O$	(*iii*) Blue
(*d*) $CoCl_2.6H_2O$	(*iv*) Pale green
(*e*) Cu_2Cl_2	(*v*) Pink
	(*vi*) Colourless

37. Match the property given in Column I with the element given in Column II.

Column I (Property)	Column II (Element)
(*a*) Lanthanoid which shows +4 oxidation state	(*i*) Pm
(*b*) Lanthanoid which can show +2 oxidation state	(*ii*) Ce
(*c*) Radioactive lanthanoid	(*iii*) Lu
(*d*) Lanthanoid which has $4f^7$ electronic configuration in +3 oxidation state	(*iv*) Eu
(*e*) Lanthanoid which has $4f^{14}$ electronic configuration in +3 oxidation state	(*v*) Gd
	(*vi*) Dy

38. Match the properties given in Column I with the metals given in Column II.

Column I (Property)	Column II (Metal)
(*a*) Element with highest second ionisation enthalpy	(*i*) Co
(*b*) Element with highest third ionisation enthalpy	(*ii*) Cr
(*c*) M in $M(CO)_6$ is	(*iii*) Cu
(*d*) Element with highest heat of atomisation	(*iv*) Zn
	(*v*) Ni

Assertion and Reason Type Questions

Note : *In the following questions a statement of assertion followed by a statement of reason is given. Choose the correct answer out of the following choices.*

(*a*) Both assertion and reason are true, and reason is the correct explanation of the assertion.
(*b*) Both assertion and reason are true but reason is not the correct explanation of assertion.
(*c*) Assertion is not true but reason is true.
(*d*) Both assertion and reason are false.

39. Assertion : Cu^{2+} iodide is not known.
Reason : Cu^{2+} oxidises I^- to iodine.

40. Assertion : Separation of Zr and Hf is difficult.
Reason : Because Zr and Hf lie in the same group of the periodic table.

41. Assertion : Actinoids form relatively less stable complexes as compared to lanthanoids.
Reason : Actinoids can utilise their *5f* orbitals along with *6d* orbitals in bonding but lanthanoids do not use their *4f* orbital for bonding.

42. Assertion : Cu cannot liberate hydrogen from acids.
Reason : Because it has positive electrode potential.

43. Assertion : The highest oxidation state of osmium is +8.
Reason : Osmium is a *5d*-block element.

Answers

33. (*a*) — (*ii*) ; (*b*) — (*i*) ; (*c*) — (*iv*) ; (*d*) — (*v*) ; (*e*) — (*iii*)
34. (*a*) — (*iii*) ; (*b*) — (*i*) ; (*c*) — (*ii*);
35. (*a*) — (*iii*) ; (*b*) — (*i*) ; (*c*) — (*v*) ; (*d*) — (*ii*)
36. (*a*) — (*iv*) ; (*b*) — (*i*) ; (*c*) — (*ii*) ; (*d*) — (*v*); (*e*) — (*vi*);
37. (*a*) — (*ii*) ; (*b*) — (*iv*) ; (*c*) — (*i*) ; (*d*) — (*v*) ; (*e*) — (*iii*)
38. (*a*) — (*iii*) ; (*b*) — (*iv*) ; (*c*) — (*ii*) ; (*d*) — (*i*)
39. (*a*) **40.** (*b*) **41.** (*c*) **42.** (*a*) **43.** (*b*)

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Hints & Explanations for *Difficult Objective Type Questions*

A. *mcq with only one correct answer*

A2. (*b*) : Zn^{2+} has $3d^{10}$ configuration and does not have vacant *d*-subshell.
Orange because of formation of $K_2Cr_2O_7$.

A6. (*c*) : The colour of *d*-block elements is due to *d-d* transition within same subshell.

A8. (*c*) :
$$\mu = \sqrt{n(n+2)}\ \text{B.M.}$$
$$\sqrt{n(n+2)} = 3.87$$
$$n(n+2) = (3.87)^2 = 14.98$$
$$\therefore \quad n = 3$$
No. of unpaired electron in different ions :
Fe^{2+} : $3d^6$ = 4, Ti^{3+} : $3d^1$ = 1
Cr^{3+} : $3d^3$ = 3, Ni^{2+} : $3d^8$ = 2
It corresponds to Cr^{3+}.

A9. (*b*) : Number of oxidation states is equal to number of valence electrons. Since number of valence electrons in $3d^5\ 4s^2$ is maximum, it shows maximum number of oxidation states.

A11. (*b*) : Ionic radii in general decrease along a period.

A12. (*d*) : In CrO_4^{2-}, Cr is in +6 oxidation state and has d^0 configuration. The colour is due to charge transfer and not due to *d-d* transition.

A13. (*c*) :
$$\underset{\text{(Orange)}}{K_2Cr_2O_7} + 2KOH \longrightarrow \underset{\text{(Yellow)}}{2K_2CrO_4} + H_2O$$
$$2K_2CrO_4 + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{(Orange)}}{K_2Cr_2O_7} + K_2SO_4 + H_2O$$

A14. (*b*) : K_2MnO_4 (+6) $\longrightarrow KMnO_4$ (+7)
Change in oxidation number = +1

A17. (*c*) : $2KMnO_4 \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} K_2MnO_4 + MnO_2 + O_2$

A18. (*a*) : Acidic character increases with increase in oxidation state of metal.

A24. (*a*) : $2MnO_4^- + 5SO_3^{2-} + 6H^+ \longrightarrow 2Mn^{2+} + 5SO_4^{2-} + 3H_2O$
$\therefore$ 5 mol of SO_3^{2-} = 2 mol of MnO_4^-
1 mol of $SO_3^{2-} = \frac{2}{5}$ mol of MnO_4^-

A25. (*a*) :
$\overset{+7}{K}Mn\overset{+7}{O}_4 \longrightarrow \overset{+4}{Mn}O_2$ (3 electrons)
$\overset{+7}{K}Mn\overset{+7}{O}_4 \longrightarrow Mn^{2+}$ (5 electrons)
$\overset{+7}{K}Mn\overset{+7}{O}_4 \longrightarrow \overset{+3}{Mn}(OH)_3$ (4 electrons)
$\overset{+7}{K}Mn\overset{+7}{O}_4 \longrightarrow \overset{+6}{Mn}O_4^{2-}$ (1 electron)

A26. (*d*) : With the decrease in size of metal atom from Ti to Fe, the basic character of their monoxides decreases.

A27. (*b*) : pH = 11 means basic medium and therefore, $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$ ion changes to CrO_4^{2-} ion.
$$Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 2OH^- \longrightarrow 2CrO_4^{2-} + H_2O$$

A28. (*b*) : The basic character of hydroxides of lanthanides decreases along the series from La to Lu. So $La(OH)_3$ is strongest base.

A35. (*a*) : $La(OH)_3$ is more basic than $Lu(OH)_3$ because as the size of lanthanoid ions decreases from La^{3+} to Lu^{3+}, the covalent character increases and hence basic strength of their hydroxides decreases.

A36. (*b*) : In the lanthanoids series, the size decreases from La^{3+} to Lu^{3+}.

A37. (*a*) : Ce^{4+} has a tendency to form Ce^{3+} and therefore, acts as an oxidising agent.

B. *mcq from Competitive Examinations*

B1. (*b*) : Mn^{3+} = [Ar]$3d^4$, Cr^{3+} : [Ar]$3d^5$; V^{3+}: [Ar] $3d^2$, Ti^{3+} : [Ar] $3d^1$
In aqueous solution, there is splitting of *d*-orbitals. In Cr^{3+} all the three *d* electrons enter into lower t_{2g} orbitals *i.e.*, t_{2g}^3 configuration. Therefore, it has maximum stability.

B3. (*b*) : Number of oxidation states = Number of valence electrons. Since number of valence electrons is maximum in $3d^5 4s^2$, it shows maximum number of oxidation states.

B4. (*d*) : Ti^{3+} has one electron in *d*-subshell. All other have fully filled *d*- or *f*-subshell.
Lu^{3+} : [Xe]$4f^{14}$ Sc^{3+} : [Ar]
La^{3+} : [Xe] $5d^\circ\ 6s^0$ Ti^{3+} : [Ar]$3d^1$

B5. (*a*) : Zr^{4+} and Hf^{4+} have similar ionic radii due to lanthanoid contraction.

B6. (*a*) : $K_2Cr_2O_7 + 3Na_2SO_3 + 4H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow 3Na_2SO_4 + K_2SO_4 + Cr_2(SO_4)_3$

B7. (*a*) : Mn^{2+} ($3d^5$) has highest stabilization due to half filled configuration. Fe^{2+} ($3d^6$) is less stable because of one extra electron in half filled configuration. Cr^{2+} (d^4) has one vacant subshell and Fe^{2+} is more stabilized as compared to Cr^{2+} because of exchange energy.
Correct corder:
Mn > Fe > Cr > Co

B8. (*b*) : $K_2Cr_2O_7$ is preferred over $Na_2Cr_2O_7$ in volumetric analysis because $Na_2Cr_2O_7$ is deliquescent.

B9. (*b*) : $(NH_4)_2\ Cr_2O_7$ on heating gives N_2 :
$$(NH_4)_2\ Cr_2O_7 \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} Cr_2O_3 + N_2\uparrow + 4H_2O$$

B10. (*b*) : Sm^{2+} (Z = 62) : [Xe] $4\ f^6$; Eu^{2+} (Z = 63) : [Xe] $4f^7$; Yb^{2+} (Z = 70) : [Xe] $4f^{14}$; Ce^{2+} (Z = 58) : [Xe] $4f^1, 5d^1$
Yb^{2+} is diamagnetic.

B12. (*b*) : $2\,KMnO_4 + 5H_2O_2 + 3H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow K_2SO_4 + 2MnSO_4 + 8H_2O + 5O_2$.
or $2MnO_4^- + 5H_2O_2 + 6H^- \longrightarrow 2Mn^{2+} + 8H_2O + 5O_2$.

B13. (*b*) : μ = 2.83 B.M. corresponds to 2 unpaired electrons.
Ni^{2+} : $3d^8$. ⇅ ⇅ ⇅ ↑ ↑

B14. (*a*) : Gd : [Xe]$4f^7\ 5d^1\ 6s^2$

B15. (*a*) : Because of lanthanoid contraction, Zr and Hf have same atomic radii.

B16. (*b*) : $K_2Cr_2O_7 + SO_2 + 3H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow K_2SO_4 + \underset{\text{(Green)}}{Cr_2(SO_4)_3} + 3H_2O$

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$K_2Cr_2O_7 + 6H_2SO_4 + 4NaCl \longrightarrow 2KHSO_4 + 4NaHSO_4 + 2CrO_2Cl_2 + 3H_2O$
(orange red vapour)

$4NaOH + CrO_2Cl_2 \longrightarrow Na_2CrO_4 + 2NaCl + 2H_2O$
(yellow)

B17. (*b*) : Eu (Z = 63) : [Xe] $4f^7\ 6s^2$
Gd (Z = 64) : [Xe] $4f^7\ 5d^1\ 6s^2$
Tb (Z = 65) : [Xe] $4f^9\ 6s^2$

B19. (*a*) : SO_2 readily decolourises acidified $KMnO_4$ solution.

B20. (*b*) : Actinoids show greater range of oxidation states because of comparable energies of 5*f*, 6*d* and 7*s* energy levels.

B21. (*d*) :

CrO_4^{2-}	Cr(VI)	$3d^0$	: Diamagnetic
$Cr_2O_7^{2-}$	Cr(VI)	$3d^0$	: Diamagnetic
MnO_4^-	Mn(VII)	$3d^0$	: Diamagnetic
MnO_4^{2-}	Mn(VI)	$3d^1$	: Paramagnetic

In MnO_4^{2-}, one unpaired electron is present in *d*-orbitals and therefore, *d*–*d* transition is possible

B22. (*a*) : Co^{3+} : [Ar]$3d^6$
No. of unpaired electrons = 4
Spin magnetic moment, $\mu = \sqrt{4(4+2)} = \sqrt{24}$ B.M.
Cr^{3+} : [Ar]$3d^3$
No. of unpaired electrons = 3
$\mu = \sqrt{3(3+2)} = \sqrt{15}$ B.M.
Fe^{3+} : [Ar]$3d^5$
No. of unpaired electrons = 5
$\mu = \sqrt{5(5+2)} = \sqrt{35}$ B.M.
Ni^{2+} : [Ar]$3d^8$
No. of unpaired electrons = 2
$\mu = \sqrt{2(2+2)} = \sqrt{8}$ B.M
So, correct option is
A–(*iv*), B–(*v*), C–(*ii*), D–(*i*)

B23. (*d*) : In group 3:
Sc^{3+} (73 pm),
Y^{3+} (90 pm),
La^{3+} (106 pm), Eu^{3+} (95 pm), Lu^{3+} (86 pm)
Thus correct order : $Lu^{3+} < Y^{3+} < Eu^{3+} < La^{3+}$

B24. (*b*) : HCl is oxidised by $KMnO_4$ to Cl_2.

B26. (*d*) : Generally, the oxides in lower oxidation states (V_2O_3, CrO) are basic.

B27. (*c*) : Mn_2O_7 is acidic, V_2O_5 is amphoteric and CrO is basic.

B28. (*e*) : $Cu^{2+}|Cu$ has positive standard electrode potential.

B29. (*a*) : $KMnO_4$ can oxidise HCl also (along with $H_2C_2O_4$) into Cl_2 and itself gets reduced to Mn^{2+}.

B30. (*c*) :

	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co
$E^\circ_{(M^{2+}\mid M)}$	−0.91	−1.18	−0.44	−0.28

order is Mn > Cr > Fe > Co

B31. (*d*) : The common oxidation state of lanthanoids is +3.

B32. (*c*) : Ferrous compounds are more easily hydrolysed than the corresponding ferric compounds is incorrect statement.

B34. (*b*) : No. of unpaired electrons V^{2+} (3), Cr^{2+} (4), Mn^{2+} (5), Fe^{2+} (4). Therefore, paramagnetic character is $V^{2+} < Cr^{2+} = Fe^{2+} < Mn^{2+}$

B35. (*d*) : Sequence (*d*) is correct.

$Fe \xrightarrow{O_2\ heat} Fe_3O_4$. This reaction is combustion of iron.

$Fe_3O_4 \xrightarrow{CO,\ 600^\circ C} FeO \xrightarrow{CO,\ 700^\circ C} Fe$

These reactions correspond to production of iron by reduction of Fe_3O_4 in blast furnace.

B36. (*a*) : In $KMnO_4$, Mn is in +7 oxidation state having d^0 configuration. So it can not show *d* – *d* transition. The colour of $KMnO_4$ is due to charge transfer spectra from ligand (L) to metal (M) i.e. L → M.

B37. (*b*) : In (*i*) ZnO acts as an acidic oxide (reacts with basic oxide, Na_2O)
In (*ii*) ZnO acts as basic oxide (reacts with acidic oxide, CO_2.)

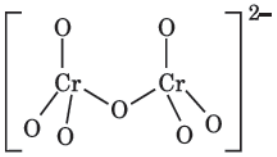
B38. (*b*) :
1. Electronic configuration of Mn is $3d^5 4s^2$ and hence it shows +7 oxidation state.
2. Zn does not form coloured ions because it has completely filled $3d^{10}$ configuration.
3. $[CoF_6]^{3-}$ is paramagnetic complex having 3 unpaired electrons because it is outer orbital complex.
4. Sc ($3d^1\ 4s^2$) can show only +3 oxidation state.
5. Zinc exhibits only +2 stable oxidation state.

So, 1 and 5 are correct.

B40. (*d*) : $KMnO_4$ gets reduced to MnO_2 in neutral medium, MnO_2 in alkaline medium and Mn^{2+} ions in acidic medium.

B41. (*b*) : Yellow precipitate formed during chromyl chloride test is due to $PbCrO_4$.

B42. (*e*) : In $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$



There are six equivalent Cr–O bonds and one Cr – O – Cr bond.

B43. (*b*) : Zr^{4+} and Hf^{4+} possess almost the same ionic radii due to lanthanide contraction and Ce^{4+} is an oxidising agent. $La(OH)_3$ is the most basic among the lanthanide hydroxides.

B44. (*d*) : Acidified $K_2Cr_2O_7$ solution reacts with hydrogen peroxide to give a deep blue solution due to the formation of peroxo compound, CrO_5.

$K_2Cr_2O_7 + H_2SO_4 + 4H_2O_2 \longrightarrow 2CrO_5 + K_2SO_4 + 5H_2O$

B45. (*b*) : $K_2Cr_2O_7 + 6H_2SO_4 + 4KCl \longrightarrow \underset{\text{reddish brown}}{2CrO_2Cl_2} + 6KHSO_4 + 3H_2O$

B46. (*c*) : V^{3+} (Z=23) : $3d^2$ Unpaired electrons = 2.
Number of unpaired electrons in Ti^{3+} : $3d^1$ (1); Fe^{3+} : $3d^5$ (5), Ni^{2+} : $3d^8$(2) ; Cr^{3+} : $3d^3$ (3), Mn^{2+} : $3d^5$(5).
Therefore, Ni^{2+} has same number of unpaired electrons as V^{3+}.

B47. (*b*) : They show highest oxidation state of +7.

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B48. (*a*) : Ce (Z=58) : $[Xe]4f^2\ 6s^2$
Ce^{3+} : $[Xe]\ 4f^1$

B50. (*a*) : Moles of $FeSO_4 = \frac{20}{152} = 0.132$ mol

$Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 6Fe^{2+} + 14H^+ \longrightarrow 2Cr^{3+} + 6Fe^{3+} + 7H_2O$

6 mol of $Fe^{2+} \equiv 1$ mol of $K_2Cr_2O_7$

0.132 mol of $Fe^{2+} = \frac{1}{6} \times 0.132 = 0.022$ mol of $K_2Cr_2O_7$

Mass of 0.022 mol of $K_2Cr_2O_7 = 0.022 \times 294 = 6.468$ g

B51. (*d*) : Ionic radii of trivalent lanthanoids decrease with increase in atomic number. This phenomenon is called lanthanoid contraction.

B52. (*d*) : The oxidation state of lanthanoids is +3 and that of sulphur is –2. Therefore, formula is Ln_2S_3

B54. (*b*) : Cr^{3+} ion with $d^3(t_{2g}^3)$ configuration has favourable crystal field stabilization energy.

B55. (*a*) : Magnetic moment, $\mu = \sqrt{n(n+2)}$
n = number of unpaired electrons.
Ti^{3+} (Z = 22) : [Ar] $3d^1$ (n = 1)

$\mu = \sqrt{1(1+2)} = \sqrt{3} = 1.73$ B.M

V^{2+} (Z = 23): [Ar] $3d^3$ (n = 3)

$\mu = \sqrt{3(3+2)} = \sqrt{15}$ B.M = 3.87 B.M

Fe^{2+} (Z = 26) : [Ar] $3d^6$ (n = 4)

$\mu = \sqrt{4(4+2)} = \sqrt{24}$ B.M. = 4.9 B.M.

B56. (*a*) : Mn^{2+} has maximum number (5) of unpaired electrons. Therefore, it has maximum paramagnetic character.

B57. (*a*) : $\underset{(A)}{MnO_2} + 4HCl \longrightarrow MnCl_2 + 2H_2O + \underset{(B)}{Cl_2}$

$3Cl_2 + \underset{(excess)}{NH_3} \longrightarrow \underset{(C)}{NCl_3} + 3HCl$

B58. (*a*) : Electronic configuration of Mn^{2+} is [Ar] $3d^5$. It has stable half filled configuration. Therefore, it has a high 3rd ionisation energy and is stable towards oxidation to their +3 oxidation state.

B59. (*d*) : Many of the trivalent lanthanoid ions are coloured both in the solid state as well as in solution.

B61. (*d*) : No. of unpaired electrons:
$3d^2 = 2$, $3d^8 = 2$
$3d^7 = 3$, $3d^5 = 5$
Therefore, $3d^5$ configuration has maximum number of unpaired electrons and hence highest magnetic moment.

B62. (*a*) : $MnO_2 + 2KOH + KNO_3 \longrightarrow \underset{(green)}{K_2MnO_4} + KNO_2 + H_2O$

B63. (*b*) : (*a*) $2\overset{+6}{Cr}O_4^{2-} + 2H^+ \longrightarrow \overset{+6}{Cr_2}O_7^{2-} + H_2O$

(*b*) $\overset{+6}{Cr_2}O_7^{2-} + 2H^+ + 3SO_2 \longrightarrow \overset{+3}{Cr_2}(SO_4)_3 + H_2O$

(*c*) $\overset{+6}{Cr_2}O_7^{2-} + 2OH^- \longrightarrow \overset{+6}{Cr_2}O_4^{2-} + H_2O$

(*d*) Ammonical solution of CrO_4^{2-} is $(NH_4)_2\overset{+6}{Cr}O_4$

(*e*) $\overset{+6}{Cr}O_2Cl_2 + 4NaOH \longrightarrow Na_2\overset{+6}{Cr}O_4 + 2H_2O + 2NaCl$

B64. (*b*) : $(n-1)d^5n^2$ configuration can exhibit +7 oxidation state.

B65. (*a*) : V_2O_5 (amphoteric), Cr_2O_3 (amphoteric), (Mn_2O_7) (acidic), CrO (basic), V_2O_4 (basic)

B66. (*c*) : In alkaline medium,

$2KMnO_4 + KI + H_2O \longrightarrow 2KOH + 2MNO_2 + KIO_3$

B67. (*d*) : Gd : $[Xe]\ 4f^7\ 5d^1\ 6s^2$

Total number of unpaired electrons = 7(4*f*) + 1 (5d) = 8

Sum of spin = $\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$

B68. (*a*) : H_2O_2 reduces acidified $K_2Cr_2O_7$ to give a green coloured solution.

$K_2Cr_2O_7(aq) + 4H_2SO_4(aq) + 3H_2O_2(aq) \longrightarrow K_2SO_4(aq) + \underset{\text{Green colour}}{Cr_2(SO_4)_3(aq)} + 7H_2O(l) + 3O_2(g)$

B69. (*a*) : In alkaline medium, I^- is oxidised to IO_3^-.

$2MnO_4^- + I^- + H_2O \longrightarrow 2MnO_2 + IO_3^- + 2OH^-$

B70. (*d*) : $2CuSO_4 + 4KCN \longrightarrow 2CuCN + (CN)_2 + 2K_2SO_4$

$CuCN + 4KCN \longrightarrow [Cu(CN)_4]^{3-} + 4K^+ + CN^-$

B71. (*d*) : $6Fe^{2+}(aq) + Cr_2O_7^{2-}(aq) + 14H^+(aq) \longrightarrow 2Cr^{3+}(aq) + 6Fe^{3+}(aq) + 7H_2O$

No. of moles of Fe^{2+} (Mohr's salt) required per mole of $Cr_2O_7^{2-} = 6$

B72. (*c*) : CuF_2 has Cu^{2+} ion with incomplete *d* orbitals ($3d^9$ configuration) and it will exhibit colour due to *d*–*d* transitions. In all other choices, Cu exists as Cu^+ with $3d^{10}$ (fully filled *d*-orbitals) configuration.

B73. (*b*) : $[NiCl_4]^{2-}$ is tetrahedral and has two unpaired electrons :

$\mu_s = \sqrt{n(n+2)} = \sqrt{2(2+2)} = 2.83$ B.M.

B74. (*a*) : The colour of aqueous solution of $CuSO_4$ is bluish green. Thus, it absorbs orange-red colour and exhibits the complementary colour.

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C2. (*c,d*) : Ti^{3+} : $3d^1$; Cu^{2+} : $3d^9$; Cd^{2+} : $4d^{10}$; Sc^{3+} : $3d^0$
Cd^{2+} and Sc^{3+} are colourless because they have completely filled or empty *d*-orbitals

C3. (*a,c*) : Ni^{2+} : $3d^8(2)$; Ti^{3+} : $3d^1(1)$; V^{3+} : $3d^2(2)$ Fe^{3+}: $3d^5(5)$. Ni^{2+} and V^{3+} have same number of unpaired electrons.

C8. (*a,b,c*): (*a*) Cr^{2+} is a reducing agent and gets oxidised to Cr^{3+} ($3d^3$ or t_{2g}^3 stable half filled configuration)

(*b*) Mn^{3+} is oxidising agent because it gets reduced to Mn^{2+} ($3d^5$, stable half filled configuration)

(*c*) Cr(24) : $3d^5 4s^1$ Cr^{2+} : $3d^4$
Mn(25) : $3d^5 4s^2$ Mn^{3+} : $3d^4$

(*d*) is not correct because when Cr^{2+} is used as a reducing agent, it attains d^3 electronic configuration.

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D. mcq based on comprehension

D1. (c) : $K_2Cr_2O_7 + 4NaCl + 6H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow 2KHSO_4 + 4NaHSO_4 + 2CrO_2Cl_2 + 3H_2O$
Orange fumes are due to CrO_2Cl_2.

D2. (b) : $CrO_2Cl_2 + 4NaOH \longrightarrow Na_2CrO_4 + 2NaCl + 2H_2O$
yellow solution (X)

D3. (c) : $Na_2CrO_4 + (CH_3COO)_2Pb \longrightarrow 2CH_3COONa + PbCrO_4$
yellow ppt (Y)

D4. (b) : $2K_2CrO_4 + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow K_2Cr_2O_7 + K_2SO_4 + H_2O$
Yellow solution (Z)

D5. (c) : CrO_5 is formed in which the oxidation state of Cr is +6.

D6. (a) : CrO_5 decomposes on standing to Cr^{3+} ions and O_2.

D7. (a) : Tb exhibits oxidation states of +3 and +4.

D8. (a) : The basic character of hydroxides of lanthanoids decreases with increase in atomic number and hence, correct order is X > Y > Z.

D9. (c) : Ce^{4+} becomes [Xe] $4f^0$ and Yb^{4+} becomes [Xe]$4f^{14}$

D10. (b) : Among *f*-block elements, only actinoids are radioactive while lanthanoids are not radioactive.

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1.(5) : $2KMnO_4 + 3H_2SO_4 + 5H_2O_2 \longrightarrow K_2SO_4 + 2MnSO_4 + 8H_2O + 5O_2$

2.(7) : Gd: [Xe] $4f^7 5d^1 6s^2$

3.(6) : Cr_2O_3, V_2O_5, Mn_3O_4, VO_2, MnO_2, CrO_2

5.(4) : $\mu = \sqrt{n(n+2)}$ B.M. = 4.90 B.M. only when $n = 4$

6.(6) : $2\,MnO_2 + 4KOH + O_2 \longrightarrow 2K_2MnO_4 + 2H_2O$
Oxidation sate of Mn in K_2MnO_4 :
$2(+1) + x + 4(-2) = 0$ or $x = +6$

7.(6) : In neutral medium, MnO_4^- oxidises $S_2O_3^{2-}$ ion to SO_4^{2-} ion
$8\,MnO_4^- + 3S_2O_3^{2-} + H_2O \longrightarrow 8MnO_2 + 6SO_4^{2-} + 2OH^-$
8 moles of MnO_4^- produce 6 moles of SO_4^{2-} ions.
$\therefore\ x = 6$

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1. (b) : [Ar] $3d^5$: As X^{3+} is formed by the loss of 3 electrons, the configuration of element X is [Ar] $3d^6\ 4s^2$.
$\therefore$ Atomic number = 26.

4. (b) : CuF_2 is coloured because it has d^9 configuration.

6. (b) : $3d^5$ configuration has maximum unpaired electrons (five).

8. (a) : (*i*) and (*ii*) are disproportionation reactions.

10. (c) : Only U, Np and Fm are actinoids.

11. (a) : $2MnO_4^- + 5S^{2-} + 16H^+ \longrightarrow 2Mn^{2+} + 5S + 8H_2O$
5 mol of sulphide ions react with $KMnO_4$ = 2 mol
1 mol of sulphide ions react = $\frac{2}{5}$ mol

12. (a) : Oxides in the lower oxidation state are basic and in higher oxidation state are acidic. In the intermediate state, they are amphoteric. V_2O_5 and Cr_2O_3 are amphoteric oxides.

13. (a) : Gd : [Xe] $4f^7\ 5d^1\ 6s^2$

15. (b) : Cr^{3+} : [Ar] $3d^3$
No. of unpaired electrons = 3
$\mu = \sqrt{n(n+2)} = \sqrt{3\times(3+2)} = \sqrt{15}$ = 3.87 B.M.

16. (c) : $2MnO_4^- + I^- + H_2O \longrightarrow 2MnO_2 + IO_3^- + 2OH^-$

17. (a) : Copper cannot liberate H_2 from acids.

18. (c) : Sn^{2+} is oxidised to Sn^{4+}.

20. (c) : Because of lanthanoid contraction.

21. (b) : $KMnO_4$ oxidises HCl to Cl_2, which also acts as an oxidising agent.

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22. (a),(b) : $TiCl_4$ and Cu_2Cl_2 have d^0 and d^{10} configuration and therefore are not coloured.

23. (a),(d) : Co^{2+} (d^7) and Cr^{3+} (d^3) have same number of unpaired electrons.

26. (a),(b) : U : [Rn] $5f^3\ 6d^1 7s^2$; Np : [Rn] $5f^4 6d^1 7s^2$; Pu : [Rn] $5f^6\ 7s^2$; Am : [Rn] $5f^7 6d^0 7s^2$

27. (b),(c) : Eu^{2+} ; [Xe] $4f^7$, Yb^{2+} : [Xe] $4f^{14}$. Because of stable f^7 (half filled) and f^{14} (fully filled) configurations in +2 oxidation states.

28. (b),(c) : (Ti^{3+} : $3d^1$ (or t_{2g}^1) (one unpaired e^-) ; Mn^{2+} : $3d^5$ (or $t_{2g}^3 e_g^2$) (5 unpaired e$^-$) ; Fe^{2+} : $3d^6$ (or $t_{2g}^4 e_g^2$) (4 unpaired e^-), Co^{3+} : $3d^6$ or ($t_{2g}^6 e_g^0$) (0 unpaired electrons). Thus, only Mn^{2+} and Fe^{2+} show higher spin magnetic moment.

29.(a), (b) : Cr and Co form CrF_3 and CoF_3 but Cu and Ni donot form CuF_3 and NiF_3.

30. (b), (c) : MoO_3 and WO_3 donot act as oxidising agents because their higher oxidation states are stable.

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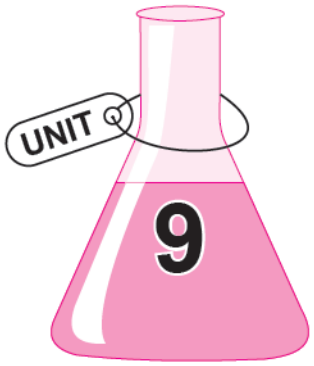
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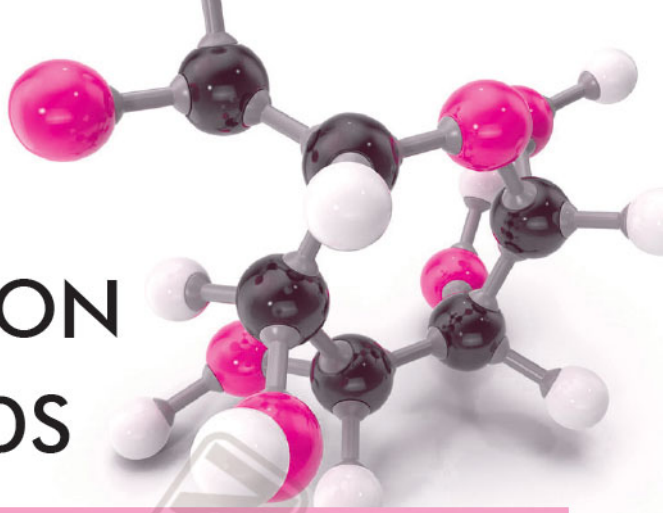
1. Explain why Cu^+ ion is not stable in aqueous solution. (1)
2. Why is europium (II) more stable than cerium (II) ? (1)
3. Which trivalent ion has maximum size in lanthanoid series ? (1)
4. Write the general electronic configuration of lanthanoids. (1)
5. Why does Mn (II) ion show maximum paramagnetic character amongst the bivalent ions of first transition series ? (1)
6. How would you account for the irregular variation of ionisation enthalpies (first and second) in the first transition series ? (2)
7. Indicate the steps in the preparation of $K_2Cr_2O_7$ from chromite ore. (2)
8. What is meant by disproportionation ? Give example of disproportionation reaction in aqueous solution (2)
9. Compare the chemistry of actinoids and lanthanoids with reference to
   (*i*) atomic and ionic sizes
   (*ii*) oxidation states. (2)
10. The 5*d* series of transition metals have more frequent metal-metal bonding in their compounds than do the 3*d* and 4*d* metals. Explain. (2)
11. What is lanthanoid contraction ? What are the main consequences of lanthanoid contraction ? (3)
12. Complete the following reaction equations:
    (*i*) $MnO_4^- + Fe^{2+} + H^+ \longrightarrow$
    (*ii*) $MnO_4^- + I^- + H_2O \longrightarrow$
    (*iii*) $S_2O_3^{2-} + Cr_2O_7^{2-} + H^+ \longrightarrow$ (3)
13. How would you account for the following :
    (*a*) The transition elements exhibit high enthalpy of atomization.
    (*b*) Of the d^4 species, Cr^{2+} is strongly reducing while Mn(III) is strongly oxidising.
    (*c*) Co (II) is stable in aqueous solution but in the presence of complexing reagents, it is easily oxidised. (3)
14. Explain the following :
    (*a*) Europium (II) is more stable than cerium (II)
    (*b*) Zr and Hf exhibit similar properties.
    (c) Scandium forms no coloured ions, yet it is regarded as a transition metal. (3)
15. Draw the structures of chromate and dichromate ions. Write the action of heat on potassium dichromate and potassium permanganate. (3)
16. *(a)* Why do transition metals and their compounds are found to be good catalysts and form alloys ?
    (b) The paramagnetic character of first transition series increases upto manganese and then decreases. Explain.
    (c) Why do transition metals form complexes and coloured ions? (5)

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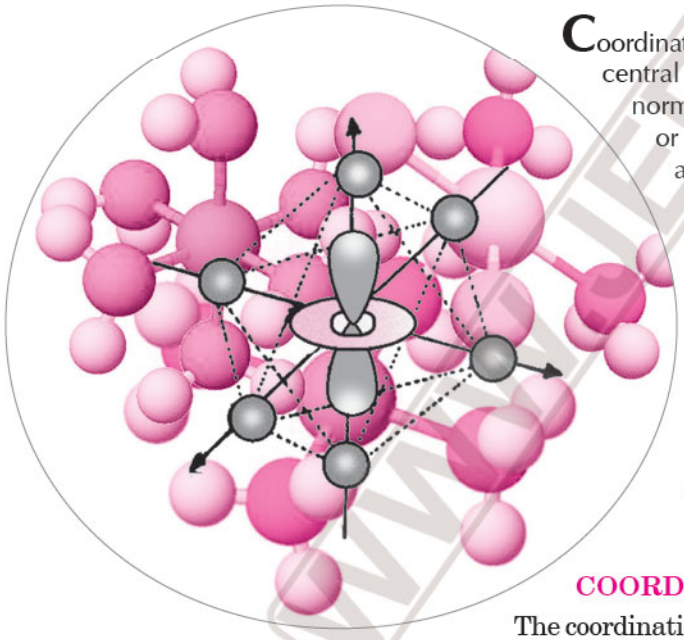
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Coordination compounds are a special class of compounds in which the central metal atom is surrounded by ions or molecules beyond their normal valency. These are also referred to as *complex compounds* or simply *complexes*. In the modern terminology these compounds are called **coordination compounds**. These compounds are widely present in the minerals, plants and animals and play many important functions. Many biologically important compounds are coordination compounds in which complicated organic species are bound to metal ions. The common examples are: ***haemoglobin*** which is a coordination compound of iron, ***chlorophyll*** which is a coordination compound of magnesium, ***vitamin*** B_{12} which is a coordination compound of cobalt, etc. The coordination compounds are also finding extensive applications in metallurgical processes, analytical chemistry, industrial catalysts, textile dyeing, electroplating and medicinal chemistry.

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The coordination compounds **are molecular compounds which are formed from the combination of two or more simple stable compounds and retain their identity in the solid as well as in the dissolved state.** These contain a central metal atom or ion surrounded by a number of oppositely charged ions or neutral molecules more than its normal valency. These are formed from apparently saturated molecules capable of independent existence. For example, when aqueous ammonia is added to green solution of nickel chloride, $NiCl_2$, the colour changes to purple. The Ni^{2+} ions almost disappear from the solution. The solution, on evaporation, yields purple crystals corresponding to the formula $[Ni(NH_3)_6]Cl_2$. Such a compound is called **coordination** (or **complex) compound.** The properties of the complex compound are completely different from those of Ni^{2+} ions or ammonia molecules.

$$\underset{\text{(Green)}}{NiCl_2} + 6NH_3 \longrightarrow \underset{\substack{\text{(Purple crystals)}\\ \text{Coordination compound}}}{[Ni(NH_3)_6]Cl_2}$$

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When the compound is dissolved in water, there is hardly any evidence of Ni^{2+} ions or ammonia molecules. It ionises to give a new species $[Ni(NH_3)_6]^{2+}$. Such an ion is called **complex ion**.

$$[Ni(NH_3)_6]Cl_2 \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Complex ion}}{[Ni(NH_3)_6]^{2+}} + 2Cl^-$$

At this stage, it may be noted that the species in the square brackets does not ionise. It remains as single entity. It is known as **complex entity.** It is discussed later on.

Differences between Coordination Compounds and Double Salts

Though both double salts and coordination compounds are formed by the coordination of two or more stable compounds in stoichiometric ratio, yet the coordination compounds are different from double salts. **Double salts** *are addition or molecular compounds which are formed by two apparently saturated compounds but they lose their identity when dissolved in water.* The common double salts are:

Mohr's salt : $FeSO_4.(NH_4)_2SO_4.6H_2O$
Potash alum : $K_2SO_4.Al_2(SO_4)_3.24H_2O$
Carnallite : $KCl.MgCl_2.6H_2O$

For example, Mohr's salt dissolves in water and gives the characteristic properties of Fe^{2+}, NH_4^+ and SO_4^{2-} ions. Thus, double salts are stable in solid state but break up into constituents when dissolved in water.

$$FeSO_4.(NH_4)_2SO_4 \xrightarrow{\text{Water}} Fe^{2+}(aq) + 2NH_4^+(aq) + 2SO_4^{2-}(aq)$$

On the other hand, *the coordination compounds retain their identities in the solid state as well as when dissolved in water or any other solvent.* Their properties are completely different from the constituents (metal and ions or molecules). For example, $[Ni(NH_3)_6]Cl_2$ does not show the properties of $NiCl_2$ or ammonia. Similarly, complex ion such as $[Fe(CN)_6]^{4-}$ of $K_4[Fe(CN)_6]$ does not dissociate into Fe^{2+} and CN^- ions.

The main points of differences between coordination compound and double salt are summed up in Table 1.

Table 1. Differences between double salt and a coordination compound.

Double salt	Coordination compound
1. Double salts exist only in solid state and dissociate into ions in aqueous solution or in any other solvent.	1. Coordination compounds exist in the solid state as well as when dissolved in water or any other solvent.
2. They lose their identity in solution.	2. They do not completely lose their identity in solution.
3. The properties of the double salt are essentially the same as those of constituent compounds.	3. The properties of coordination compound are different from the constituents.
4. In a double salt, metal ions exhibit their normal valency.	4. In coordination compound, metal ion is surrounded by a number of oppositely charged ions or neutral molecules more than its normal valency.
5. In a double salt, the metal ions show their normal valencies.	5. In a coordination compound, the metal ion satisfies its two types of valencies called primary valency and secondary valency (discussed later).

WERNER'S THEORY OF COORDINATION COMPOUNDS

Though many attempts* were made by different workers in the chemistry of coordination compounds, the main credit goes to the brilliant work of Alfred Werner in 1892. He prepared a large number of coordination compounds and studied their physical, chemical and isomeric behaviour by simple experimental techniques. He isolated cobalt compounds from the reaction of cobalt chloride and ammonia. These were also named on the basis of the colour of the compound.

Some of the earlier studies of cobalt complexes were *precipitation reactions, conductance measurements* and *isomeric behaviour*, as briefly discussed below :

1. Precipitation studies. The number of ions furnished by a complex in a solution can be determined by precipitation reactions. For example, the number

* The discovery of hexaamminecobalt(III) chloride, $CoCl_3.6NH_3$ by Tassaert is generally regarded as the beginning of coordination chemistry.

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of Cl^- ions in a solution of various amines were determined by the treatment with silver nitrate solution. From the amount of white precipitate of AgCl formed per mole of the compound, the number of Cl^- ions can be calculated. For example, when the compound $CoCl_3.6NH_3$ is treated with excess of $AgNO_3$, 3 mol of AgCl are obtained from 1 mol of the compound *i.e.*, all the three Cl^- ions are precipitated. On the other hand, when the compound $CoCl_3.5NH_3$ is treated with excess of $AgNO_3$, 2 mol of AgCl are obtained *i.e.*, only two Cl^- ions are precipitated. This means that the compound $CoCl_3.6NH_3$, has three ionizable chloride ions whereas in the compound $CoCl_3.5NH_3$, only two chlorine atoms are ionizable as Cl^- ions.

$$CoCl_3.6NH_3 \xrightarrow{AgNO_3} 3AgCl \text{ (corresponding to 3 } Cl^- \text{ ions)}$$

$$CoCl_3.5NH_3 \xrightarrow{AgNO_3} 2AgCl \text{ (corresponding to 2 } Cl^- \text{ ions)}$$

Similarly, the number of chloride ions precipitated in the case of the compounds $CoCl_3.4NH_3$ and $CoCl_3.3NH_3$ have been found to be 1 and none.

2. Conductance measurements. The measurement of molar conductances (Λ_m) of solutions of coordination compounds helps to estimate the number of ions furnished by the compound in solution. By comparing the molar conductance of the compound with those of some known electrolytes, Werner was able to predict the number of ions present in the solution. For example, it has been observed that the complex $CoCl_3.6NH_3$ behaved as 1:3 electrolyte, $CoCl_3.5NH_3$ as 1:2 electrolyte, $CoCl_3.4NH_3$ as 1:1 electrolyte. The coordination compound $CoCl_3.3NH_3$ behaved as molecular (non-electrolyte). These results are recorded in Table 2.

Table 2. Series of coloured coordination compounds isolated by the reaction of $CoCl_3$ and NH_3.

Compound	Colour	Name according to colour	Moles of AgCl formed	No. of Cl^- ions	Behaviour as electrolyte
$CoCl_3.6NH_3$	Yellow	Luteo complex	3	3	1 : 3
$CoCl_3.5NH_3$	Purple	Purpureo complex	2	2	1 : 2
$CoCl_3.4NH_3$	Green	Praseo complex	1	1	1 : 1
$CoCl_3.4NH_3$	Violet	Violeo complex	1	1	1 : 1
$CoCl_3.5NH_3.H_2O$	Red	Roseo complex	0	0	Non-electrolyte

3. Isomers of compounds. Werner attempted to assign structures of different coordination compounds by comparison of the number of known isomers and the number of theoretically possible structures.

As a result of extensive experimental studies, Werner proposed a theory known as *Werner's coordination theory*. In recognisation of his work in this field, Werner was awarded Nobel prize in chemistry.

Postulates of Werner's Coordination Theory

1. *In coordination compounds, metal atoms exhibit two types of valencies namely, the primary valency and the secondary valency.*

The primary valency is ionizable whereas the secondary valency is *non-ionizable*. In modern terminology, the primary valency corresponds to ***oxidation state*** and the secondary valency corresponds to ***coordination number***.

2. *Every metal atom has a fixed number of secondary valencies i.e., fixed coordination number.*

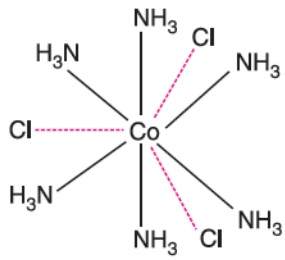
3. *The metal atom tends to satisfy both its primary as well as secondary valencies. Primary valencies are satisfied by negative ions whereas secondary valencies are satisfied either by negative ions or by neutral molecules.* In certain cases, a negative ion may satisfy both types of valencies.

4. *The secondary valencies are always directed towards the fixed positions in space and this leads to definite geometry of the coordination compound.* In other words, secondary valencies have characteristic spatial arrangements corresponding to different coordination numbers. In the modern terminology, such spatial arrangements are called **coordination polyhedra** (discussed later). For example, if a metal ion has six secondary valencies, these are

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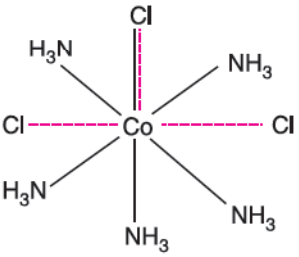
- Primary valency corresponds to ⇒ oxidation number
- Primary valencies are satisfied by **negative ions**.
- Secondary valency corresponds to ⇒ coordination number
- Secondary valencies are satisfied by **negative ions** or **neutral molecules**.

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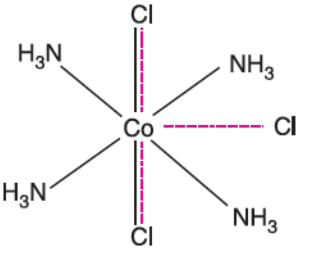
$[Co(NH_3)_6]Cl_3$

Fig. 1. Representation of $CoCl_3.6NH_3$ complex according to Werner theory.



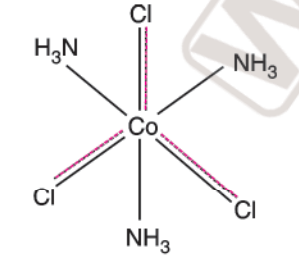
$[CoCl(NH_3)_5]Cl_2$

Fig. 2. Representation of $CoCl_3.5NH_3$ according to Werner theory.



$[CoCl_2(NH_3)_4]Cl$

Fig. 3. Representation of $CoCl_3.4NH_3$ complex according to Werner's theory.



$[CoCl_3(NH_3)_3]$

Fig. 4. Representation of $CoCl_3.3NH_3$ complex according to Werner's theory.

arranged *octahedrally* around the central metal ion. If the metal ion has four secondary valencies, these are arranged in either *tetrahedral or square planar* arrangement around the central metal ion. The secondary valencies, thus, determine the **stereochemistry** of the complex. On the other hand, the primary valency is non-directional.

Thus, a metal atom exhibits primary valencies in the formation of its salts (*e.g.*, $CoCl_3$, $AgNO_3$) while the metal atom exhibits its secondary valencies in the formation of its complex ions (*e.g.*, $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$, $[Ag(NH_3)_2]^+$, etc.)

Structures of Coordination Compounds on the Basis of Werner's Theory

The Werner's postulates helped to explain the structures of various cobalt ammines. For example, let us try to explain the bonding in coordination compounds of cobalt on the basis of postulates of Werner's theory.

1. $CoCl_3.6NH_3$. Cobalt has primary valency (oxidation state) of three and secondary valency (coordination number) six. As a convention, secondary valencies are represented by thick lines (—) and primary valencies are shown by dotted lines (····). In the complex, all the 6 secondary valencies are occupied by six NH_3 molecules. The Cl^- ions are bonded to Co by three *primary valencies*. These chloride ions are ionisable and, therefore, can be precipitated on the addition of silver nitrate. *The central metal ion and the neutral molecules or ions (ligands) satisfying secondary valencies are written in a square bracket while writing the formula of the complex compound.* Thus, the coordination compound may be formulated as $[Co(NH_3)_6]Cl_3$ and may be represented as shown in Fig. 1. The primary valencies are ionizable and therefore, all the chloride ions would get precipitated on the addition of silver nitrate.

The species within the square brackets are also called **coordination entities (or complexes)**. The ions outside the square brackets are called **counter ions.** Thus, in the coordination compound $[Co(NH_3)_6]Cl_3$, $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$ represents coordination entity and $3Cl^-$ ions represent counter ions.

The ionisation of the coordination compound is written as :

$$[Co(NH_3)_6]Cl_3 \rightleftharpoons [Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+} + \underset{\text{can be precipitated}}{3Cl^-}$$

2. $CoCl_3.5NH_3$. In this compound, the coordination number of cobalt is 6 but now five positions are occupied by NH_3 molecules and the sixth position by one of the chloride ions. This chloride ion has *dual character* as it satisfies secondary as well as a primary valency as indicated by a full line as well as a dotted line, as shown in Fig. 2. The two Cl^- ions satisfy the remaining two primary valencies of cobalt. This satisfies 6 secondary and 3 primary valencies of cobalt. However, on ionisation, only two Cl^- ions will be precipitated because one Cl^- ion which also satisfied secondary valency, will not be precipitated.

Thus, the coordination compound may be formulated as $[CoCl(NH_3)_5]Cl_2$ which has $[CoCl(NH_3)_5]^{2+}$ complex entity and $2Cl^-$ ions as counter ions. The ionisation of the coordination compound may be written as :

$$[CoCl(NH_3)_5]Cl_2 \rightleftharpoons [CoCl(NH_3)_5]^{2+} + \underset{\text{can be precipitated}}{2Cl^-}$$

3. $CoCl_3.4NH_3$. In the compound $CoCl_3.4NH_3$, two chloride ions exhibit *dual character* of satisfying both primary and secondary valencies. This is shown in Fig. 3. It will give precipitate with silver nitrate corresponding to only one Cl^- ion and the number of ions in this case is 2. It may be formulated as $[CoCl_2(NH_3)_4]Cl$ and ionises as :

$$[CoCl_2(NH_3)_4]Cl \rightleftharpoons [CoCl_2(NH_3)_4]^+ + \underset{\text{can be precipitated}}{Cl^-}$$

4. $CoCl_3.3NH_3$. In the compound $CoCl_3.3NH_3$, three chloride ions satisfy primary and secondary valencies as shown in Fig. 4. It is clear from the figure that all the chloride ions are non-ionisable and will not be precipitated by the addition of $AgNO_3$. Therefore, the coordination compound behaves as neutral non-conducting molecule. It may be formulated as $[CoCl_3(NH_3)_3]$ and does not ionise.

$$[CoCl_3(NH_3)_3] \rightleftharpoons \text{does not ionise}$$

It has neutral coordination entity and no counter ions.

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Werner also explained successfully the structures of amine complexes of Pt(IV). These are summed up in Table 3.

Table 3. Behaviour of coordination compounds of platinum.

Formula	Present representation	Mode of ionisation	Total no. of ions (in solution)
$PtCl_4.6NH_3$	$[Pt(NH_3)_6]Cl_4$	$[Pt(NH_3)_6]^{4+} + 4Cl^-$	5
$PtCl_4.5NH_3$	$[PtCl(NH_3)_5]Cl_3$	$[PtCl(NH_3)_5]^{3+} + 3Cl^-$	4
$PtCl_4.4NH_3$	$[PtCl_2(NH_3)_4]Cl_2$	$[PtCl_2(NH_3)_4]^{2+} + 2Cl^-$	3
$PtCl_4.3NH_3$	$[PtCl_3(NH_3)_3]Cl$	$[PtCl_3(NH_3)_3]^+ + Cl^-$	2
$PtCl_4.2NH_3$	$[PtCl_4(NH_3)_2]$	Does not ionise	0
K_2PtCl_6	$K_2[PtCl_6]$	$2K^+ + [PtCl_6]^{2-}$	3

SOLVED EXAMPLES

Example 1.

How many ions per mole of the following complexes are present in their solution?

(i) $[CoCl(NH_3)_5]Cl_2$ *(ii)* $[Ag(NH_3)_2]Cl$

(iii) $[Pt(NH_3)_4][PtCl_4]$ *(iv)* $[PtCl_3(NH_3)_3]Cl$

Solution : The number of ions per mole of the complexes in the solution can be predicted from their modes of ionisation. It should be noted that the species in the coordination sphere do not ionise.

(i) $[CoCl(NH_3)_5]Cl_2 = [CoCl(NH_3)_5]^{2+} + 2Cl^-$

3 mol of ions

(ii) $[Ag(NH_3)_2]Cl = [Ag(NH_3)_2]^+ + Cl^-$

2 mol of ions

(iii) $[Pt(NH_3)_4][PtCl_4] = [Pt(NH_3)_4]^{4+} + [PtCl_4]^{4-}$

2 mol of ions

In this, both the cationic and anionic parts are complexes.

(iv) $[PtCl_3(NH_3)_3]Cl = [PtCl_3(NH_3)_3]^+ + Cl^-$

2 mol of ions

Example 2.

On the basis of the following observations made with aqueous solutions, write the formula and assign secondary valency to metals in the following compounds:

	Formula	*Moles of AgCl precipitated per mole of compound with excess $AgNO_3$*
(i)	$CoCl_3.4NH_3$	1
(ii)	$PdCl_2.4NH_3$	2
(iii)	$NiCl_2.6H_2O$	2
(iv)	$PtCl_4.2HCl$	0
(v)	$PtCl_2.2NH_3$	0

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Solution :

(i)	$[CoCl_2.(NH_3)_4]Cl$	Secondary valence = 6
(ii)	$[Pd(NH_3)_4]Cl_2$	Secondary valence = 4
(iii)	$[Ni(H_2O)_6]Cl_2$	Secondary valence = 6
(iv)	$H_2[PtCl_6]$	Secondary valence = 6
(v)	$[PtCl_2(NH_3)_2]$	Secondary valence = 4

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SOME IMPORTANT TERMS USED IN COORDINATION COMPOUNDS

Some important terms used for the description of coordination compounds are:

Coordination compound

The coordination compounds are the compounds in which the central metal atom is bound to a number of anions or neutral molecules by coordinate bonds.

Coordination Entity or Complex Ion and Coordination Sphere

A coordination *entity constitutes a central metal atom or ion bonded to a fixed number of oppositely charged ions or neutral molecules.*

For example, $[CoCl_3(NH_3)_3]$ is a coordination entity, in which the cobalt (+3) ion is surrounded by three ammonia molecules and three negatively charged chloride ions. Other examples are $[Ni(CO)_4]$, $[Ni(NH_3)_6]^{2+}$, $[Fe(CN)_6]^{4-}$, $[PtCl_4]^{2-}$, $[NiCl_2(H_2O)_4]$, etc.

The central metal atom or ion and the molecules or ions bonded to it are enclosed in a square bracket and is collectively called the coordination sphere.

This part of the complex behaves as one unit and is non-ionizable. It is generally written in square brackets, [ ]. The ionizable groups (or ions) are written outside the brackets and are called **counter ions.** For example, in the coordination compound $[Co(NH_3)_4Cl_2]Cl$, the coordination entity is $[Co(NH_3)_4Cl_2]^+$ and Cl^- ions are counter ions.

The coordination entity (or complex ion) may be positively charged or negatively charged or a neutral species.

Cationic complex. *A complex ion or coordination entity which has a net positive charge is called* **cationic complex**. For example,

$$[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+},\ [Ni(NH_3)_6]^{2+},\ [CoCl_2(NH_3)_4]^+$$

Anionic complex. *A complex ion or coordination entity which has a net negative charge* is called **anionic complex**. For example,

$$[Ag(CN)_2]^-,\ [Fe(C_2O_4)_3]^{3-},\ [Fe(CN)_6]^{4-}$$

Neutral complex. *A complex or coordination entity which has no net charge* is called a **neutral complex** or simply a **complex**. For example,

$$[CoCl_3(NH_3)_3],\ [Ni(CO)_4],\ [PtCl_2(NH_3)_2]$$

Central Atom or Ion and Ligands

The atom or ion to which a fixed number of neutral molecules or ions are attached in the coordination entity is called **central atom or central *ion.***

The neutral molecules or ions bonded to the central atom or ion in the coordination entity are called ***ligands.***

Thus, in the complex ion $[Ni(NH_3)_6]^{2+}$, the Ni^{2+} ion is the *central ion* and the molecules of ammonia are the *ligands.* Similarly, in the complex ion $[Co(NH_3)_5Cl]^{2+}$, the Co^{3+} ion is the *central ion* while the ammonia molecules and chloride ions are the *ligands.*

$[Ni(NH_3)_6]^{2+}$	:	Central ion	=	Ni^{2+}
		Ligands	=	NH_3 molcculcs
$[CoCl(NH_3)_5]^{2+}$	:	Central ion	=	Co^{3+}
		Ligands	=	NH_3 molecules and Cl^- ion
$[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$	:	Central ion	=	Fe^{3+}
		Ligands	=	CN^-
$[NiCl_2(H_2O)_4]$	:	Central ion	=	Ni^{2+}
		Ligands	=	Cl^- and H_2O

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These central metal atoms/ions are also referred to as **Lewis acids**. The ligands are attached to the central metal atom or ion through **coordinate bonds.** It is essential, therefore, that while the central metal ion should have vacant orbitals, the ligands should have lone pairs of electrons in their outermost orbitals which can be donated to the central ion. This may also be visualised as the combination of a **Lewis acid** (the central metal atom or ion) with a number of **Lewis bases** (ligands). The atom **in the ligand which can donate the electron pair** is called **donor atom or coordinating atom**. For example, in ammonia, ($\leftarrow : NH_3$), nitrogen is the donor atom and in water, ($\leftarrow : OH_2$) oxygen is the donor atom.

Thus, **ligand** is

an atom or molecule or ion which is capable of donating a pair of electrons to the central metal or ion and forms a coordinate bond with it.

The number of coordinating or ligating groups present in a ligand is called the **denticity** of the ligand.

Types of Ligands

The ligands may contain one or more than one donor atoms for coordination with the central atom. Accordingly, the ligands are classified as follows:

***(i)* Unidentate or monodentate ligands.** *Ligands which can coordinate to the central ion through only one donor atom,* are known as **unidentate** or **monodentate ligands**. The examples of unidentate ligands are:

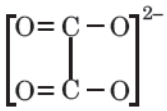
NH_3, H_2O, Cl^-, CN^-, OH^-, O^{2-}, NO_2^-, CO, etc.

Some common unidentate ligands and their donor atoms are listed in Table 4.

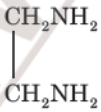
Table 4. Some common unidentate ligands.

Name of ligand	Formula	Donor atom
Water	H_2O	O
Ammonia	NH_3	N
Pyridine (py)	C_5H_5N	N
Carbonyl	CO	O
Nitrosyl	NO	N
Triphenyl phosphine	$(C_6H_5)_3P$	P
Halide ion	X^-(X=F, Cl, Br, I)	X
Hydroxide ion	OH^-	O
Cyanide ion	CN^-	N or C
Nitro	NO_2^-	N
Nitrito	ONO^-	O
Oxide ion	O^{2-}	O
Thiocyanate	SCN^-	S or N
Acetate	CH_3COO^-	O

***(ii)* Didentate or bidentate ligands.** *Ligands which have two donor atoms and therefore, can coordinate to the central ion at two positions,* are called **didentate** or **bidentate ligands**. The examples of didentate ligands are :



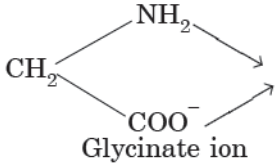
Oxalate ion



Ethylenediamine (en)
Ethane-1, 2-diamine

Oxalate ion is abbreviated as **ox** and ethane-1,2-diamine (ethylenediamine) is abbreviated as **en**.

Glycinate ion, $CH_2(NH_2)COO^-$ (abbreviated as **gly**) contains two different donor atoms N and O.

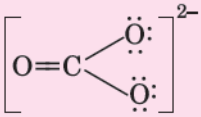


Glycinate ion

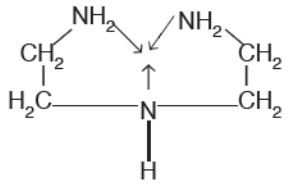
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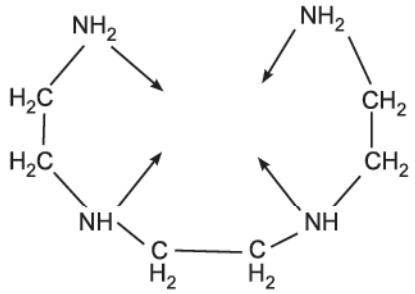
- Water, $H_2\ddot{O}:$ has two lone pairs of electrons on O-atom but it is not a bidentate ligand. A bidentate ligand should have two donor atoms.
- The carbonate, CO_3^{2-} can act as bidentate ligand in some complexes :



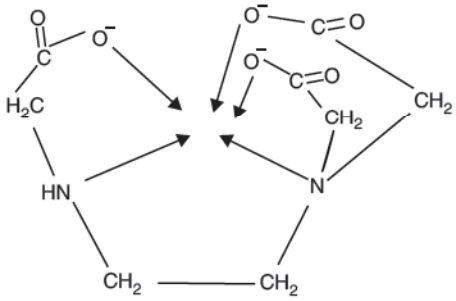
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Diethylenediamine (dien)
or N-(2-aminoethyl) ethane-1,
2-diamine (**tridentate**)

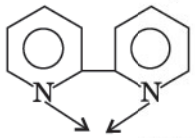


Triethylenetetraamine (trien)
or N, N′-bis (2-aminoethyl) ethane-1,
2-diamine (**tetradentate**)

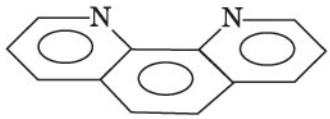


Ethylenediamine triacetate
(pentadentate)

Similarly, 2, 2-dipyridyl (abbreviated as dipy), orthophenanthroline or 1, 10-phenanthroline (abbreviated as phen) act as didentate ligands.



Dipyridyl (dipy)



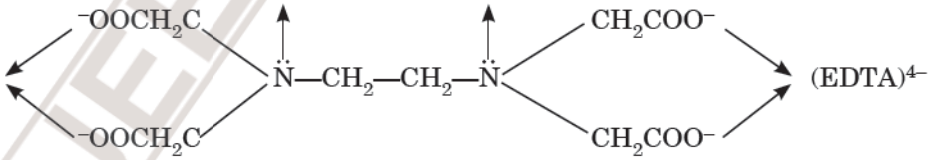
orthophenanthroline (phen)

The didentate ligands in which the two coordinating groups are same are called **symmetrical didentate ligands**. For example, ethylenediamine, oxalato ion etc.

On the other hand, the didentate ligands in which the two coordinating groups are different are called **unsymmetrical didentate ligands**. For example, glycinate ion ($NH_2CH_2COO^-$).

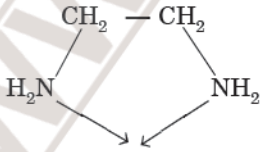
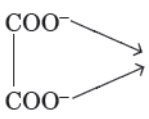
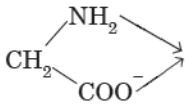
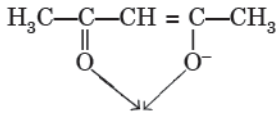
***(iii)* Polydentate ligands.** *Ligands having more than two donor atoms present in the molecule* are called **polydentate ligands.** These may be called **tri or terdentate** (three), **tetradentate** (four), **pentadentate** (five) and **hexadentate** (six) ligands depending upon the number of donor atoms present in their molecules. For example,

- Diethylene triamine (abbreviated as dien) acts as **tri or terdentate ligand** having three donor N atoms.
- Triethylene tetraamine (abbreviated as trien) acts as **tetradentate ligand** having four donor N atoms and
- Ethylenediamine triacetate ion acts as **pentadentate ligand** having two N atoms and three O donor atoms.
- Ethylenediaminetetraacetate ion (abbreviated as EDTA), is an important ***hexadentate* ligand**. It binds through *two* nitrogen and *four* oxygen atoms to a central metal ion.

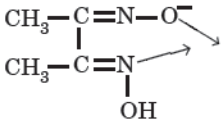
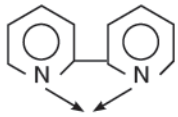
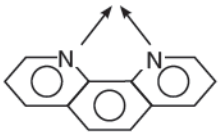
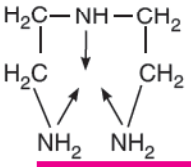
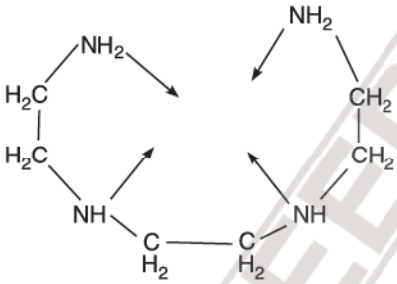
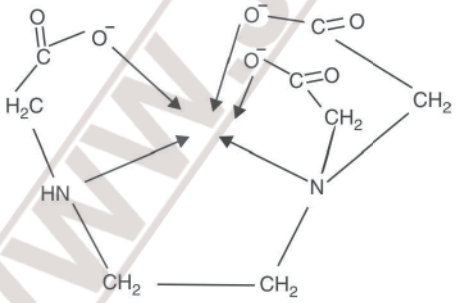
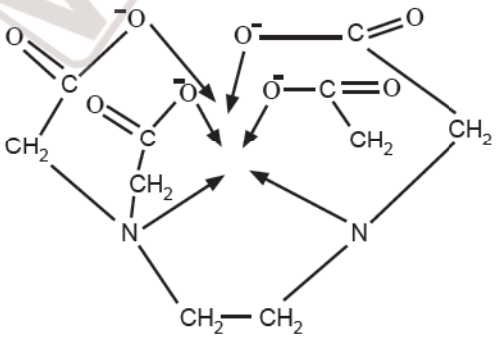


The various polydentate ligands which generally take part in the formation of complexes are given in Table 5.

Table 5. Some common polydentate ligands.

Name of ligand	Structure/Formula	Donor atom	Abbreviation
	Bidentate ligands		
Ethylene diamine		N	en
Oxalate ion		O	ox
Glycinate ion		N and O	gly
Acetyl acetonate		O	acac

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Name of ligand	Structure/Formula	Donor atom	Abbreviation
Dimethyl glyoximato		N and O	dmg
2, 2-Dipyridyl		N	dipy
1,10-phenanthroline or ortho phenanthroline		N	phen
Terdentate ligands			
Diethylene triamine		N	dien
Tetradentate ligands			
Triethylene tetraamine		N	trien
Pentadentate ligands			
Ethylenediamine triacetato		N and O	
Hexadentate ligands			
Ethylenediamine tetraacetate ion		N and O	EDTA

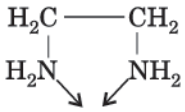
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Chelation and Denticity

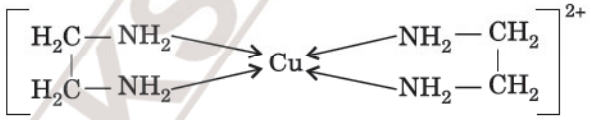
When a didentate or a polydentate ligand uses its two or more donor atoms to bind to the same central metal atom or ion forming a ring structure *it is called* **chelation.**

The resulting complex has ring structure and the ligand coordinating through two or more donor groups is called **chelating ligand.** Some common examples of chelating ligands are : carbonate ion, oxalate ion (ox^{2-}), ethylenediamine (en), ortho-phenanthroline (ph), ethylenediaminetetra acetate ion (EDTA), etc. Their structures are given in Table 5.

The word *chelate* is derived from Greek word *chele* meaning *claw*. The complex is called **chelate**. For example, when a bidentate ligand such as ethylenediamine attaches to Cu^{2+} ion through two amino groups and forms a ring structure, it is called a chelating ligand. The resulting complex ion $[Cu(NH_2CH_2CH_2NH_2)_2]^{2+}$ or $[Cu(en)_2]^{2+}$ is called a chelate.



Chelating ligand

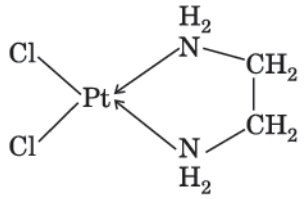


Chelate

The number of coordinating or ligating groups present in a ligand is called the **denticity of the ligand**. Some common examples are :

1. Didentate chelation

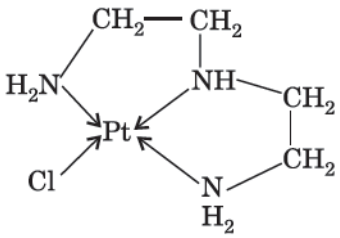
In this case, the chelating ligand coordinates through two sigma electron pair donor groups. For example, $[PtCl_2(en)]$ where en represents the didentate ligand $NH_2CH_2CH_2NH_2$ (ethane-1, 2-diamine or ethylenediamine) [Structure (*a*)].



$[PtCl_2(en)]$
Structure (*a*)

2. Terdentate chelation

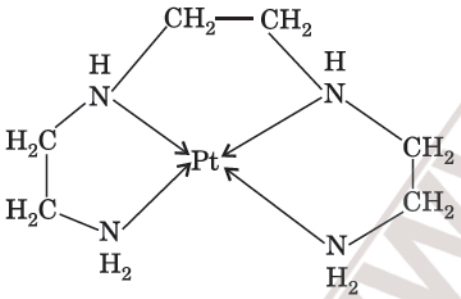
In this case, the chelating ligand coordinates through three electron pair donor groups. For example, in the coordination entity $[PtCl(dien)]^+$, dien [N-(2-aminoethyl) ethane-1, 2-diamine] is a terdentate ligand [Structure (*b*)].



$[PtCl(dien)]^+$
Structure (*b*)

3. Tetradentate chelation

In this case, the chelating ligand coordinates through four electron pair donor groups. For example, in $[Pt(trien)]^{2+}$, trien [N, N'-bis-(2-aminoethyl) ethane-1, 2-diamine] represents a tetradentate ligand [Structure (*c*)].



$[Pt(trien)]^{2+}$
Structure (*c*)

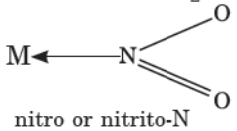
It may be **noted** that

- Chelate ligands form more stable complexes than similar ordinary complexes in which the ligand acts as monodentate. This is called **chelate effect**.
- The **chelate complexes containing 5 and 6 membered rings are comparatively more stable.**
- In general, chelating ligands which do not contain unsaturated group *i.e.* double bonds (*e.g.* ethylenediamine) form five membered stable rings. On the other hand, chelating ligands containing unsaturated groups (*e.g.* acetylacetone) form six membered stable rings.
- Due to steric hindrance, ligands with large groups form unstable compounds as compared to the analogous ligands containing smaller groups.

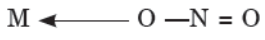
Ambident ligands

The monodentate ligands which can coordinate with the central atom through more than one site are called **ambidentate ligands.**

These ligands contain more than one coordinating atoms in their molecules. For example, NO_2 can coordinate to the metal atom through N or O as



nitro or nitrito-N



nitrito or nitrito-O

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Similarly, –CN can coordinate through C or N as

M ←—— CN (cyanide) M ←—— NC (isocyanide)

Thiocyanato (SCN) can coordinate through S or N

M ←—— SCN (thiocyanato) M ←—— NCS (isothiocyanato)

Coordination Number

As will be shown, the ligands in a coordination compound are attached to the central metal ion through *coordination bonds.*

The total number of ligands attached to a central metal atom or ion *is called* **the coordination number** ***of that metal atom or ion.***

In other words, *coordination number is the number of ligands in the coordination sphere of the complex compound.*

For example, the coordination number of central metal ion in different complexes are :

$[Ag(CN)_2]^-$	C.N. of Ag^+	=	2
$[Ni(NH_3)_4]^{2+}$	C.N. of Ni^{2+}	=	4
$[PtCl_6]^{2-}$	C.N. of Pt^{4+}	=	6
$[Cu(NH_3)_4]^{2+}$	C.N. of Cu^{2+}	=	4
$[CoCl_3(NH_3)_3]$	C.N. of Co^{3+}	=	6
$[Fe(C_2O_4)_3]^{3-}$	C.N. of Fe^{3+}	=	6
$[Co(en)_3]^{3+}$	C.N. of Co^{3+}	=	6

It may be noted that the molecules or ions present outside the square bracket (coordination sphere) are not counted in the coordination number because these are not bonded through coordinate bonds to the metal ion. For example,

$[Ni(NH_3)_6]Cl_2$	C.N. of Ni^{2+}	=	6
$[CoCl(NH_3)_5]Cl_2$	C.N. of Co^{3+}	=	6

Charge of a Complex ion

The charge carried by a complex ion is the algebraic sum of charges carried by the central metal ion and the ligands coordinated to it.

For example, $[Ni(NH_3)_6]^{2+}$ carries a charge of +2 because Ni^{2+} ion carries a charge of +2 and ammonia molecule is neutral.

$[Ni(NH_3)_6]^{2+}$: Charge = +2 + 6(0) = +2.

Similarly, the complex ion $[Co(NH_3)_5Cl]^{2+}$, carries a net charge of +2 because it is formed by the coordination of one Co^{3+} ion with five neutral molecules of ammonia and one Cl^- ion.

$[CoCl(NH_3)_5]^{2+}$: Charge = +3 – 1 + 5 (0) = +2

A coordination compound sometimes may not have any charge. For example, the complex $[CoCl_3(NH_3)_3]$ carries no charge because Co^{3+} ion carries a charge of +3, three ammonia molecules are neutral and three Cl^- ions carry together a charge of –3.

$[CoCl_3(NH_3)_3]$: Charge = 3 – 3 + 3 (0) = 0.

Oxidation number or oxidation state of the central metal atom

The ***oxidation number of the central atom is the charge it would carry if all the ligands are removed alongwith the electron pairs that are shared with the central atom.*** For example, the oxidation number of cobalt in $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$ is +3. Oxidation number is represented by a Roman numeral in parenthesis.

Calculation of oxidation number of central metal atom in a complex. Knowing the charge of the complex ion, we can calculate the oxidation number of the central metal atom. For this, the oxidation number of the central metal atom is assumed to be x and the oxidation number of all other species are substituted. The sum of the oxidation numbers is equated to the total charge of the complex and the value of x is calculated. This may be illustrated by the following examples :

$[Ni(NH_3)_6]^{2+}$: $x + 6(0) = +2$ or $x = +2$

$\therefore$ O.N. of Ni = + 2

NOTE

Oxalate ion ($C_2O_4^{2-}$) and ethylenediamine (en) are bidentate ligands and therefore, one bidentate ligand should be counted as two ligands. Therefore, three bidentate ligands make C.N. = 6.

It is important to note that coordination number of the central metal atom or ion is determined only by the number of sigma bonds formed by the ligand with the central atom or ion. Pi bonds, if formed between the ligands and the central atom or ion are not counted for this purpose.

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$[CoCl(NH_3)_5]^{2+}$: $x - 1 + 5(0) = +2$ or $x = +3$
$\therefore$ O.N. of Co $= +3$
$[Fe(C_2O_4)_3]^{3-}$: $x + 3(-2) = -3$ or $x = +3$
$\therefore$ O.N. of Fe $= +3$
$K_4[Fe(CN)_6]$: $4(+1) + x + 6(-1) = 0$ or $x = +2$
$\therefore$ O.N. of Fe $= +2$
$[Ni(CO)_4]$: $x + 4(0) = 0$ or $x = 0$
$\therefore$ O.N. of Ni $= 0$
$[Cu(CN)_4]^{3-}$: $x + 4(-1) = -3$ or $x = +1$
$\therefore$ O.N. of Cu $= +1$

These calculations will be used while writing the names of these compounds.

Coordination Polyhedron

The coordination number of a central metal ion in the coordination compound determines the spatial arrangement of the ligands around the central atom or ion.

Coordination polyhedron is the ***spatial arrangement of the ligand atoms which are directly attached to the central atom.***

For example, $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$ has octahedral geometry, $[PtCl_4]^{2-}$ has square planar geometry and $[Ni(CO)_4]$ has tetrahedral geometry. The shapes of common coordination entities such as tetrahedral, square planar, octahedral, square pyramidal, trigonal bipyramidal, etc. are given in Fig.5.

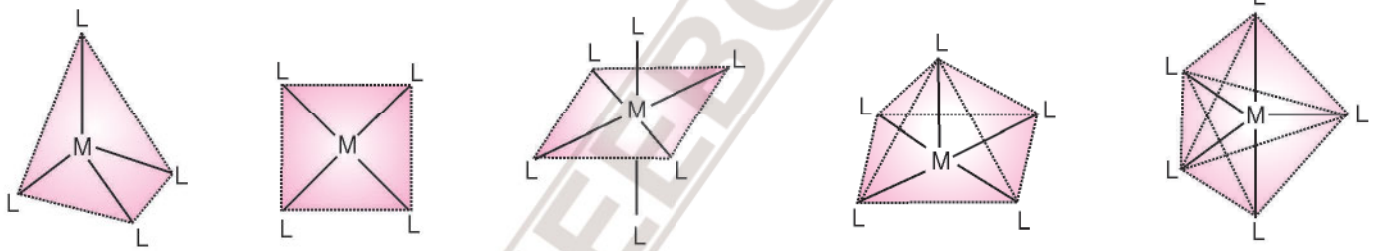


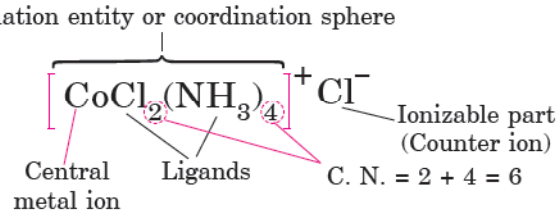
Fig. 5. Shapes of tetrahedral, square planar, octahedral, square pyramidal and trigonal bipyramidal coordination polyhedra. M represents the central atom or ion and L respresents a unidentate ligand.

Homoleptic and Heteroleptic Complexes

Complexes in which the metal is bound to only one kind of donor groups (ligands) are called **homoleptic complexes.** For example, $[Ni(NH_3)_6]^{2+}$, $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$, $[Fe(CN)_6]^{4-}$ are homoleptic complexes.

The complexes in which the metal is bound to more than one kind of donor groups (ligands) are called **heteroleptic complexes.** Some common examples of heteroleptic complexes are $[NiCl_2(H_2O)_4]$, $[CoCl_2(NH_3)_4]^+$, etc.

The different terms in $[CoCl_2(NH_3)_4]Cl$ are illustrated below:



These are also illustrated by the following examples as given in Table 6.

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Table 6. Examples of common terms used in describing coordination entities.

Coordination compound	Coordination entity	Ligand	Central metal atom/ion and its oxidation number	Coordination number	Geometrical shape
$[Co(NH_3)_6]Cl_3$	$[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$	$6NH_3$	Co (III)	6	Octahedral
$K_3[Co(CN)_5F]$	$[Co(CN)_5F]^{3-}$	$5CN^-$, F^-	Co (III)	6	Octahedral
$K_4[Fe(CN)_6]$	$[Fe(CN)_6]^{4-}$	$6CN^-$	Fe (II)	6	Octahedral
$[NiCl_2(H_2O)_4]$	$[NiCl_2(H_2O)_4]$	$2Cl^-$, $4H_2O$	Ni (II)	6	Octahedral
$K_2[Ni(CN)_4]$	$[Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$	$4CN^-$	Ni (II)	4	Square planar
$K_2[NiCl_4]$	$[NiCl_4]^{2-}$	$4Cl^-$	Ni (II)	4	Tetrahedral
$[Ni(CO)_4]$	$[Ni(CO)_4]$	4CO	Ni (0)	4	Tetrahedral
$K_3[Fe(C_2O_4)_3]$	$[Fe(C_2O_4)_3]^{3-}$	$3C_2O_4^{2-}$	Fe (III)	6	Octahedral

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Example 3. *Designate the coordination entities and counter ions in the following coordination compounds*

(i) $K_2[PtCl_4]$ *(ii)* $K_2[Ni(CN)_4]$
(iii) $[CrCl(NH_3)_5]Cl_2$ *(iv)* $K_4[Fe(CN)_6]$
(v) $[Ni(CO)_4]$

Solution : *(i)* The coordination entities and counter ions are :

	Coordination entity	Counter ion
(i) $K_2[PtCl_4]$	$[PtCl_4]^{2-}$	K^+
(ii) $K_2[Ni(CN)_4]$	$[Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$	K^+
(iii) $[CrCl(NH_3)_5]Cl_2$	$[CrCl(NH_3)_5]^{2+}$	Cl^-
(iv) $K_4[Fe(CN)_6]$	$[Fe(CN)_6]^{2-}$	K^+
(v) $[Ni(CO)_4]$	$[Ni(CO)_4]$	no ion

Practice Problems

1. What is the coordinate number of the central metal ions in the following coordination compounds ?

(i) $[PtCl_2(en)_2]$ *(ii)* $K_4[Ni(CN)_4]$ *(iii)* $[Fe(edta)]^-$
(iv) $[Fe(en)_3]Cl_3$ *(v)* $[Mo(CN)_8]^{4-}$ *(vi)* $Fe(CO)_5$
(vii) $[Rh\{P(C_6H_5)\}_3]Cl$ *(viii)* $K_3[Fe(C_2O_4)_3]$

2. What is the oxidation state of iron in the following ?

(i) $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$ *(ii)* $K_4[Fe(CN)_6]$ *(iii)* $Fe(CO)_5$
(iv) $[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$

3. Specify the oxidation numbers of the metals in the following coordination entities :

(a) $[Co(CN)(en)_2(H_2O)]^{2+}$ *(b)* $[CrCl_3(NH_3)_3]$ *(c)* $[CoBr_2(en)_2]^+$
(d) $[PtCl_4]^{2-}$ *(e)* $K_3[Fe(CN)_6]$ *(Jharkhand S.B. 2013)*

4. Calculate the oxidation state of the central metal atom in the following :

(i) $[Fe(EDTA)]^-$ *(ii)* $[Co(NO_2)_2(C_5H_5N)_2(NH_3)_2]NO_3$
(iii) $K_4[Ni(CN)_4]$ *(iv)* $Na[Co(CO)_4]$

5. Indicate the central metal ion, ligands, coordination number and oxidation state of the central metal in the following complex :

$[Pd\ I_2\ (ONO)_2(H_2O)_2]$

6. Which of the following is expected to be more stable : $[Co(en)_3]^{3+}$ or $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$?

Answers to Practice Problems

1. *(i)* 6 *(ii)* 4 *(iii)* 6
(iv) 6 *(v)* 8 *(vi)* 5
(vii) 3 *(viii)* 6

2. *(i)* +3 *(ii)* +2 *(iii)* 0
(iv) +3

3. *(a)* +3 *(b)* +3 *(c)* +3
(d) +2 *(e)* +3

4. *(i)* +3 *(ii)* +3 *(iii)* 0
(iv) −1

5. *(i)* Pd^{4+}; H_2O, ONO^-, I^-; 6; +4

6. $[Co(en)_3]^{3+}$ because it is a chelate complex.

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IUPAC FORMULATION AND NOMENCLATURE OF COORDINATION COMPOUNDS

Coordination compounds are formulated and named according to the system set up by *Inorganic Nomenclature Committee of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry* (IUPAC). It is called **IUPAC System of Nomenclature**. According to the latest (2004) IUPAC system, the following rules are observed for writing formulas and naming mononuclear coordination compounds.

Rules for Writing Formula

The formula of a compound is a shorthand method used to provide basic information about the constitution of a compound in a concise and convenient manner. The following rules are applied while writing the formulas :

(*i*) The formula of the cation whether simple or complex is written first followed by that of the anion.

(*ii*) The coordination entity is written in square brackets.

(*iii*) The sequence of symbols within the coordination entity is : **first the symbol of the central metal atom followed by ligands in alphabetical order**. According to latest IUPAC recommendations, the placement of a ligand in the list does not depend on its charge.

The ligands in coordination entity are arranged as :

(*a*) The different ligands are arranged **alphabetically according to the first symbol of their formulae.** For example, H_2O, NH_3, NO_3^-, SO_4^{2-} and OH^-, etc. are cited at H, N, N, S and O. The ligands containing carbon and hydrogen are cited only under C.

(*b*) When the two ligands have same defining atom, the ligand ***with fewer such atoms is cited first followed by the ligand having more atoms.***

For example, NH_3 precedes N_2

(*c*) If the numbers of defining atoms are equal, subsequent symbol decides the sequence. For example NH_2^- precedes NO_2^- because H comes before O.

(*iv*) Polydentate ligands are also listed alphabetically. In case of abbreviated ligand, the first letter of the abbreviation is used to determine the position of the ligand in alphabetical order.

(*v*) The formula for the co-ordination entity, whether charged or not, is enclosed in square brackets. Polyatomic ligands are enclosed in parentheses ( ), but all ligands are written without any separation in between.

(*vi*) There should be no space between the representations of ionic species within the formula.

(*vii*) Sometimes abbreviations are used for formulae of the ligands. **These abbreviations should be in *lower case* and enclosed in parenthesis.** For example, *py* is used for pyridine and *en* is used for ethane-1, 2-diamine or ethylene diamine.

(*viii*) The number of cations or anions to be written in the formula is calculated on the basis that total positive charge must be equal to total negative charge.

(*ix*) When the formula of the charged coordination entity is written without the formula of the counter ion, the charge is indicated outside the square brackets as a right superscript with the number before the sign (+ or –).

For example,

$[Ni(NH_3)_6]^{2+}$, $[Co(CN)_6]^{3-}$, $[CoCl(NH_3)_5]^{2+}$, etc.

Some common examples are :

$[CoCl_2(NH_3)_4]Cl$	Cl is cited first than NH_3
$[Co(H_2O)_2(NH_3)_4]Cl_2$	H is cited before N
$[Pt\ Cl_2(C_5H_5N)NH_3]$	Among neutral ligands C_5H_5N and NH_3, C_5H_5N precedes NH_3
$[Ru(NH_3)_5(N_2)]Cl_2$	NH_3 precedes N_2

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RULES FOR NAMING THE COORDINATION COMPOUNDS

The nomenclature system given by IUPAC (International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry) has been given below :

1. Order of naming ions

In ionic complexes, the cation is named first and then the anion (as in NaCl : sodium chloride).

Non-ionic complexes are given a one word name.

2. Naming the coordination entity

In naming the coordination entity, the ligands are named first and then the central metal ion.

3. Names of ligands

The names of anionic ligands (organic or inorganic) end in o–. In general, if the anionic ligand name ends in –ide, –ite or –ate, the final 'e' is replaced by 'o' giving –ido, –ito and –ato respectively. For inorganic anionic ligands containing numerical prefixes such as triphosphate enclosing marks ( ) are added. The names of positive ligands end in -ium. The neutral ligands are named as such.

For example,

(*i*) **negative ligands end in –*o* :**

F^-	fluorido
Cl^-	chlorido
Br^-	bromido
NO_2^-	nitrito-N
ONO^-	nitrito-O
SO_4^{2-}	sulphato
OH^-	hydroxido/hydroxo*
$\begin{matrix}COO^-\\ \vert \\ COO^-\end{matrix}$	oxalato
CN^-	cyanido/cyano*
CH_3COO^-	acetato
SCN^-	thiocyanato
O_2^{2-}	peroxo
O^{2-}	oxo
N^{3-}	nitrido
P^{3-}	phosphido
N_3^-	azido
NCS^-	isothiocyanato
H^-	hydrido
CO_3^{2-}	carbonato
NO_3^-	nitrato
NH_2^-	amido
NH^{2-}	imido
ClO_3^-	chlorato
$S_2O_3^{2-}$	thiosulphato

(*ii*) **positive ligands end in -ium**

NO^+	nitrosonium
$NH_2NH_3^+$	hydrazinium
NO_2^+	nitronium

(*iii*) **neutral ligands are named as such**

CH_3NH_2	methylamine
$NH_2CH_2CH_2NH_2$	ethane-1,2-diamine or ethylenediamine

(The name ethane-1, 2-diamine should be used in preference to ethylene diamine)

* For OH^- hydroxido or hydroxo and for CN^-, cyanido or cyano is popularly used.

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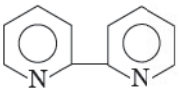
- In the old system, the halide ligands were named as :
  F^- : fluoro
  Cl^- : chloro
  Br^- : bromo
  I^- : iodo
  However, according to 2004 IUPAC recommendations anionic ligands will end with 'o'. In general, if the anion name ends in 'ide, 'ite' or 'ate' the final 'e' is replaced by 'o' giving the name 'ido', 'ito' and 'ato' respectively. This means that the halide ligands are named as **fluorido**, **chlorido**, **bromido** and **iodido**.
- Similarly, cyanide (CN^-) may be named as **cyanido** according to IUPAC 2004 recommendations. But its name **cyano is popularly retained**.
  Similarly, OH^- may be named as **hydroxido** but hydroxo is also commonly used.
- NO_2^- was named as nitro and ONO^- was named as nitrito. However, according to latest conventions, NO_2^- is named as nitrito –N and ONO^- is named as nitrito –O.
- In the complexes, except for those of molecular hydrogen, **hydrogen is always treated as anionic** (hydride) and is named '**hydrido**'.

HELP

Note the spellings of **ammine** with two m's. This is used only for NH_3 while all other amines are spelled with usual **one m**. For example, $NH_2CH_2CH_2NH_2$, ethylenediamine or ethane -1, 2-diamine.

Abbreviations for ligands should be in lower case.

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C_5H_5N	pyridine (py)
$(C_6H_5)_3P$	triphenylphosphine
PH_3	phosphine
H_2NCSNH_2	thiourea (tu)
	dipyridyl (dipy)

However, there are a few **exceptions** in naming neutral ligands. For example,

H_2O	aqua (it was named 'aquo' in old system).
NH_3	ammine
NO	nitrosyl
CO	carbonyl
CS	thiocarbonyl

4. Order of naming ligands

When more than one type of ligands are present, they are named in alphabetical order of preference without any consideration of charge. For example, in the complex $[CoCl(NO_2)(NH_3)_4]^+$, the ligands are named in the order: ammine, chlorido and nitrito-N. Similarly, in the complex $K_3[Fe(CN)_5NO]$, the ligands are named as cyanido and nitrosyl.

5. Numerical prefixes to indicate number of ligands

When more than one ligands of a particular kind are present in the complex, the prefixes di-, tri-, tetra-, penta-, hexa-, etc. are used to indicate their number : two, three, four, five and six respectively.

When the name of the ligand, includes the numerical prefix (di, tri, tetra), then the prefixes bis, tris, tetrakis are used for two, three, four ligands, respectively. Such ligands are called ***complex ligands.***

For example, to indicate two simple ligands such as chloro, bromo, ammine, oxalato, etc., we use the prefix di but to indicate two complex ligands such as ethylenediamine we use the prefix bis (ethylenediamine) or bis (1, 2–ethanediamine). The name of the complex ligand is given in brackets.

For example :

$[Co(en)_3]^{3+}$: tris(ethane-1,2,-diamine)cobalt(III) ion

$[NiCl_2(PPh_3)_2]$: dichloridobis (triphenylphosphine)nickel(II)

6. Ending of names

When the complex is anionic, the name of the central metal atom ends in ***-ate.*** *For cationic and neutral complexes, the name of the metal is written without any characteristic ending.*

For example, the cationic complex $[Co(NH_3)_6]Cl_3$ is named without characteristic ending of the name of the metal as :

$[Co(NH_3)_6]Cl_3$: hexaamminecobalt(III) chloride

The coordination compound, $K[PtCl_5(NH_3)]$ which contains the anionic complex $[PtCl_5(NH_3)]^-$ is named with ending of the name of the metal as *-ate*.

$K[PtCl_5(NH_3)]$: potassium amminepentachloridoplatinate(IV)

Similarly, the anionic complex $Ca_2[Fe(CN)_6]$ is named as calcium hexacyanoferrate (II).

$[Co(SCN)_4]^{2-}$ is named as tetrathiocyanatocobaltate(II) ion.

It may be **noted** that for anionic complexes the Latin names of certain metals are commonly used. For example, ferrate for Fe, cuperate for Cu, argentate for Ag, aurate for Au, stannate for Sn, etc.

However, if the complex is cationic or neutral the name of the metal is given as such *e.g.*, iron for Fe, silver for Ag, gold for Au, copper for Cu, etc.

WATCH OUT !

In the old system, the ligands are named in the order of (*i*) negative (*ii*) neutral and (*iii*) positive. Within each group of ligands, they are written in order of increasing complexity. For example, in the complex, $[CoCl(NO_2)(NH_3)_4]^+$, the ligands are named in the order: chloro, nitro (negative ligands) and ammine (neutral ligand). However, IUPAC (1971) rules have recommended that all ligands whether negative, neutral or positive be arranged alphabetically without any preference order. **Some books still follow old convention but the new system of naming ligands in alphabetical order is used in the present text.**

HELP

In the name of the complex $[Co(NH_3)_6]Cl_3$ both 'a' i.e., last 'a' of hexa and first 'a' of ammine are to be retained.

REMEMBER

Names of anions containing metal atoms

Al	:	aluminate
Cr	:	chromate
Co	:	cobaltate
Cu	:	cuprate
Mn	:	manganate
Ni	:	nickelate
W	:	tungstate
Zn	:	zincate

➤ For anionic complexes, Latin names of some metals are commonly used:

Fe	:	ferrate
Cu	:	cuperate
Ag	:	argentate
Au	:	aurate
Sn	:	stannate

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For example,

$K_3[Fe(CN)_6]$: potassium hexacyanidoferrate(III)

$[Fe(CO)_5]$: pentacarbonyliron (0)

7. Oxidation state of central metal ion

The oxidation state of the central metal ion is designated by a Roman numeral *(such as II, III, IV) in the brackets at the end of the name of the complex without a gap between the two.*

Let us discuss some examples :

(*i*) $[Cr(NH_3)_3(H_2O)_3]Cl_3$

In this case, the ligands are ammine and aqua. The complex is cation and chloride is anion. The oxidation state of chromium is III as

$x + 3(0) + 3(0) - 3 = 0$ or $x = +3$.

Its name is **triamminetriaquachromium(III) chloride.**

(*ii*) $K_3[Fe(CN)_6]$

In this case, the ligands are cyanido. The complex is anionic. The oxidation state of iron is +3 as

$3(+1) + x + 6(-1) = 0$ or $x = +3$

The name of the complex is **potassium hexacyanidoferrate(III)**.

It may be noted that if the complex containing the central ion, Fe^{3+} is anionic, the Latin name of metal is used *i.e., ferrate.*

(*iii*) $[Co(H_2NCH_2CH_2NH_2)_3]_2(SO_4)_3$

In this case, ligands are ethane-1, 2-diamine (or ethylenediamine). The complex is cationic. The oxidation state of cobalt is +3 as:

$[x + 3 \times 0] \times 2 + 3(-2) = 0$ or $2x = +6$ or $x = +3$

The name of the complex is **tris(ethane-1, 2-diamine)cobalt(III) sulphate**.

It may be noted that tris is used because the ligand is complex ligand.

(*iv*) $[Ag(NH_3)_2]$ $[Ag(CN)_2]$

In this case, both cation and anion are complexes. The oxidation state of silver in both cationic and anionic complexes is +1.

The name of the complex is **diamminesilver(I) dicyanidoargentate(I)**

8. Point of attachment

When a ligand can coordinate through more than one atom, then the point of attachment of the ligand is indicated by putting the symbol of the atom through which coordination occurs after the name of the ligand. Sometimes, different names are used for alternative modes of attachment. For example,

NO_2^- can coordinate through –N or –O. If it coordinates through N, it is called nitrito –N. On the other hand, if it coordinates through O, $-ONO^-$, it is called nitrito –O.

— NO_2^- (through N)* : nitrito – N

— ONO^- (through O)* : nitrito – O

Similarly,

— SCN^- (through S) : thiocyanato

— NCS^-(through N) : isothiocyanato

For example,

$[Co(NO_2)_3(NH_3)_3]$: triamminetrinitrito-N-cobalt(III)

$[Co(ONO)(NH_3)_5]SO_4$: pentaamminenitrito-O-cobalt(III) sulphate

9. Naming geometrical isomers

Geometrical isomers are named by the use of the terms *cis-* to designate adjacent positions and *trans-* to designate opposite positions. For example, in square planar complexes shown below, the positions 1, 4; 1, 2; 2, 3 and 3, 4 are *cis-* while 1, 3 and 2, 4 are *trans* with respect to each other. In naming these complexes, *cis* or *trans* is written before the names of these compounds.

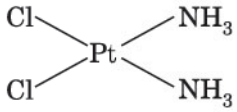
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It may be noted that the gap should be only between cation and anion. The complex part should be written as one word.

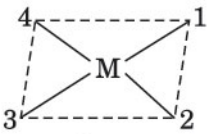
* According to old system, $-NO_2^-$ is called *nitro* and $-ONO^-$ is called *nitrito*.

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For example,



cis-diamminedichloridoplatinum(II)



Square planar complex

Similarly, for octahedral complexes, *cis*- and *trans*- are used (discussed later) in isomerism in coordination compounds.

10. Naming optical isomers

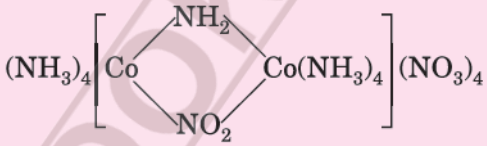
Optically active compounds are designated by the symbols (+) or *d*- for dextrorotatory and (–) or *l*- for laevorotatory.

For example,

d- $K_3[Cr(C_2O_4)_3]$: Potassium (+) trioxalatochromate(III)

Bridging groups in bidentate ligands

For ligands which act as bridge between two metal atoms, the Greek letter μ *(mu) is written before their names.* For example,

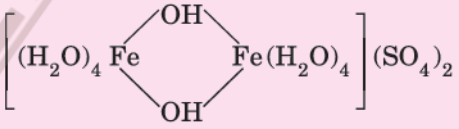


In this case, the ligands are NH_2^- (amido), NO_2^- (nitrito-N) and NH_3 (amine). The oxidation state of cobalt is +3 as

$4\,(0) + x + (-1) + (-1) + x + 4\,(0) + 4\,(-1) = 0$

$2x = 6$ or $x = +3$

Tetraamminecobalt(III) -μ- amido -μ- nitrito-N-tetraamminecobalt(III) nitrate



Tetraaquairon(III) -μ-dihydroxotetraaquairon(III) sulphate.

Some more **examples** are given below :

Formula	Name
$K[Ag(CN)_2]$	potassium dicyanidoargentate(I)
Complex is anionic, therefore, -ate is used after the name of the metal atom.	
$[PtCl(NO_2)(NH_3)_4]SO_4$	tetraamminechloridonitrito-N-platinum(IV) sulphate
$K_2[HgCl_4]$	potassium tetrachloridomercurate(II)
$[CoCl_2(NO_2)(NH_3)_3]$	triamminedichloridonitrito-N-cobalt(III)
$[CrCl_2(H_2O)_4]NO_3$	tetraaquadichloridochromium(III) nitrate
$K[PtCl_3(NH_3)]$	potassium amminetrichloridoplatinate(II)
$[Ni(H_2O)_2(NH_3)_4]SO_4$	tetraamminediaquanickel(II) sulphate
$Na[Au(CN)_2]$	sodium dicyanidoaurate(I)
$[Cu(H_2O)_2(NH_3)_4]SO_4$	tetraamminediaquacopper(II) sulphate
$Na_3[Co(NO_2)_6]$	sodium hexanitrito-N-cobaltate(III)
$K_3[Fe(CN)_5NO]$	potassium pentacyanidonitrosylferrate(II)
$K_3[Fe(C_2O_4)_3]$	potassium trioxalatoferrate(III)
$K_4[Ni(CN)_4]$	potassium tetracyanidonickelate(0)
In this case oxidation number of Ni is 0.	
$[Cr(PPh_3)(CO)_5]$	pentacarbonyltriphenylphosphinechromium(0)
$[\{C_6H_5)_3P\}_3Rh]Cl$	tris(triphenylphosphine)rhodium(I) chloride

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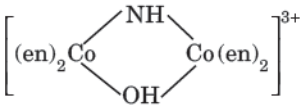
In this case, the ligand is a complex ligand because it contains the prefix tri in its name. For these ligands, the prefixes bis (for two), tris (for three), etc. are used.

$[CoBr_2(en)_2]Cl$	dibromidobis(ethane-1, 2-diamine)cobalt(III) chloride
$K_3[Cr(C_2O_4)_3]$	potassium trioxalatochromate(III)
$[Ni(CO)_4]$	tetracarbonylnickel(0)

In this case, oxidation state of nickel is 0.

$[CoF_2(en)_2]ClO_4$	bis(ethane-1,2-diamine)difluoridocobalt(III) perchlorate
$[Ni(dmg)_2]$	bis(dimethylglyoximato) nickel(II)

DMG is negative ligand with charge of –1.



bis(ethane-1, 2-diamine)cobalt(III) -μ-imido-μ-hydroxidobis(ethane-1,2-diamine)cobalt(III) ion

In this case, the ligands are ethane-1, 2-diamine (en), imido (NH^{2-}) and hydroxo (OH^-). The oxidation state of cobalt is +3 as : $2(0) + x + (-2) + (-1) + x + 2(0) = +3$ or $x = +3$

$[CoCl_2(en)_2]_2SO_4$	dichloridobis(ethane-1, 2-diamine)cobalt(III) sulphate

Oxidation state of cobalt should be carefully calculated as :

$2[x + 2(-1) + 2(0)] - 2 = 0$ or $2x - 4 - 2 = 0$ or $2x = 6$ $\therefore x = +3$

$[Co\ Cl(en)_2\ ONO]^+$	chloridobis(ethane-1, 2-diamine)nitrito-(O)-cobalt(III) ion
$Na[Co(CO)_4]$	sodium tetracarbonylcobaltate (–I)

Oxidation state of Co in this complex is –1 as : $+1 + x + 4(0) = 0$ or $x = -1$

$K_2[PtF_6]$	potassium hexafluoridoplatinate(IV)
$[PtBrCl(C_5H_5N)NH_3]$	amminebromidochloridopyridineplatinum(II)
$K_2[OsCl_5N]$	potassium pentachloridonitridoosmate(VI)
$[Fe(C_5H_5)_2]$	bis(cyclopentadienyl)iron(II)

In this case ligand is cyclopentadienyl, $C_5H_5^-$.

$[PtCl\ (NH_2\ CH_3)\ (NH_3)_2]Cl$	diamminechlorido(methylamine)platinum(II) chloride
$Fe_4[Fe(CN)_6]_3$	iron(III) hexacyanidoferrate(II)
$[Co(NH_3)_6]ClSO_4$	hexaamminecobalt(III) chloride sulphate
$Na[PtBrCl(NO_2)(NH_3)]$	sodium amminebromidochloridonitrito-N-platinate(II)
$K_2[PdCl_4]$	potassium tetrachloridopalladate(II)
$[PtCl_2(C_5H_5N)(NH_3)]$	amminedichlorido(pyridine) platinum(II)
$[VO(acac)_2]$	bis(acetylacetonato)oxovanadium(IV)

In this case, ligands are oxo (O^{2-}) and acetyl acetonate ($acac^-$).

$[(NH_3)_5\ Cr—OH—Cr(NH_3)_5]Cl_5$ pentaamminechromium(III)-μ-hydroxidopentaamminechromium(III) chloride

—OH group is bridging group.

$K_2[Zn(OH)_4]$	potassium tetrahydroxidozincate(II)
$Hg[Co(CNS)_4]$	mercury tetrathiocyanatocobaltate(II)
$K[CrF_4O]$	potassium tetrafluoridooxochromate(V)
$Li[AlH_4]$	lithium tetrahydridoaluminate(III)

H is hydride treated as anionic (hydride) and is named as hydrido

$Mn_3(CO)_{12}$	dodecacarbonyltrimanganese(0)
$[Pt(NH_3)_4][PtCl_4]$	tetraammineplatinum(II) tetrachloridoplatinate(II)

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This compound contains cationic complex and anionic complex as $[Pt(NH_3)_4]^{2+}$ $[PtCl_4]^{2-}$ and oxidation state of Pt is +2 in both.

$[Cr(NCS)(NH_3)_5]$ $[ZnCl_4]$ pentaamminethiocyanato-N-chromium(III) tetrachloridozincate(II)

The complex exists as $[Cr(NCS)(NH_3)_5]^{2+}$ $[ZnCl_4]^{2-}$

$[Ag(NH_3)_2][Ag(CN)_2]$ diamminesilver(I) dicyanidoargentate(I)

The complex exists as $[Ag(NH_3)_2]^{+}$ $[Ag(CN_2)]^{-}$

$[PtCl_2(NH_3)_4]$ $[PtCl_4]$ tetraamminedichloridoplatinum(IV) tetrachloridoplatinate(II)

The complex exists as $[PtCl_2(NH_3)_4]^{2+}[PtCl_4]^{2-}$

$[CoCl_2(NH_3)_4]_3$ $[Cr(CN)_6]$ tetraamminedichloridocobalt(III) hexacyanochromate(III)

In this case both cation and anion are complexes and exist as $[CoCl_2(NH_3)_4]^{+}$ $[Cr(CN)_6]^{3-}$

$[Pt(py)_4][PtCl_4]$ tetrapyridineplatinum(II) tetrachloridoplatinate(II)

The complex exists as $[Pt(py)_4]^{2+}[PtCl_4]^{2-}$ and oxidation state of Pt in both is +2

$[(CO)_3Fe(CO)_3\ Fe(CO)_3]$ tri-μ-carbonyl bis(tricarbonyl iron(0))

The three CO groups in the middle act as bridging groups

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Example 4.

Write the formulae of the following coordination compounds :

(i) potassium tetrahydroxidozincate(II)
(ii) tetraammineaquachloridocobalt(III) chloride
(iii) potassium trioxalatoaluminate(III)
(iv) dichloridobis (ethane-1,2-diamine) cobalt (III) ion
(v) tetracarbonylnickel(0) **N.C.E.R.T.**

Solution :

(i) $K_2[Zn(OH)_4]$ (ii) $[Co(NH_3)_4(H_2O)Cl]Cl_2$
(iii) $K_3[Al(C_2O_4)_3]$ (iv) $[CoCl_2(en)_2]^{+}$
(v) $[Ni(CO)_4]$

Example 5.

Give the formulae of the following complexes :

(i) ammineaquadibromidocopper(II)
(ii) potassium tetracyanidocuperate(II)
(iii) tris(ethane-1,2-diamine)chromium(III) chloride *(A.I.S.B. 2017)*
(iv) potassium pentacyanidonitrosylferrate(II)
(v) amminechloridobis (ethane-1,2-diamine) cobalt (III) ion
(vi) tetraamminedichloridocobalt(III) ion

Solution : The formulae are :

(i) $[CuBr_2(H_2O)(NH_3)]$ (ii) $K_2[Cu(CN)_4]$
(iii) $[Cr(en)_3]\ Cl_3$ (iv) $K_3[Fe(CN)_5(NO)]$
(v) $[CoCl(en)_2(NH_3)]^{2+}$ ion (vi) $[CoCl_2(NH_3)_4]^{+}$ ion

Example 6.

Write the IUPAC names of the following:

(i) $[PtCl(NH_2CH_3)(NH_3)_2]Cl$
(ii) $[CoCl_2(en)_2]Cl$ *(iii)* $[Pt(NH_3)_2Cl(NO_2)]$
(iv) $K_3[Cr(C_2O_4)_3]$ *(v)* $[Co(NH_3)_5(CO_3)]Cl$
(vi) $[Hg[Co(SCN)_4]$ **N.C.E.R.T.**

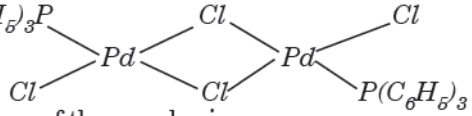
Solution :

(i) diamminechlorido(methylamine)platinum(II) chloride
(ii) dichloridobis(ethane-1,2-diamine) cobalt(III) chloride
(iii) diamminechloridonitrito-N-platinum(II)
(iv) potassium trioxalatochromate(III)
(v) pentaamminecarbonatocobalt(III) chloride
(vi) mercury tetrathiocyanatocobaltate(III)

Example 7.

Give the names of the following complex ions :

(i) $[NiCl_4]^{2-}$ *(ii)* $[Co(en)_3]^{3+}$
(iii) $[Fe(CN)_6]^{4-}$ *(iv)* $[Mn(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$
(v) $[CoCl(ONO)(en)_2]^{+}$
(vi)



Solution : Name of the complex ions :

(i) $[NiCl_4]^{2-}$: tetrachloridonickelate(II) ion
(ii) $[Co(en)_3]^{3+}$: tris (ethane-1,2-diamine) cobalt (III) ion
(iii) $[Fe(CN)_6]^{4-}$: hexacyanidoferrate(II) ion
(iv) $[Mn(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$: hexaaquamanganese(II) ion
(v) $[CoCl(ONO)(en)_2]^{+}$: chloridobis(ethane-1,2-diamine) nitrito-O-cobalt(III) ion.
(vi) chloridotriphenylphosphinepalladium(II) -μ-dichlorido-chloridotriphenylphosphinepalladium(II)

Example 8.

Write the IUPAC names of the following :

(a) $Na_3[Cr(OH)_2F_4]$ *(J.K.S.B. 2011)*
(b) $[Co(en)_2(ONO)Cl]^{+}$ *(Pb.S.B.2005,H.P.S.B.2010)*

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(c) $K_3[Fe(CN)_5NO]$ (Pb. S.B. 2008, 2010, 2013)

(d) $[CrCl_2(en)_2]Cl$ (D.S.B. 2010)

(e) $Na[Au(CN)_2]$ (Pb.S.B. 2012)

(f) $[Co(NH_3)_4(H_2O)(Cl)]Cl_2$ (Hr. S.B. 2012)

(g) $[PtCl(NH_2CH_3)(NH_3)_2]Cl$ (Hr. S.B. 2005)

(h) $Hg[Co(SCN)_4]$ (Hr. S.B. 2012, 2013)

(i) $[Co(en)_3]Cl_3$

(J.K.S.B. 2011, Meghalaya S.B. 2018)

(j) $Na_3[Co(NO_2)_6]$ (Hr.S.B.2014)

Solution :

(a) sodium tetrafluoridodihydroxidochromate(III)
(b) chloridobis(ethane-1,2-diamine)nitrito-O-cobalt(III) ion
(c) potassium pentacyanidonitrosylferrate(III)
(d) dichloridobis(ethane-1, 2-diamine)chromium(III) chloride
(e) sodium dicyanidoaurate(I)
(f) tetraammineaquachloridocobalt(III) chloride
(g) diamminechlorido(methylamine)platinum(II)chloride.
(h) mercury tetrathiocyanatocobaltate(III)
(i) tris (ethane-1, 2-diamine)cobalt(III) chloride
(j) sodium hexanitrito-N-cobaltate(III)

❑ **Example 9.**

Write the IUPAC names of the following :

(a) $[Ag(NH_3)_2][Ag(CN)_2]$ (Hr. S.B. 2012, 2013)

(b) $K_3[Fe(C_2O_4)_3]$ (Hr. S.B. 2006, 2017, Pb. S.B. 2012)

(c) $[CoCl_2(en)_2]Cl$ (Hr. S.B. 2006, 2010)

(d) $K_3[Cr(C_2O_4)_3]$ (Pb. S.B. 2013, Hr. S.B. 2013, 2018)

(e) $K_4[Ni(CN)_4]$ (Pb.S.B. 2009)

(f) $[Pt(NH_3)_2Cl(NO_2)]$ (Hr.S.B. 2012)

(g) $[CoBr_2(en)_2]^+$ (D.S.B. 2012)

(h) $[Co(NH_3)_5ONO]Cl_2$ (Meghalaya S.B. 2014)

(i) $[Co(NH_3)_5(NO_2)](NO_3)_2$ (A.I.S.B. 2015)

(j) $[Cr(NH_3)_2Cl_2(en)]Cl$ (D.S.B. 2015)

Solution :

(a) diamminesilver(I) dicyanidoargentate(I)
(b) potassium trioxalatoferrate(III)
(c) dichloridobis(ethane-1,2-diamine)cobalt(III)chloride
(d) potassium trioxalatochromate(III)
(e) potassium tetracyanidonickelate (0)
(f) diamminechloridonitrito–N–platinum(II)
(g) dibromidobis (ethylenediamine) cobalt(III) ion
(h) pentaamminenitrito–O–cobalt(III) chloride
(i) pentaamminenitrito–N–cobalt(III) nitrate
(j) diamminedichlorido(ethane-1, 2-diamine)chromium (III) chloride

Practice Problems

7. Write the formulae of the following coordination compounds :

(a) hexaamminecobalt(III) sulphate
(b) potassium tetrachloridopalladate(II)
(c) diamminechloridonitrito -N- platinum(II) (Hr. S.B. 2015)
(d) pentaamminenitrito -N- cobalt(III)
(e) pentaamminenitrito - O- cobalt(III) (D.S.B. 2015)
(f) sodium dicyanidoaurate(I) (A.I.S.B. 2017)
(g) tetraamminechloridonitrito-N-platinum(IV) sulphate (A.I.S.B. 2017)
(h) potassium tetracyanidonickelate(II) (A.I.S.B. 2015)
(i) potassium trioxalatachromate(III)
(j) tetracarbonylnickel(0) (Hr. S.B. 2015)

8. Write IUPAC names of the following :

(i) $K_3[Al(C_2O_4)_3]$ (Hr. S.B. 2012, 2018)
(ii) $[Ni(CO)_4]$ (Hr. S.B. 2014, 2018)
(iii) $Fe_4[Fe(CN)_6]_3$ (iv) $[CoCl(NH_3)_5]Cl_2$
(v) $[PtCl_2(C_5H_5N)(NH_3)]$ (vi) $Na[PtBrCl(NO_2)(NH_3)]$
(vii) $[Cr(NH_3)_3Cl_3]$ (D.S.B. 2013)
(viii) $K_3[Fe(CN)_6]$ (D.S.B. 2013, H.P.S.B. 2015, Hr. S.B. 2018)
(ix) $Na_3[AlF_6]$ (Jharkhand S.B. 2013)
(x) $[Co(en)_3]_2(SO_4)_3$ (D.S.B. 2013)

9. Which of the following names are correct ?

(i) $Na_2[Ni(EDTA)]$: sodium ethylenediaminetetraacetatonickel(II)
(ii) $[Ag(CN)_2]^-$: dicyanidosilver(I) ion
(iii) $[CoCO_3(NH_3)_5]Cl$: pentaamminecarbonatocobalt(III) chloride
(iv) $K_3[Fe(CN)_5NO]$: potassium pentacyanidonitroferrate(II)
(v) $[CoONO(NH_3)_5]SO_4$: pentaamminenitrito-O-cobalt(III) sulphate
(vi) $K_3[Al(C_2O_4)_3]$: potassium tris(oxalato)aluminate(III)

Answers to Practice Problems

7. (a) $[Co(NH_3)_6]_2(SO_4)_3$
(b) $K_2[PdCl_4]$
(c) $[Pt(NH_3)_2Cl(NO_2)]$
(d) $[Co(NO_2)(NH_3)_5]^{2+}$
(e) $[Co(ONO)(NH_3)_5]^{2+}$
(f) Na $[Au(CN)_2]$
(g) $[Pt(NH_3)_4Cl(NO_2)]SO_4$
(h) $K_2[Ni(CN)_4]$
(i) $K_3[Cr(ox)_3]$
(j) $[Ni(CO)_4]$

8. (i) Potassium trioxalatoaluminate (III)
(ii) tetracarbonylnickel(0)
(iii) iron hexacyanidoferrate(III)
(iv) pentaamminechloridocobalt (III) chloride
(v) amminedichlorido (pyridine) platinum(II)
(vi) sodium amminebromidochloridonitrito-N-platinate(II)
(vii) triamminetrichloridochromium (III)
(viii) potassium hexacyanidoferrate(III)
(ix) sodium hexafluoridoaluminate.
(x) tris(ethylenediamine)cobalt(III) sulphate

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ISOMERISM IN COORDINATION COMPOUNDS

Greek *iso* means equal and *meros* means parts.

Two or more compounds having the same molecular formula but different arrangement of atoms are called **isomers and *the phenomenon is called*** **isomerism**.

Because of different arrangement of atoms, isomers differ in one or more physical or chemical properties.

Isomers can be broadly classified into two major categories :

(A) *Structural isomers* (B) *Stereoisomers.*

These are further sub-divided as shown below :

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Structural isomers	**Stereoisomers**
1. *Ionisation isomerism*	1. *Geometrical isomerism*
2. *Hydrate isomerism*	2. *Optical isomerism*
3. *Coordination isomerism*	
4. *Linkage isomerism*	

A. Structural Isomerism

The isomers which have same molecular formula but different structural arrangement of atoms or groups of atoms around the central metal ion are called **structural isomers**. These are discussed below :

1. Ionisation isomerism

The compounds which have same molecular formula but give different ions in solution are called **ionisation isomers.** In this type of isomerism, the difference arises form the interchange of groups within or outside the coordination entity. This type of isomerism occurs when the counter ion in a coordination compound is itself a potential ligand. Therefore, these isomers give different ions in solution. For example, there are two isomers of the compound of the formula $Co(NH_3)_5BrSO_4$. One of these is *red-violet* and forms a precipitate with $BaCl_2$ indicating that sulphate ion is outside the coordination entity. The second one is *red* and does not form precipitate with $BaCl_2$ but forms a precipitate of AgBr with silver nitrate indicating that bromide ion is outside the coordination entity.

The structures of the two compounds and their modes of ionisation are :

Structure		*Mode of ionisation*
$[CoBr(NH_3)_5]SO_4$	$\longrightarrow$	$[CoBr(NH_3)_5]^{2+} + SO_4^{2-}$
Pentaamminebromido-cobalt (III) sulphate (Red-violet)		Gives test of SO_4^{2-} ions
$[CoSO_4(NH_3)_5]Br$	$\longrightarrow$	$[CoSO_4(NH_3)_5]^{+} + Br^{-}$
Pentaamminesulphato-cobalt (III) bromide (Red)		Gives test of Br^- ions

Other compounds showing this type of isomerism are :

(*i*)	$[CoCl_2(NH_3)_4]NO_2$	and	$[CoCl(NO_2)(NH_3)_4]Cl$
(*ii*)	$[Co(NO_3)(NH_3)_5]SO_4$	and	$[Co(SO_4)(NH_3)_5]NO_3$
(*iii*)	$[PtCl_2(NH_3)_4]Br_2$	and	$[PtBr_2(NH_3)_4]Cl_2$
(*iv*)	$[CoCl(NO_2)(NH_3)_4]Cl$	and	$[CoCl_2(NH_3)_4]NO_2$

2. Solvate or Hydrate isomerism

The compounds which have the same molecular formula but differ in the number of solvent molecules present as ligands (i.e., in the coordination sphere) and as free solvent molecules (i.e. present outside the coordination sphere) in the crystal lattice are called **solvate isomers**. It is also known as **hydrate**

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isomerism in case where water is involved as a solvent. Thus, hydrate isomers differ *in the number of water molecules present as ligands or as molecules of hydration.* This type of isomerism is similar to ionisation isomerism, in which water molecules may occur inside and outside the coordination sphere as a coordinated group or a water of hydration. For example, there are three isomers having the molecular formula $CrCl_3.6H_2O$. These are :

$[Cr(H_2O)_6]Cl_3$, $[CrCl(H_2O)_5]Cl_2.H_2O$ and $[CrCl_2(H_2O)_4]Cl.2H_2O$

They differ largely from one another in their physical and chemical properties as illustrated below:

(*i*) $[Cr(H_2O)_6]Cl_3$ (Violet) — It does not lose water when treated with conc. H_2SO_4 and three chloride ions are precipitated with $AgNO_3$.

(*ii*) $[CrCl(H_2O)_5]Cl_2.H_2O$ (Blue green) — It loses one water molecule when treated with conc. H_2SO_4 and $2Cl^-$ ions are precipitated with $AgNO_3$.

(*iii*) $[CrCl_2(H_2O)_4]Cl.2H_2O$ (Dark green) — It loses two water molecules on treatment with conc. H_2SO_4 dark green and one Cl^- ion is precipitated with $AgNO_3$.

Similarly, the following two isomers are hydrate isomers,

$[CoCl(en)_2(H_2O)]Cl_2$ and $[CoCl_2(en)_2]Cl.H_2O$

$[CoCl(H_2O)(NH_3)_4]Cl_2$ and $[CoCl_2(NH_3)_4]Cl.H_2O$

$[CrCl_2(C_5H_5N)_2(H_2O)_2]Cl$ and $[CrCl_3(C_5H_5N)_2H_2O].H_2O$

3. Coordination isomerism

This type of isomerism occurs in compounds containing both cationic and anionic entities and the isomers differ in the distribution of ligands in the coordination entity of cationic and anionic parts. This type of isomerism arises from the interchange of ligands between cationic and anionic entities of different metal ions present in the complex.

The examples are :

(*i*) $[Co(NH_3)_6][Cr(CN)_6]$ and $[Cr(NH_3)_6][Co(CN)_6]$

(*ii*) $[Cu(NH_3)_4][PtCl_4]$ and $[Pt(NH_3)_4][CuCl_4]$

This type of isomerism is also shown by compounds in which the metal ion is the same in both cationic and anionic complexes. For example :

(*i*) $[Cr(NH_3)_6][Cr(CN)_6]$ and $[Cr(CN)_2(NH_3)_4][Cr(CN)_4(NH_3)_2]$

(*ii*) $[Pt(NH_3)_4][PtCl_4]$ and $[PtCl(NH_3)_3][PtCl_3(NH_3)]$

4. Linkage isomerism

The compounds which have the same molecular formula but differ in the mode of attachment of a ligand to the metal atom or ion are called **linkage isomers**. This type of isomerism arises in compounds containing ambidentate ligands i.e, when more than one atom in a unidentate ligand may act as a donor. For example, in NO_2^- ion, the nitrogen atom as well as the oxygen atom can donate their lone pairs. This gives rise to isomerism. If nitrogen donates its lone pair, one particular compound will be formed. On the other hand, if oxygen donates its lone pair, a different compound (although having the same molecular formula) is obtained. If the bonding is through N, the ligand is named as *nitrito–N (or nitro)* and if it is through O, it is named as *nitrito-O (or nitrito).*

NO_2^- *nitrito-N (or nitro)*

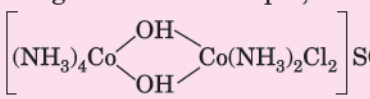
ONO^- *nitrito-O (or nitrito)*

For example, Jorgensen discovered such behaviour in the complex $[Co(NH_3)_5(NO_2)]Cl_2$. He prepared two different pentaamminecobalt(III) chlorides each containing the NO_2 group in the complex ion. These are :

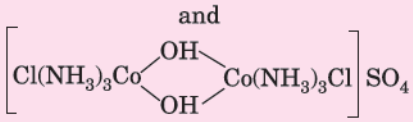
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In addition to four structural isomerism, some coordination complexes exhibit the following two more isomers.

Coordination position isomerism. This type of isomerism is exhibited by bridged complexes and results from different placement (attachment) of ligands. For example,



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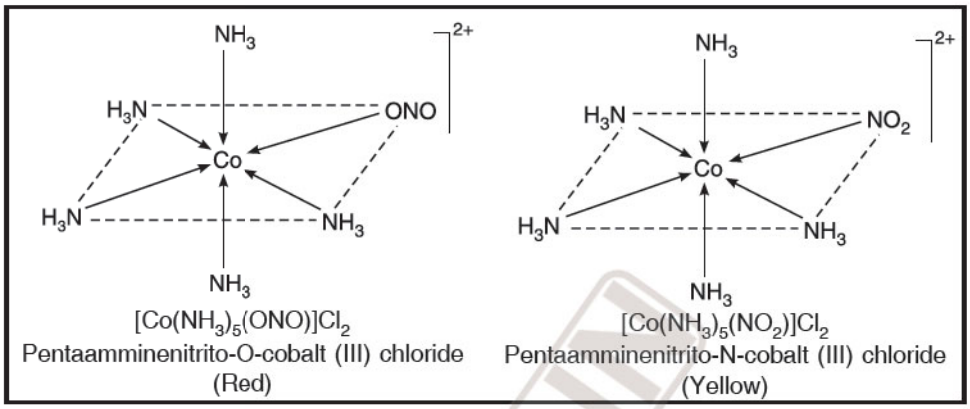
It is clear that in the two isomers the ligands amine and chloro are differently placed relative to the two cobalt atoms.

Polymerisation isomerism. This is not a true isomerism. It is used to denote compounds having the same empirical formula but different molecular formulas. For example, the compounds $[Pt(NH_3)_2Cl_2]$ and $[Pt(NH_3)_4][PtCl_4]$ have same empirical formula but their molecular weights are different. These are regarded as polymerisation isomers. Other examples are :

$[Co(NH_3)_3(NO_2)_3]$ and $[Co(NH_3)_6][Co(NO_2)_6]$

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The nitrite isomers of $[Co(NH_3)_5NO_2]^{2+}$ were studied by Jorgensen and Werner who observed that there are two compounds of the same chemical formula having different colours. The red form was thought to be the M–ONO isomer while yellow form was M–NO_2 isomer. The red form is of low stability which gets converted to yellow form on long standing.



As already discussed, the unidentate ligands which can bind to the central atom through two donor atoms are also called **ambidentate ligands**. Other examples of such ligands are:

— CN cyanido (through C)
— NC isocyanido (through N)
— SCN thiocyanato (through S)
— NCS isothiocyanato (through N)

B. Stereoisomers

Stereoisomers *are those isomers which have the same molecular formula and chemical bonds but they have different spatial arrangements of atoms.* As already mentioned, stereoisomerism involves two types of isomerism *viz., geometrical isomerism and optical isomerism.* These are discussed below :

1. Geometrical isomerism

Geometrical isomerism arises in heteroleptic complexes due to ligands occupying different positions around the central ion. The ligands occupy positions either *adjacent to one another or opposite to one another.* These are referred to as ***cis-* form** (ligands occupy adjacent positions) and ***trans-* form** (ligands occupy opposite positions). This type of isomerism is, therefore, also referred to as ***cis-trans* isomerism**.

This type of isomerism is very common in coordination compounds. *This is due to different coordination numbers* varying from 2 to 9, commonly encountered in these compounds. Geometrical isomerism of compounds with coordination numbers 4 and 6 is most important and is discussed here.

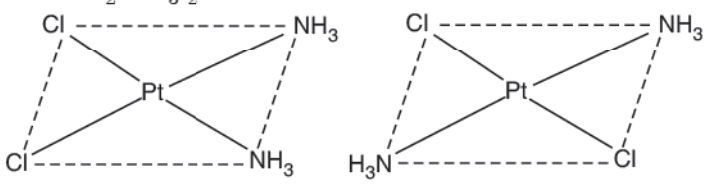
(I) Geometrical isomerism in complexes of coordination number 4

The complexes having coordination number 4 adopt *tetrahedral* or *square planar* geometry. The *geometrical isomerism is not possible in tetrahedral complexes. This is because in* ***tetrahedral geometry all the positions are adjacent to one another in these complexes.*** However, square planar complexes show geometrical isomerism.

(*a*) Square planar complexes of the type MA_2X_2, MA_2XY, $MABX_2$, MABXY can exist as geometrical isomers (Here A and B are neutral ligands such as H_2O, NH_3, CO, NO, C_5H_5N whereas X and Y are anionic ligands such as Cl^-, NO_2^-, CN^-, SCN^-, etc.)

Let us consider some examples :

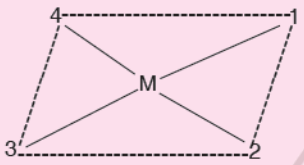
(*i*) $[PtCl_2(NH_3)_2]$ exists in *cis* and *trans* forms as :



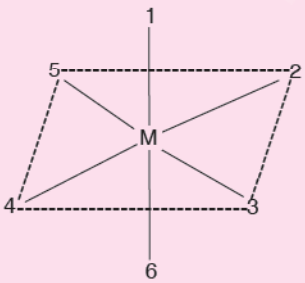
Cis- (Pale yellow) (Similar groups on adjacent positions) — $[PtCl_2(NH_3)_2]$ — *Trans-* (Dark yellow) (Similar groups on opposite positions)

NOTE

It may be noted that in square planar complexes the positions 1-2, 2-3, 3-4 and 1-4 are *cis* with respect to each other while the positions 1-3 and 2-4 are *trans* to each other.

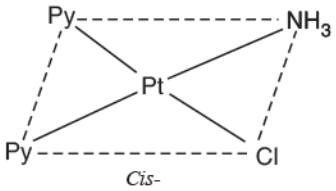


In the octahedral complexes, positions 1-6, 2-4 and 3-5 are *trans* while positions 1-2, 1-3, 1-4, 1-5, 2-3, 2-5, 6-3, 6-4, etc. are *cis* to each other.

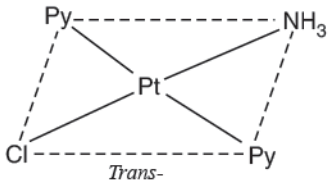


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(*ii*) $[PtCl(C_5H_5N)_2(NH_3)]$ exists in *cis* and *trans* form as :



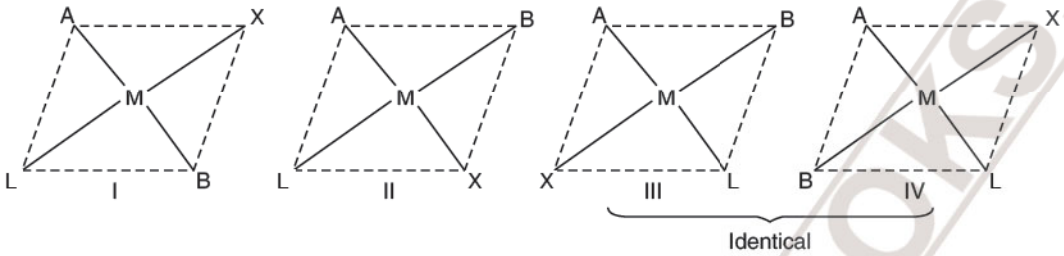
Cis-
(Similar groups (py) on adjacent positions)



Trans-
(Similar groups (py) on opposite positions)

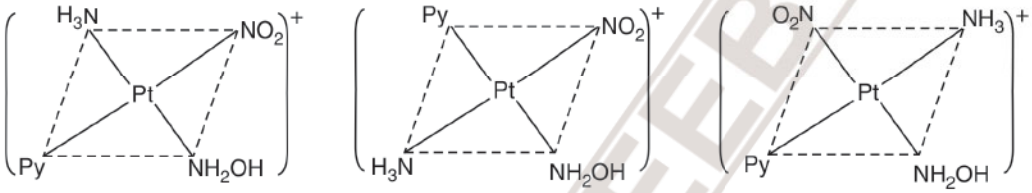
(*iii*) Square planar complexes of the type MABXL show three isomers. The structures of these isomers can be written by fixing the position of one ligand (say A) and placing the other ligands B, X and L trans to it.

It may be noted that the fourth structure in which A is trans to L is identical to the third.



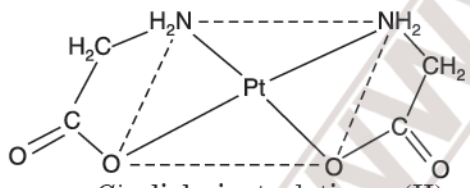
It may be noted that **two of these** (e.g. II and III) **are cis** and one (e.g. I) is *trans*.

For example, the complex $[Pt(NO_2)(py)(NH_2OH)(NH_3)]^+$ exists in three geometrical isomers as represented below :

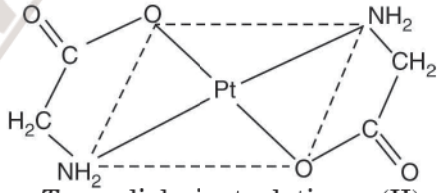


(*iv*) Geometrical isomerism cannot occur in complexes of the type MA_4, MA_3B or MAB_3 because all possible spatial arrangements for any of these complexes will be exactly equivalent.

(*v*) The square planar complexes containing unsymmetrical bidentate ligands such as $[M(AB)_2]$ also show geometrical isomerism. For example, the complex $[Pt(gly)_2]$ where gly = $NH_2CH_2COO^-$ exists in *cis* and *trans* forms :

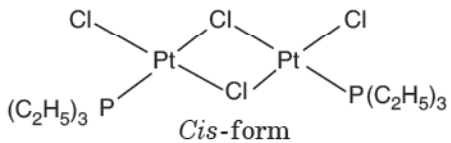


Cis-diglycinatoplatinum (II)

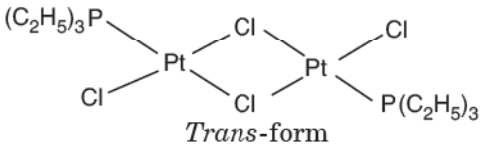


Trans-diglycinatoplatinum (II)

(*vi*) Geometrical isomerism is also shown by bridged binuclear complexes of the type $M_2A_2X_4$. For example, the complex$[PtCl_2P(C_2H_5)_3]_2$ exhibits geometrical isomers as :



Cis-form



Trans-form

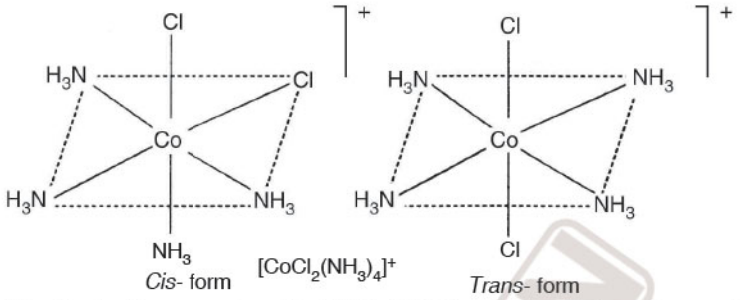
(II) Geometrical isomerism in complexes of coordination number 6

The complexes having coordination 6 adopt *octahedral geometry*.

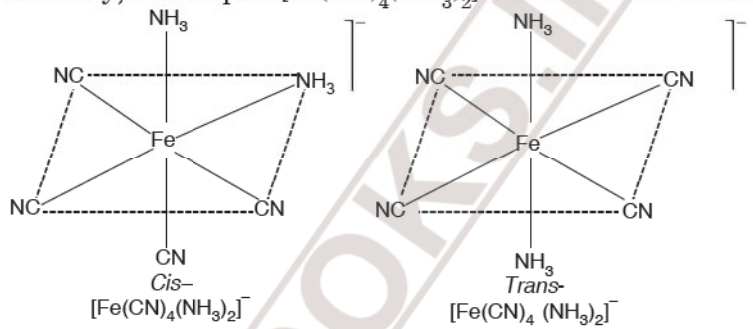
(*a*) The octahedral complexes of the type MA_4X_2, MA_2X_4, MA_4XY, etc. exhibit geometrical isomerism. Some common examples are :

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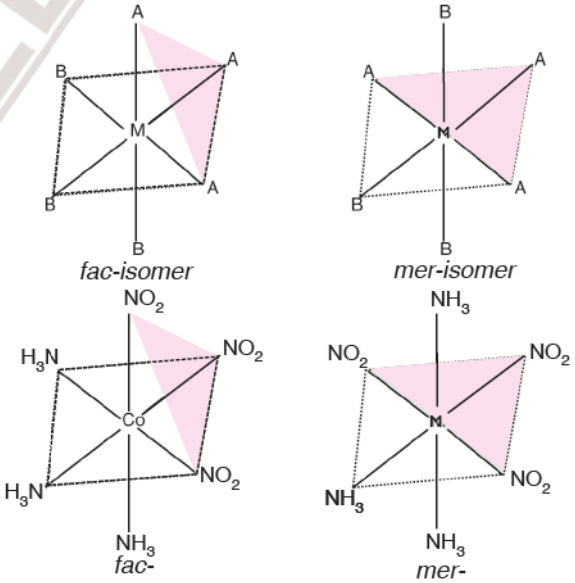
An octahedral complex $[CoCl_2(NH_3)_4]^+$ can exist as *cis*- and *trans*- isomers:



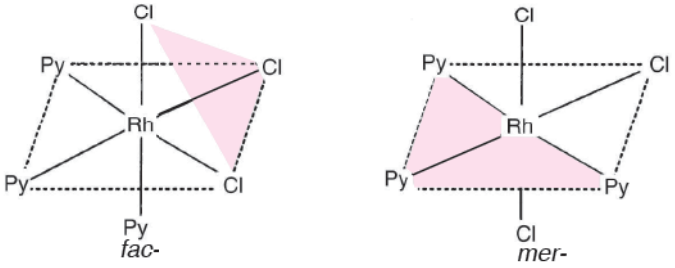
Similarly, the complex $[Fe(CN)_4(NH_3)_2]^-$ can exist as *cis*- and *trans* isomers.



(*b*) Octahedral complexes of the type $[MA_3B_3]$ like $[Co(NO_2)_3(NH_3)_3]$ also exist in two geometrical isomers. When the three ligands (with same donor atoms) are on the same triangular face of the octahedron, the isomer is called **facial** or **fac isomer**. When the three ligands are on the same equatorial plane of the octahedron *i.e.*, around the meridian of the octahedron, the isomer is called **meridional** or **mer isomer**. In a simple way, *in facial isomer, the three ligands are at the corners of a triangular face while in meridional isomer, the three ligands are at the three corners of a square plane* as shown below:



Similarly, $[RhCl_3(py)_3]$ exists as *fac*- and *mer*- isomers.



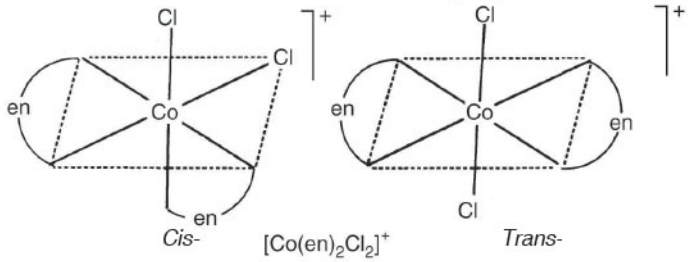
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Geometrical isomerism is not shown by

- Complexes with coordination number 2 and 3.
- Complexes with coordination number 4 having tetrahedral geometry because all the positions are adjacent.
- Square planar complexes of the type MA_4, MA_3B, MAB_3 because spatial arrangements of the ligands are equivalent.
- Octahedral complexes of the type MA_6 and MA_5B.

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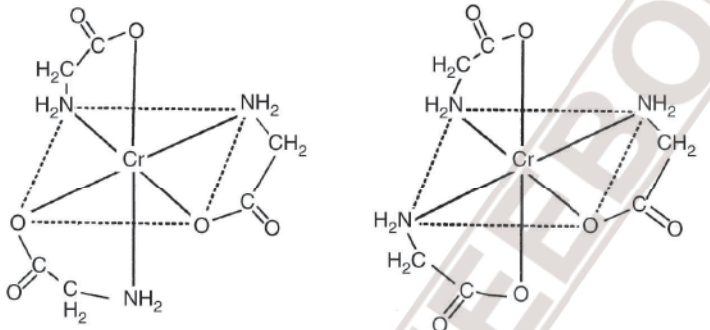
(*c*) Octahedral complexes having didentate ligands of the type $M(AA)_2X_2$ and $M(AA)_2XY$ can also exist as *cis* and *trans* isomers, where AA represents a symmetrical bidentate ligand such as ethylenediamine (en), oxalate ion (ox). For example, an octahedral complex $[Co(en)_2Cl_2]^+$ exists as two isomers :



Cis- $[Co(en)_2Cl_2]^+$ *Trans*-

(*d*) Octahedral complexes having six different ligands of the type M(ABCDEF) would exhibit geometrical isomerism. These isomers may be written by fixing a ligand at one position and then placing the other ligands *trans* to it. Theoretically, 15 different isomers are possible for such type of complexes. The only compound of this type that has been prepared is $[Pt(Br)(Cl)(I)(NO_2)(py)(NH_3)]$. It has been possible to isolate only three different forms of this compound.

(*e*) The octahedral complexes containing unsymmetrical bidentate ligands also show geometrical isomerism. For example, the complex triglycinatochromium (III), $[Cr(gly)_3]$, where gly is $H_2NCH_2COO^-$, exists in *cis*- and *trans*- forms, as shown below :



Cis- form
Cis-triglycinatochromium (III)

Trans- form
Trans-triglycinatochromium (III)

Octahedral complexes of the type MA_6 or MA_5B would not show geometrical isomerism as expected.

There are very large number of other geometrical isomers known but we have considered only simple examples.

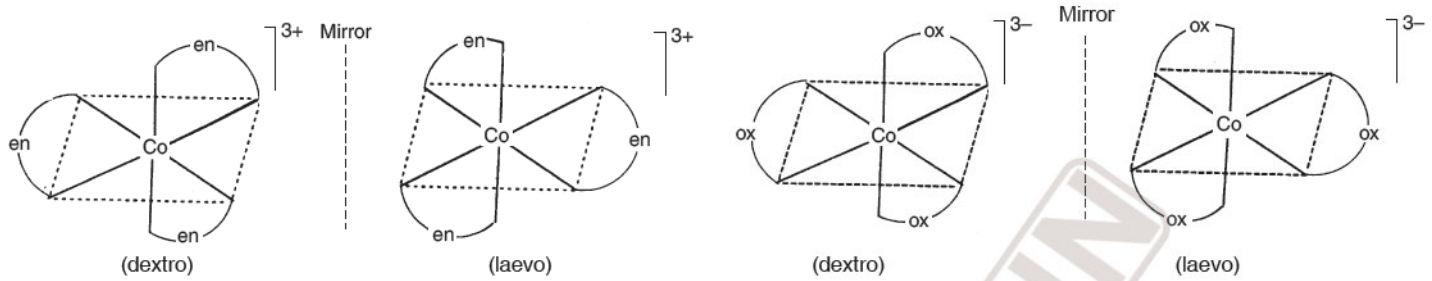
2. Optical isomerism

There are certain substances which can rotate the plane of polarised light. These are called **optically active substances**. *The isomers which rotate the plane of polarised light equally but in opposite direction* are called **optically active isomers**. These are also called **enantiomers** or **enantiomorphs**. *The isomer which rotates the plane of polarised light to the right* is called **dextro rotatory** designated as (*d*) and the *one which rotates the plane of polarised light to the left* is called **laevo rotatory** designated as (*l*). A 1 : 1 equilibrium mixture of *d* and *l* isomers gives a net zero rotation and is also called **racemic mixture**. The *d* and *l* isomers are mirror images of each other just as left hand is mirror image of the right hand. These mirror images compounds are non-superimposable on each other and do not possess the plane of symmetry. These optical isomers also possess the property of **chirality** (handedness). *The essential condition for a substance to show optical activity is that the substance should not have a plane of symmetry* in its structure. The optical isomers have identical physical and chemical properties. They differ only in the direction in which they rotate the plane of polarised light.

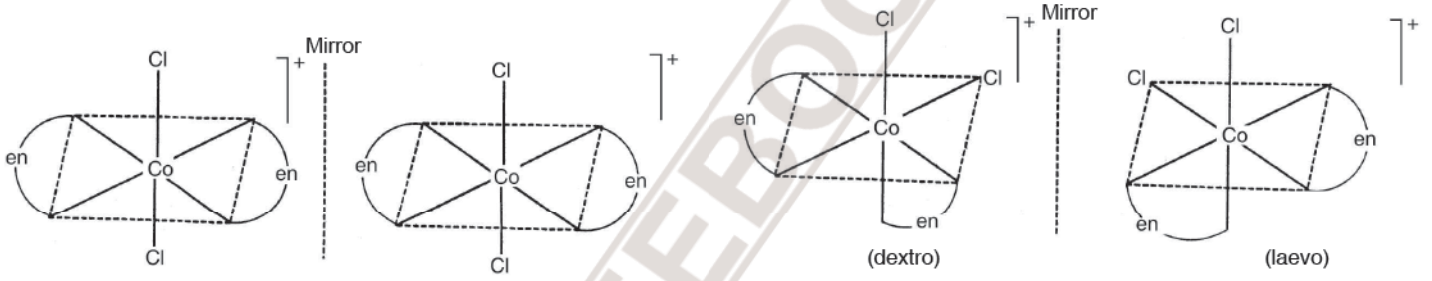
The common examples of complexes showing optical isomerism are octahedral complexes having bidentate ligands. For example,

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(*i*) Complexes of the type $M(AA)_3$ (where AA is symmetrical bidentate ligands) such as $[Co(en)_3]^{3+}$ and $[Cr(ox)_3]^{3-}$ exist as optical isomers. Their dextro and laevo forms are shown below :



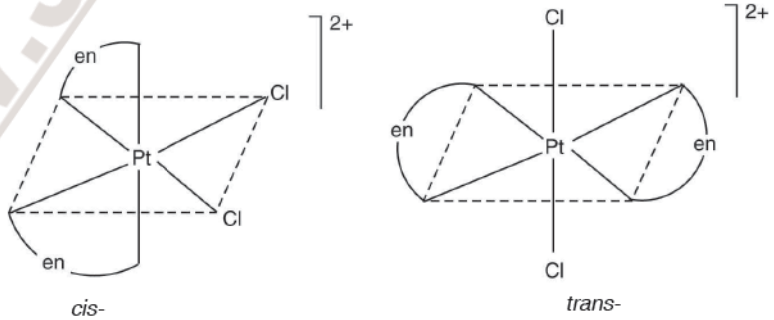
(*ii*) Complexes of the type $[M(AA)_2X_2]$ or $[M(AA)_2XY]$ (where AA is symmetrical bidentate and X and Y are monodentate ligands) also exhibit optical activity. Some common examples are $[CoCl_2(en)_2]^+$, $[RhCl_2(en)_2]^+$, etc. It has already been shown that complex $[CoCl_2(en)_2]^+$ forms geometrical isomers (*cis* and *trans* form). It is interesting to note that the *trans form does not show optical isomerism i.e.,* it cannot be resolved into optical isomers. The reason is that the molecule has a plane of symmetry. On the other hand, the *cis*-isomer is unsymmetrical and can be resolved into optical isomers.



trans-$[CoCl_2(en)_2]^+$ isomer (optically inactive)
(superimposable mirror images)

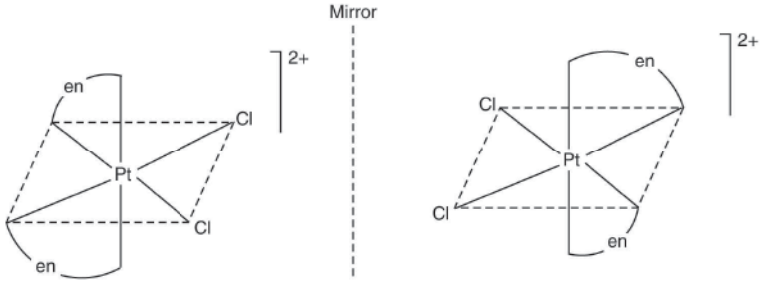
cis-$[CoCl_2(en)_2]^+$ isomer (optically active)
(Non superimposable mirror images)

Similarly, the coordination entity, $[PtCl_2(en)_2]^{2+}$ forms *cis*- and *trans*-isomers. Only the *cis*-isomers show optical activity.



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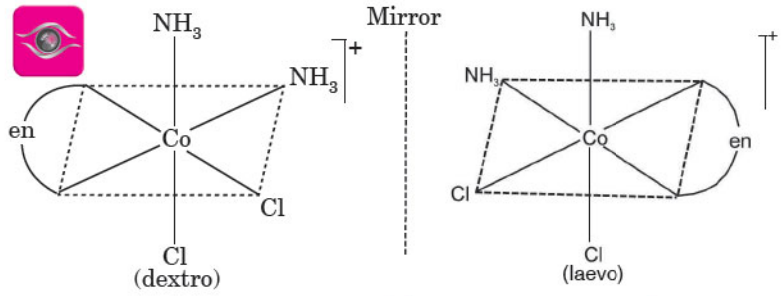
- Complexes of the type $[Co(en)_2Cl_2]^+$ show total of **three isomers**.
- Two geometrical isomers; *cis*- and *trans*.
- *Cis - isomer* is optically active and shows *d*- and *l*- forms.



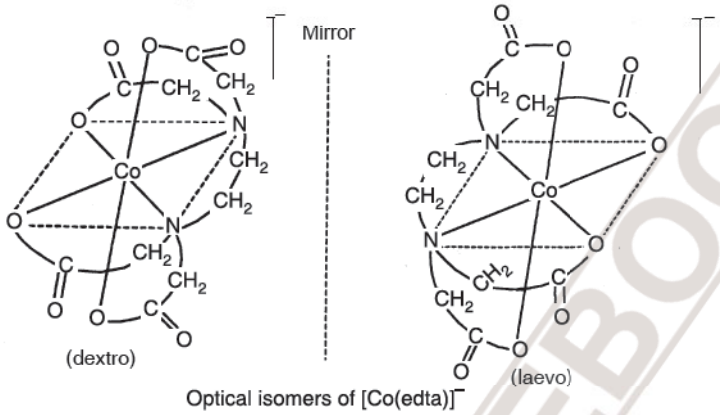
cis- isomer is
optically active

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(*iii*) Complexes of the type $[M(AA)X_2Y_2]$ containing one symmetrical bidentate ligand show optical isomerism. For example $[CoCl_2(en)(NH_3)_2]^+$ exists in *d*- and *l*- forms.



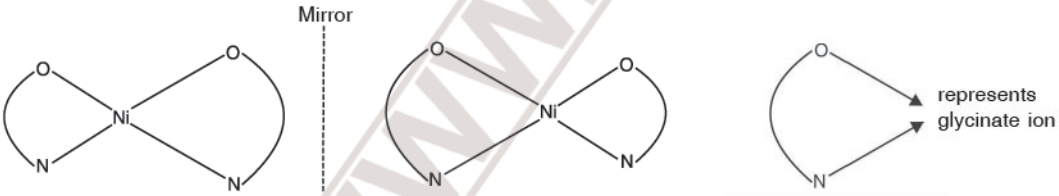
(*iv*) Octahedral complexes containing hexadentate ligands such as ethylenediaminetetracetato (EDTA) also show optical isomerism. For example, $[Co(edta)]^-$ exists as two optical isomers.



Optical isomers of $[Co(edta)]^-$

Optical isomerism in complexes of coordination number 4

Tetrahedral complexes are expected to exhibit optical isomerism because there is no plane of symmetry in their molecules. However, it has not been possible to isolate optically active tetrahedral compounds when all the four ligands are different. However, tetrahedral ligands with unsymmetrical bidentate ligands such as $[Ni(CH_2NH_2COO)_2]$ *i.e.*, bis (glycinato) nickel (II) show optical isomerism as :

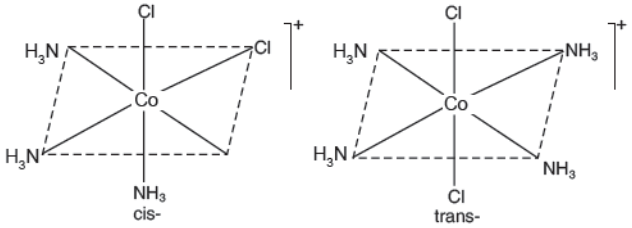


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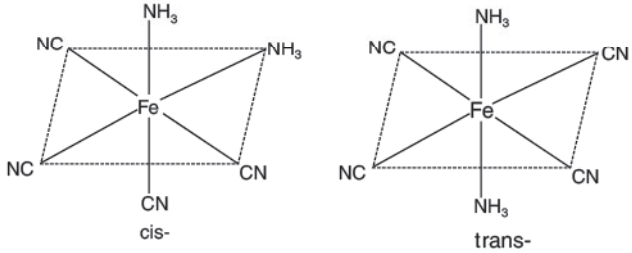
❑ **Example 10.**

Draw the geometrical isomers of the following complexes: (i) $[CoCl_2(NH_3)_4]^+$. (ii) $[Fe(NH_3)_2(CN)_4]^-$ **N.C.E.R.T.**

Solution : (*i*) It exists in *cis* and *trans* forms as :



(*ii*) $[Fe(NH_3)_2(CN)_4]^-$. It exists as *cis-trans* forms as :



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❑ **Example 11.**

The complex $Co(NH_3)_5CO_3Cl$ has two ionisation isomers. Write their structures and give their IUPAC names.

Solution : The two isomers are :

$[CoCO_3(NH_3)_5]Cl$

Pentaamminecarbonatocobalt (III) chloride

$[CoCl(NH_3)_5]CO_3$

Pentaamminechloridocobalt(III) carbonate

❑ **Example 12.**

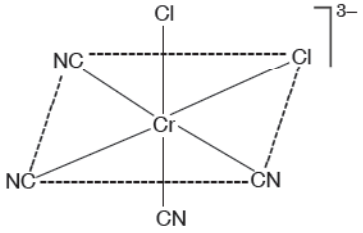
Draw the structures of :

(a) cis-dichloridotetracyanidochromate (III)

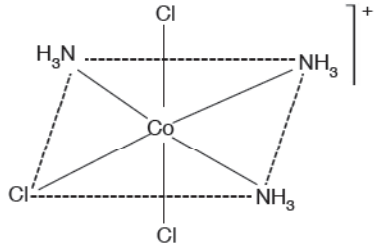
(b) mer-triamminetrichloridocobalt (III)

(c) fac-triaquatrinitrito-N-cobalt (III)

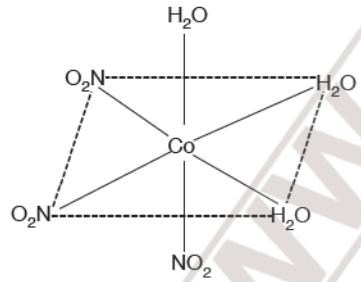
Solution : (*a*) *Cis*-dichloridotetracyanochromate (III)



(*b*) *Mer*-triamminetrichloridocobalt (III)



(*c*) *Fac*-triaquatrinitrito-N-cobalt (III)



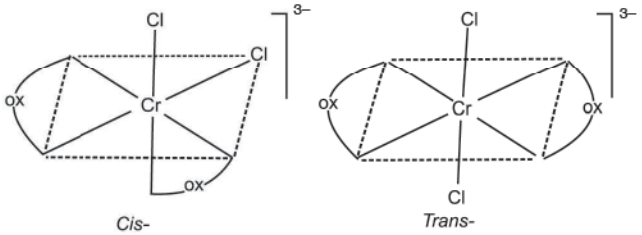
❑ **Example 13.**

Which out of the following two coordination entities is chiral (optically active) ?

(a) cis-$[CrCl_2(ox)_2]^{3-}$

(b) trans $[CrCl_2(ox)_2]^{3-}$ **N.C.E.R.T.**

Solution : The two entities are represented as:



(*a*) *cis*-$[CrCl_2(ox)_2]^{3-}$ (*b*) *trans*-$[CrCl_2(ox)_2]^{3-}$

Out of these two, *cis*-$[CrCl_2(ox)_2]^{3-}$ is chiral (optically active)

❑ **Example 14.**

Name the following coordination entities and draw the structures of their stereoisomers :

(a) $[Co(en)_2Cl_2]^+$ (en = ethane-1, 2-diamine)

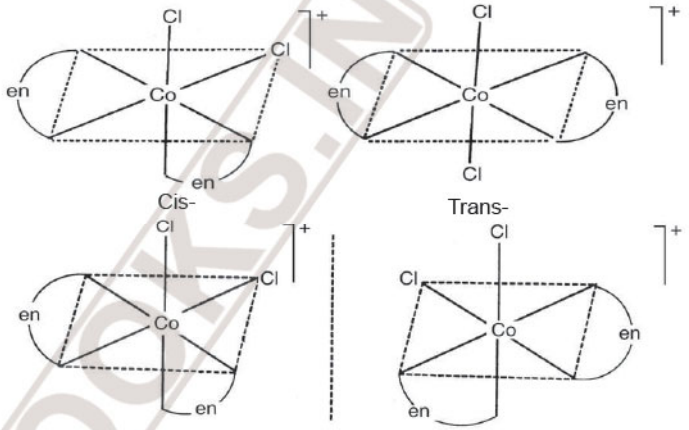
(b) $[Cr(C_2O_4)_3]^{3-}$ *(c)* $[Co(NH_3)_3Cl_3]$

(Atomic numbers Cr = 24, Co = 27) (*A.I.S.B. 2012*)

Solution : (*i*) $[Co(en)_2Cl_2]^+$

Name : Dichloridobis (ethane-1, 2-diamine) cobalt (III) ion.

It shows two geometrical isomers *cis*- and *trans*. *cis*- shows optical isomerism.

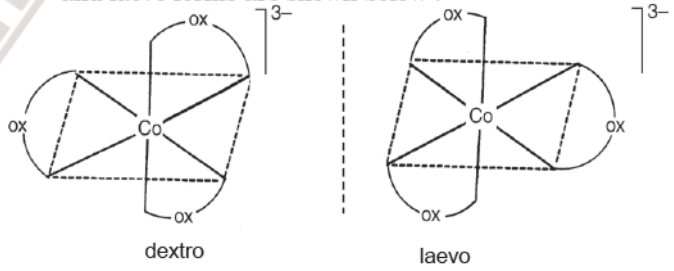


cis-$[Co(en)_2Cl_2]^+$ is optically active.

(*ii*) $[Cr(C_2O_4)_3]^{3-}$

Name : trioxalatochromate (III) ion.

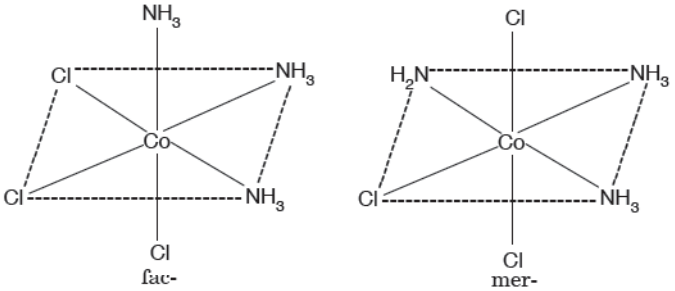
This complex ion shows optical isomerism and its dextro and laevo forms are shown below :



(*iii*) $[Co(NH_3)_3Cl_3]$

Name : Triamminetrichloridocobalt (III)

It shows two geometrical isomers known as facial (fac) and meridional (mer) isomers as shown below :



❑ **Example 15.**

Write the types of isomerism exhibited by the following complexes:

(i) $[Co(NH_3)_5Cl]SO_4$ *(ii)* $[Co(en)_3]^{3+}$

(iii) $[Co(NH_3)_6]$ $[Cr(CN)_6]$ (*D.S.B. 2013*)

Solution : (*i*) Ionisation isomerism (*ii*) Optical isomerism (*iii*) Coordination isomerism

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Practice Problems

10. Predict the number of different types of isomers for the following complexes :
(*i*) $[PtBr(NH_3)_3]NO_2$ (*ii*) $[Cr(ox)_3]^{3-}$
(*iii*) $[CoCl_2(en)_2]^+$ (*iv*) $[Pt(NH_3)_4][PtCl]_4]$

11. Name the type of isomerism exhibited by the following isomers :
(*i*) $[Co(NH_3)_6][Cr(CN)_6]$—$[Cr(NH_3)_6][Co(CN)_6]$
(*ii*) $[Co(ONO)(NH_3)_5]Cl_2$—$[CoNO_2(NH_3)_5]Cl_2$
(*iii*) $[CoSO_4(NH_3)_5]Br$—$[CoBr(NH_3)_5]SO_4$
(*iv*) $[Pt(NH_3)_4][PtCl_6]$—$[Pt(NH_3)_4Cl_2][PtCl_4]$

12. Which of the following exhibit geometrical isomerism?
(*a*) $[CoCl_2(en)_2]^+$ (*b*) $[PtCl(NH_3)_3]$
(*c*) Tetrahedral $[CoBrCl(NH_3)_2]$ (*d*) $[RhCl_3(NH_3)_3]$

13. Write the formulae of the following :
(*i*) Linkage isomer of $[CoCl(NO_2)(en)_2]\ Cl_2$
(*ii*) Coordination isomer of $[Co(NH_3)_6][Cr(NO_2)_6]$
(*iii*) Ionization isomer of $[CoCl(NO_2)(en)_2]Cl$

14. How many geometrical isomers are possible in the following coordination entities ?
(*a*) $[Cr(ox)_3]^{3-}$ (*b*) $[CoCl_3(NH_3)_3]$

15. Write the following :
(*i*) Ionisation isomer of $[Co(NH_3)_5Br]SO_4$
(*ii*) Linkage isomer of $[Co(NH_3)_5ONO]Cl_2$
(*iii*) Coordination isomer of $[Cu(NH_3)_4][PtCl_4]$

Answers to Practice Problems

10. (*i*) ionisation isomers
(*ii*) optical isomers
(*iii*) two *cis* and *trans* isomers and *cis* isomer is optically active
(*iv*) coordination isomers.

11. (*i*) Coordination
(*ii*) linkage
(*iii*) ionisation
(*iv*) coordination

12. (*a*), (*d*)

13. (*i*) $[CoCl\ (ONO)\ (en)_2]Cl_2$
(*ii*) $[Cr(NH_3)_6][Co(NO_2)_6]$
(*iii*) $[CoCl_2\ (en)_2]NO_2$

14. (*a*) *cis-* and *trans-*
(*b*) *fac-* and *mer-*

15. (*i*) $[Co(NH_3)_5SO_4]Br$
(*ii*) $[Co(NH_3)_5NO_2]Cl_2$
(*iii*) $[Pt(NH_3)_4][CuCl_4]$

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Conceptual Questions 1

CONCEPTUAL QA

Q.1. When a coordination compound $NiCl_2.6H_2O$ is mixed wih $AgNO_3$, 2 moles of AgCl are precipitated per mole of the compound. Write
(i) Structural formula of the complex
(ii) IUPAC name of the complex ***(A.I.S.B. 2016)***

Ans. For one mole of the compound, 2 moles of AgCl are precipitated with $AgNO_3$ which indicates 2 ionisable Cl^- ions in the complex
(i) Structure : $[Ni(H_2O)_6]\ Cl_2$ (ii) IUPAC name : hexaaquanickel (II) chloride

Q.2. The complex $CoBr_3.4NH_3.2H_2O$ has molar conductivity corresponding to 3 : 1 electrolyte. Write the molecular formula and its IUPAC name.

Ans. The molar conductivity corresponds to 3 : 1, so the formula is
$[Co(H_2O)_2(NH_3)_4]^{3+}(Br^-)_3$ or $[Co(H_2O)_2(NH_3)_4]Br_3$
IUPAC name : Tetraamminediaquacobalt (III) bromide.

Q.3. A coordination compound with molecular formula $CrCl_3.4H_2O$ precipitates one mole of AgCl with $AgNO_3$ solution. Its molar conductivity is found to be equivalent to two ions. What is the structual formula and name of the compound? ***(CBSE Sample Paper 2017-18)***

Ans. $[CrCl_2(H_2O)_4]Cl$: Tetraaquadichloridochromium(III) chloride.

Q.4. Explain how $[PtCl_2(NH_3)_2]$ and $[Pt\ (NH_3)_6]Cl_4$ differ in their electrolytic conductances?

Ans. $[PtCl_2(NH_3)_2]$ is non-conductor while $[Pt(NH_3)_6]Cl_4$ conducts and its molar conductance is expected to correspond to a total of 5 ions (1 : 4 electrolyte).

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Q.5. A metal complex having composition $Cr(NH_3)_4Cl_2Br$ has been isolated in two forms A and B. The form A reacts with $AgNO_3$ to give a white precipitate readily soluble in dilute aqueous ammonia, whereas B gives a pale yellow precipitate soluble in concentrated ammonia. Write the formula of A and B and state the hybridisation of chromium in each. Calculate their magnetic moments (spin only value).

(I.I.T. 2001)

Ans. Complex $Cr(NH_3)_4Cl_2Br$ has 2 isomers. Since B gives yellow precipitate with $AgNO_3$, soluble in NH_3, it indicates that the isomer B has Br in the ionisation sphere.

Isomer A gives a white precipitate with $AgNO_3$ readily soluble in NH_3, it indicates that A has Cl in the ionisation sphere.

$$\underset{\text{(B)}}{[CrCl_2(NH_3)_4]Br} \xrightarrow{AgNO_3} \underset{\text{Yellow ppt.}}{[CrCl_2(NH_3)_4]^+ + NO_3^- + AgBr}$$

$$\underset{\text{(A)}}{[CrBrCl(NH_3)_4]Cl} \xrightarrow{AgNO_3} \underset{\text{White ppt.}}{[CrBrCl(NH_3)_4]^+ + NO_3^- + AgCl}$$

Hybridisation of Cr in isomer A and B is d^2sp^3. Oxidation state of Cr in these complexes is +3.

Number of unpaired electrons in $Cr^{3+}(3d^3) = 3$

$$\text{Magnetic moment} = \sqrt{n(n+2)}\ \text{B.M.} = \sqrt{3(3+2)}\ \text{B.M.}$$
$$= 3.87\ \text{B.M.}$$

Q.6. Why do tetrahedral complexes not show geometrical isomerism ?

Ans. The geometrical isomerism is not possible in tetrahedral complexes because all the four positions are adjacent to one another in tetrahedral geometry.

Q.7. Write the IUPAC names of the following :

(*i*) $[CoONO(NH_3)_5]Cl_2$ (*ii*) $K_3[Cr(CN)_6]$

Ans. (i) Pentaamminenitrito-O-cobalt(III) chloride

(ii) Potassium hexacyanidochromate(III)

Q.8. Write the IUPAC name of $[Co(NH_3)_5CO_3]Cl$.

Ans. Pentaamminecarbonatocobalt(III) chloride ***(Hr. S.B. 2012)***

Q.9. Write all the possible isomers of $[Pt(SCN)(NH_3)_3]SCN$.

Ans. (*i*) $[Pt(SCN)(NH_3)_3]SCN$ (*ii*) $[Pt(SCN)(NH_3)_3]NCS$

(*iii*) $[Pt(NCS)(NH_3)_3]SCN$ (*iv*) $[Pt(NCS)(NH_3)_3]NCS$

Q.10. The formula $Co(NH_3)_5CO_3Cl$ could represent a carbonate or a chloride. Write the two possible structures and name them. What type of isomerisms do these exhibit ?

Ans. $[CoCO_3(NH_3)_5]Cl$: pentaamminecarbonatocobalt(III) chloride

$[CoCl(NH_3)_5]CO_3$: pentaamminechloridocobalt(III) carbonate; Ionization isomerism.

Q.11. What type of isomerism is shown by the complex

(*i*) $[Co(NH_3)_5(SCN)]^{2+}$ ***(A.I.S.B. 2017)***

(*ii*) $[Co(NH_3)_6][Cr(CN)_6]$ ***(D.S.B. 2017)***

(*iii*) $[Co(en)_3]Cl_3$ ***(A.I.S.B. 2014, D.S.B. 2017)***

Ans. (*i*) Linkage isomerism (*ii*) Coordination isomerism

(*iii*) Optical isomerism

Q.12. Write the formulae of the following complexes:

(*i*) Pentaamminechloridocobalt(III) ion.

(*ii*) Lithium tetrahydridoaluminate(III)

Ans. (*i*) $[CoCl(NH_3)_5]^{2+}$ (*ii*) $Li[AlH_4]$

Q.13. Write the IUPAC name of the compound $[Cr(NCS)(NH_3)_5][ZnCl_4]$.

Ans. Pentaamminethiocyanatochromium(III) tetrachloridozincate(II).

Q.14. What is the coordination entity formed when excess of aqueous KCN is added to the aqueous solution of copper sulphate ? Why is it that no precipitate of copper sulphide is obtained when H_2S (*g*) is passed through this solution.

Ans. $[Cu(CN)_4]^{3-}$ is formed.

It does not give precipitate because it does not give Cu^+ ions in aqueous solution.

Q.15. Specify which out of the following complex structures exhibit geometrical isomerism.

(a) linear (b) square planar (c) tetrahedral (d) octahedral

Ans. Square planar and octahedral complexes.

CONCEPTUAL QA

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Q.16. Write the correct formula for the following coordination compounds :

(*a*) $CrCl_3.6H_2O$ (Violet with 3 chloride ions/unit formula)

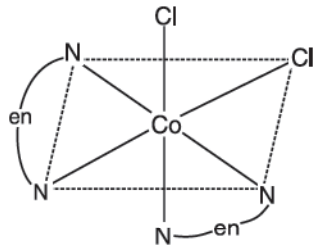
(*b*) $CrCl_3.6H_2O$ (Light green colour with 2-chloride ions/unit formula)

(*c*) $CrCl_3.6H_2O$ (Dark green colour with 1 chloride ions/unit formula)

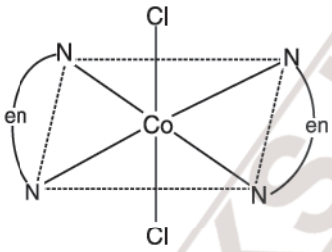
Ans. (*a*) $[Cr(H_2O)_6]Cl_3$ (*b*) $[CrCl(H_2O)_5]Cl_2.H_2O$ (*c*) $[CrCl_2(H_2O)_4]Cl.H_2O$

Q.17. Write the formula for the complex dichloridobis (ethane-1,2-diamine) cobalt(III) ion. Draw its geometrical and optical isomers.

Ans. The formula for the complex dichloridobis (ethane-1, 2-diamine) cobalt(III) ion is $[Co(en)_2Cl_2]^+$. It exists in two geometrical isomers as :

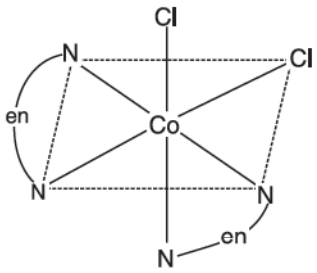


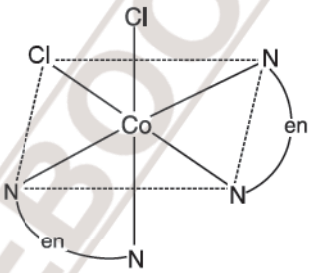
cis-



trans-

Out of *cis-* and *trans-* forms, *cis-* form is optically active while *trans-* form is optically inactive. The optical isomers of *cis* form are:





optical isomers

Therefore, there are three isomers for this complex ion.

Q.18. Draw the structural formula of two isomers of the complex ion $[Co(NH_3)_5NO_2]^{2+}$. Name the type of isomerism and give their IUPAC names.

Ans. Two isomers :

$[Co(NH_3)_5–(O–N = O)]^{2+}$ and $[Co(NH_3)_5(NO_2)]^{2+}$

Pentaammminenitrito-O-cobalt(III) ion Pentaaminenitrito-N-cobalt(III) ion.

These are called linkage isomers.

Q.19. Why does NH_3 readily form complexes but NH_4^+ does not ? Explain.

Ans. NH_3 contains a lone pair of electrons which coordinates with the metal ion to form the complex compound. However in NH_4^+ ion, the lone pair is bound to H^+ and therefore, is not available for bonding to metal ion. Therefore, NH_4^+ does not form complexes readily.

Q.20. Write the following :

(*i*) Ionisation isomer of $[Co(NH_3)_5Br]SO_4$

(*ii*) Linkage isomer of $[Co(NH_3)_5ONO]Cl_2$

(*iii*) Coordination isomer of $[Cu(NH_3)_4][PtCl_4]$

Ans. (*i*) $[Co(NH_3)_5SO_4]Br$ (*ii*) $[Co(NH_3)_5NO_2]Cl_2$

(*iii*) $[Pt(NH_3)_4][CuCl_4]$

Q.21. Express

(*i*) Linkage isomerism in $[Co(NH_3)_5\ NO_2]\ Cl_2$ ***(Pb.S.B. 2017)***

(*ii*) Coordination isomerism in $[Co(NH_3)_6]\ [Cr(CN)_6]$ ***(Pb.S.B. 2017)***

Ans. (*i*) $[Co(NH_3)_5\ (ONO)]\ Cl_2$ (*ii*) $[Cr(NH_3)_6]\ [Co(CN)_6]$

Q.22. What is the secondary valency of Ni in $Ni(CO)_4$? ***(Assam S.B. 2017)***

Ans. 4

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BONDING IN COORDINATION COMPOUNDS

In order to explain the nature of bonding and structure of coordination compounds, many scientists proposed different theories. Among these the first significant contribution is made by Werner in 1893. He proposed a theory, which is commonly known as **Werner's coordination theory**. However, the Werner's assumptions were not based on theoretical justifications and with the advancement of theories of valence, modern theories have been proposed to explain some characteristic properties of these compounds such as colour, geometry and magnetic properties. Three main theories namely *valence bond theory,* (VBT), *crystal field theory* (CFT), *ligand field theory* (LFT) and *molecular orbital theory* (MOT) have been proposed. In the present unit, we shall briefly discuss valence bond theory and crystal field theory.

VALENCE BOND THEORY FOR BONDING IN COORDINATION COMPOUNDS

The main **assumptions** of this theory are listed below :

1. *The central metal ion in the complex makes available a number of empty orbitals for the formation of coordination bonds with suitable ligands. The number of empty orbitals made available for this purpose is equal to coordination number of the central metal ion.* For example, if coordination number is 6, six empty orbitals are made available and if coordination number is 4, four empty orbitals are made available in the central metal ion.

2. *The appropriate atomic orbitals (s, p and d) of the metal hybridise to give a set of equivalent orbitals of definite geometry such as square planar, tetrahedral, octahedral and so on.*

The following types of hybridisation are involved for different geometries of the complexes.

Coordination number	Hybridisation	Geometry
4	sp^3	Tetrahedral
4	dsp^2	Square planar
5	sp^3d	Trigonal bipyramidal
6	sp^3d^2	Octahedral
	or d^2sp^3	Octahedral

3. *The d-orbitals involved in the hybridisation may be either inner d-orbitals i.e., (n–1) d or outer d-orbitals i.e., nd.* For example, in case of octahedral hybridisation, the orbitals may be two 3*d*, one 4*s* and three 4*p* (d^2sp^3) or one 4*s*, three 4*p* and two 4*d* (sp^3d^2 hybridisation).

4. *Each ligand has at least one orbital (of donor atom) containing a lone pair of electrons.*

5. *The empty hybrid orbitals of metal ion overlap with the filled orbitals of the ligand to form metal-ligand coordinate covalent bonds.*

Applications of Valence Bond Theory

Let us take some examples to illustrate the valence bond theory :

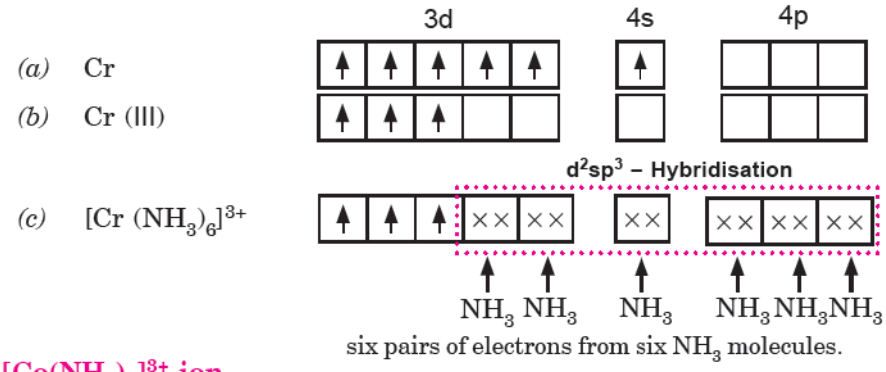
Examples of Complexes of C.N. 6

1. $[Cr(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$ complex

The chromium (Z = 24) has the electronic configuration $3d^5\ 4s^1$ as shown in Fig. (*a*). The chromium in this complex is in +3 oxidation state and the ion is formed by the loss of one 4*s* and two of the 3*d*-electrons as shown in Fig. (*b*). The inner *d*-orbitals are already vacant and two vacant 3*d*, one 4*s* and three 4*p*-orbitals are hybridised to form six d^2sp^3-hybrid orbitals. Six pairs of electrons one from each NH_3 molecule, (shown by ××) occupy the six vacant hybrid orbitals. The molecule has **octahedral geometry**.

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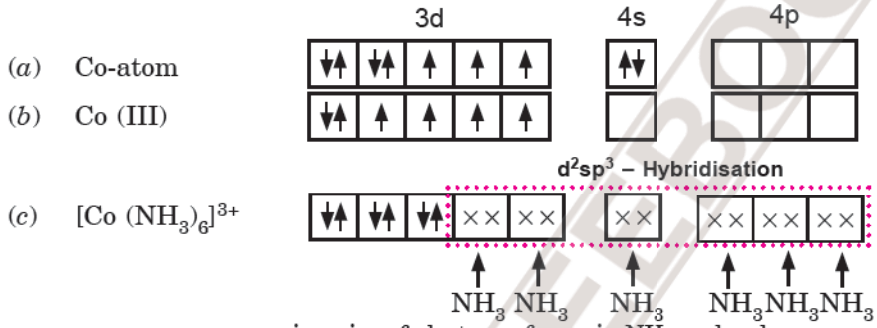
Since the complex contains three unpaired electrons, it is **paramagnetic**.



six pairs of electrons from six NH_3 molecules.

2. $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$ ion

Cobalt atom (Z = 27) has the electronic configuration $3d^7 4s^2$. In this complex, cobalt is in +3 oxidation state and has the electronic configuration $3d^6$ as shown in Fig. (*b*). This complex has been found to be **diamagnetic**. To account for this, the two electrons in 3*d*-orbitals are paired up leaving two 3*d*-orbitals empty as shown in Fig. (*c*). These six vacant orbitals (two 3*d*, one 4*s* and three 4*p*) hybridise to form d^2sp^3 hybrid orbitals. Six pairs of electrons two from each NH_3 molecules are donated to these vacant hybrid orbitals. Thus, the complex has **octahedral geometry** and is **diamagnetic**.



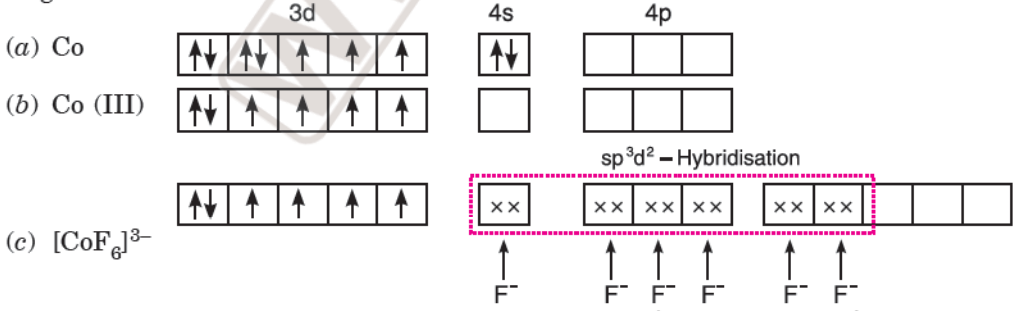
six pairs of electrons from six NH_3 molecules

$[Co(ox)_3]^{3-}$ coordination entity has also similar type of bonding.

3. $[CoF_6]^{3-}$ complex ion

In this case cobalt is in + 3 oxidation state and has the electronic configuration $3d^6$. This complex has been found to be paramagnetic due to the presence of four unpaired electrons.

To account for this, the electrons in 3*d*-orbitals are not disturbed and the outer 4*d*-orbitals are used for hybridisation. The six orbitals (one 4*s*, three 4*p* and two 4*d*) are hybridised forming six sp^3d^2 hybrid orbitals. Six pairs of electrons, each one from F^- ion are donated to the vacant hybrid orbitals forming Co—F bonds.



Thus, the complex has **octahedral geometry** and is **paramagnetic**.

Inner and Outer Orbital Entities or Complexes

From the above discussion we have noted that in octahedral structures, the central metal may use inner $(n-1)d$ orbitals or outer nd-orbitals for hybridisation.

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Therefore, the complexes may be classified as :

(*i*) **Inner orbital complex or entity**

If the complex is formed by the use of inner d-orbitals for hybridisation (written as d^2sp^3), it is called **inner orbital complex.** In the formation of inner orbital complex, the electrons of the metal are forced to pair up and hence the complex will be either diamagnetic or will have lesser number of unpaired electrons. Such a complex is also called **low spin complex**.

For example, $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$ and $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$ are inner orbital complexes.

(*ii*) **Outer orbital complex or entity**

If the complex is formed by the use of outer d-orbitals for hybridisation (written as sp^3d^2), it is called an **outer orbital complex.** The outer orbital complex will have larger number of unpaired electrons since the configuration of the metal ion remains undisturbed. Such a complex is also called **high spin complex**.

For example, $[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$ and $[CoF_6]^{3-}$ are **outer orbital complexes**. Thus,

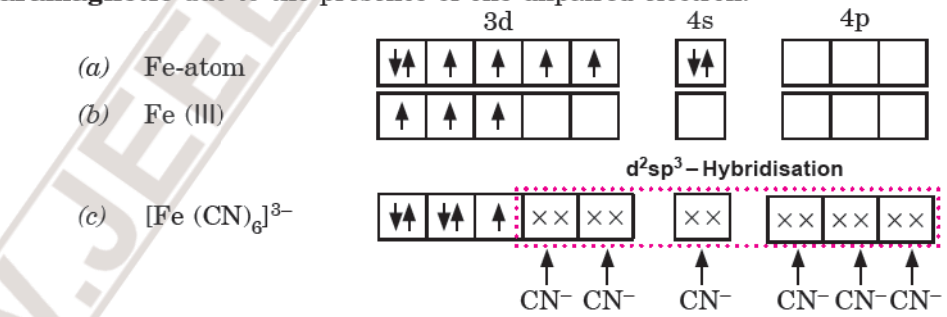
Outer orbital complex (uses outer *nd* orbitals) ≡ high spin complex
Inner orbital complex (uses inner $(n-1)$ *d* orbitals) ≡ low spin complex

REMEMBER

- $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$ is octahedral and diamagnetic
  ⇒ Inner orbital complex
- $[CoF_6]^{3-}$ is octahedral and paramagnetic.
  ⇒ Outer orbital complex.

4. $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$ (ferricyanide) complex ion

Iron atom (Z = 26) has the electronic configuration $3d^64s^2$. In this complex, iron is in +3 oxidation state and has the electronic configuration $3d^5$ as shown in Fig. (*b*). It has been experimentally observed that the complex has *one unpaired electron*. To account for this, the two electrons in 3*d*-orbitals are paired up leaving two 3*d*-orbitals empty as shown in Fig. (*c*). These six vacant orbitals (two 3*d*, one 4*s* and three 4*p*) hybridise to form d^2sp^3-hybrid orbitals. Six pairs of electrons one from CN^- ion (shown by xx) occupy the six vacant hybrid orbitals. The molecule has **octahedral geometry** and is **paramagnetic** due to the presence of one unpaired electron.



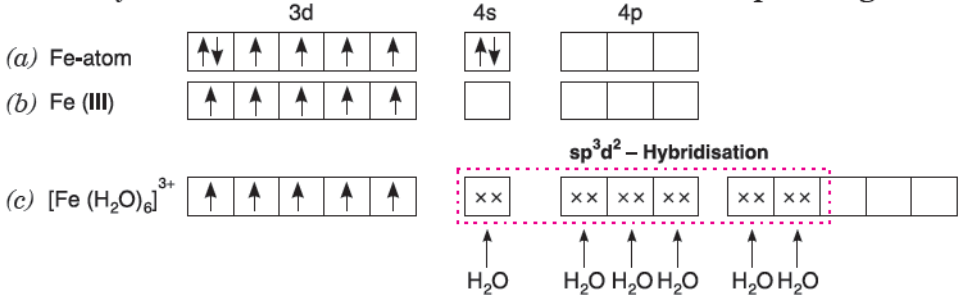
REMEMBER

- $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$ is octahedral and paramagnetic due to the presence of one unpaired electron.
  ⇒ Inner orbital complex
- $[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$ is octahedral and paramagnetic due to the presence of 5 unpaired electrons
  ⇒ Outer orbital complex.

Since the inner *d*-orbitals are used in hybridisation, the complex $\{Fe(CN)_6\}^{3-}$ is called an **inner orbital** or **low spin** or **spin paired complex**.

5. $[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$ ion

In this case also, iron is in +3 oxidation state and has the electronic configuration as $3d^5$. This complex has been found to be paramagnetic due to the presence of five unpaired electrons. To account for this, the electrons in 3*d*-orbitals are not disturbed and the outer 4*d*-orbitals are used for hybridisation. The six orbitals (one 4*s*, three 4*p* and two 4*d*) are hybridised resulting sp^3d^2-hybridisation. Six pairs of electrons, one from each water molecule occupy the six hybrid orbitals. The molecule is **octahedral** and is **paramagnetic**.

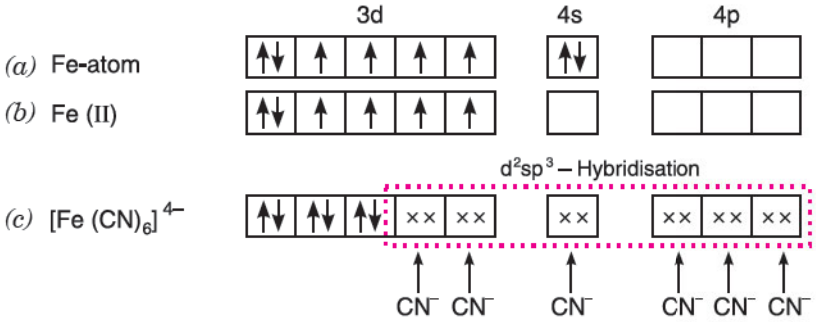


Since $[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$ uses outer orbital ($4d$) in hybridisation, it is therefore, called **outer orbital** or **high spin** or **spin free complex**.

6. $[Fe(CN)_6]^{4-}$ (ferrocyanide) complex ion

In this case, iron is in +2 oxidation state.

The complex is diamagnetic and therefore, it involves d^2sp^3-hybridisation as shown below:



It is **inner orbital** or **low spin complex.**

From these examples, it may be **concluded** *that ferricyanide ion, $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$ is weakly paramagnetic while ferrocyanide ion, $[Fe(CN)_6]^{4-}$ is diamagnetic.*

Examples of Complexes of C.N. 4

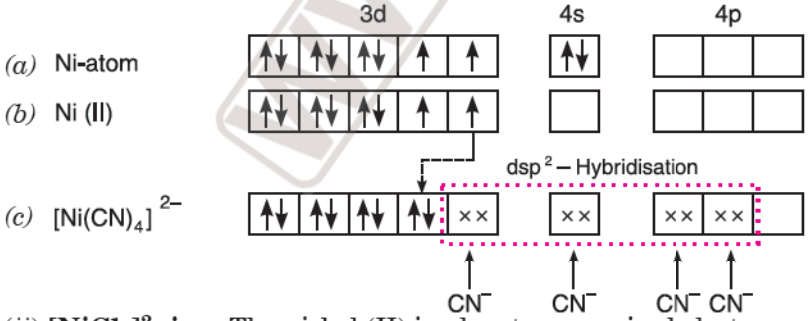
Ni(II), Pt(II) and Pd(II) form mostly, the 4-coordinate entities. In this case, the geometry will be *tetrahedral* or *square planar* depending upon *whether sp^3 or dsp^2*-hybridisation is involved.

(*i*) **$[Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$ ion.** The nickel atom has the ground state electronic configuration as $3d^8 4s^2$. In this case nickel is in +2 oxidation state and its electronic configuration is $3d^8$.

Depending upon the type of hybridisation, there are two possible ways in which the complexes of nickel with coordination number 4 may be formed. If the complex involves *sp^3-hybridisation*, it would have *tetrahedral structure*. If, on the other hand, the complex involves *dsp^2-hybridisation,* it would have *square planar structure*. For the formation of tetrahedral structure the $3d$-orbitals remain unaffected and, therefore, the two unpaired d-electrons remain as such. Consequently, the complex would be **paramagnetic** like the Ni^{2+} ion itself.

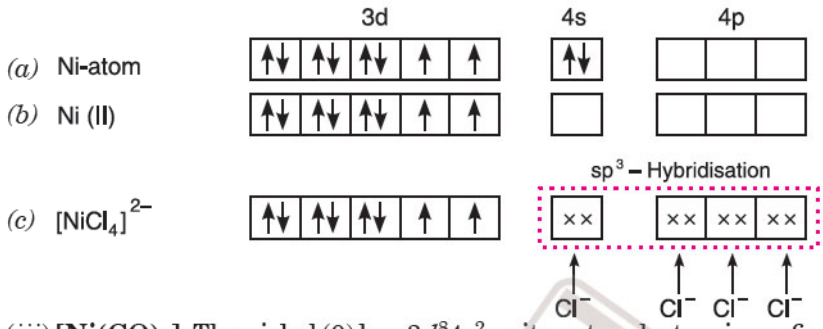
On the other hand, for the formation of square planar structure through dsp^2-hybridisation, one of the $3d$-orbitals should be empty and available for hybridisation. This is possible, if the two unpaired d-electrons are paired up thereby making one of the $3d$-orbitals empty. There is thus no unpaired electron and the complex would be **diamagnetic**.

We know from experiments that the complex $[Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$ is *diamagnetic* indicating that the hybridisation involved in this case is dsp^2, as represented in Fig. (*c*). Consequently, the structure of the complex would be **square planar** as shown in the figure. The dotted arrows represent, electron pairs donated by CN^- ions.

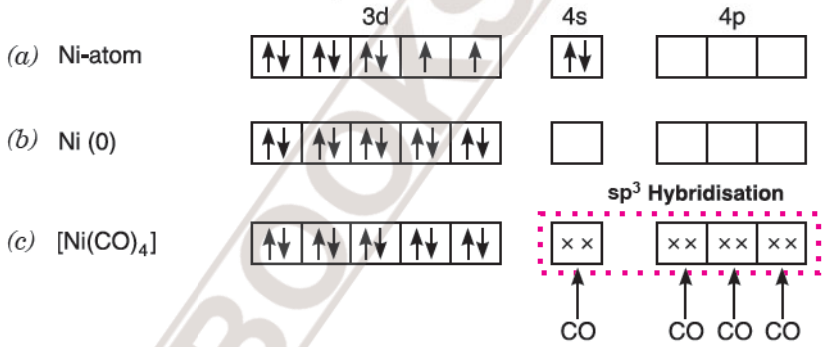


(*ii*) **$[NiCl_4]^{2-}$ ion.** The nickel (II) ion has two unpaired electrons as shown below in Fig. (*b*). The magnetic measurements of the complex $[NiCl_4]^{2-}$ show that it is *paramagnetic* and *has two unpaired electrons.* Therefore, in this case the $3d$-orbitals remain undisturbed and sp^3-hybridisation occurs resulting in tetrahedral structure of the complex. As is evident from Fig. (*c*) there are two unpaired electrons in the complex.

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(*iii*) **$[Ni(CO)_4]$.** The nickel (0) has $3d^8 4s^2$ as its outer electronic configuration. For complexes with coordination number 4, the central atom may involve sp^3 or dsp^2 type of hybridisation, for each of which the 4*s*-orbital must be empty. The electrons of 4*s* orbitals are forced into 3*d*-orbitals to pair up with the two unpaired *d*-electrons. Therefore, the complex is *diamagnetic*. This results in sp^3 hybridisation and the complex has *tetrahedral structure*.



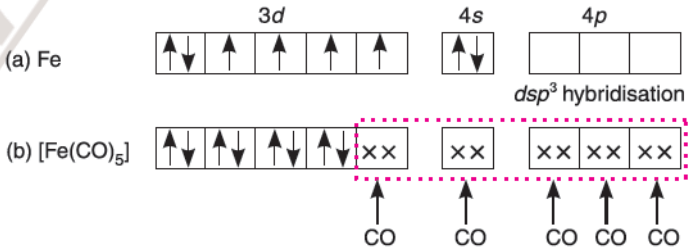
Examples of Complexes of C.N. 5

$Fe(CO)_5$. The oxidation state of iron in this complex is zero and it has the outer electronic configuration as $3d^6\ 4s^2$. In accordance with the Hund's rule, the six electrons shall occupy the five 3*d* orbitals in such a way that there are four unpaired electrons. For the complexes with coordination number 5, the central atom may involve dsp^3 hybridisation, and the 4*s* orbital must be empty. The two electrons of 4*s* orbital and one electron 3*d* orbital are pushed into 3*d* orbitals to pair up with the three unpaired 3*d* electrons. The metal atom involves dsp^3 hybridisation (one 3*d*, one 4*s* and three 4*p*) to give vacant dsp^3 hybrid orbitals. Since the complex has no unpaired electron, it will be **diamagnetic** and it is in agreement with experimental results, Thus, the complex $[Fe(CO)_5]$ has **trigonal bipyramidal geometry** and is **diamagnetic**.

REMEMBER

From these examples, it may be **concluded** :

$[Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$	is square planar & diamagnetic
$[NiCl_4]^{2-}$	is tetrahedral & paramagnetic
$[Ni(CO)_4]$	is tetrahedral & diamagnetic



Magnetic Properties of Coordination Compounds and their Geometries

The presence of unpaired electrons in molecules give rise to magnetic properties which are very useful for understanding the structure and bonding in transition metal complexes. The magnetic moment of coordination compounds are not measured directly. However, the parameter which is actually measured is **magnetic susceptibility** from which it is possible to measure magnetic moment.

A critical study of the magnetic moments data of coordination compounds of metals of first tansition series show some complications. It has been observed that for metal ions upto three electrons in a *d*-subshell, two vacant *d*-orbitals are available for octahedral (d^2sp^3) hybridisation alongwith 4*s* and 4*p* orbitals. The magnetic behaviour of these three free ions and their coordination entities is similar.

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When more than three 3*d* electrons are present, then the two 3*d* orbitals for octahedral hybridisation are not directly available because of Hund's rule of maximum multiplicity. For example, for coordination compound having $3d^4$ configuration (Cr^{2+} and Mn^{3+}), to make two 3*d* orbitals empty, one of the electron will be paired with one of the other orbitals leaving two unpaired electrons. Similarly, for d^5 (Mn^{2+}, Fe^{3+}) and d^6 (Fe^{2+}, Co^{3+}) configurations, two vacant 3*d* orbitals result only by pairing of 3*d* electrons leaving one and zero unpaired electrons respectively.

The magnetic data agree with maximum spin pairing in many cases especially with coordination compounds containing d^6 ions. However, there are noticeable complications with coordination compounds containing d^4 and d^5 ions. For example,

- Mn (III) complexes ($3d^4$ configuration), show different behaviour; $[Mn(CN)_6]^{3-}$ has magnetic moment corresponding to two unpaired electrons, while $[MnCl_6]^{3-}$ has magnetic moment corresponding to four unpaired electrons.
- In Fe (III) complexes ($3d^5$ configuration), $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$ has magnetic moment of a single unpaired electron while $[FeF_6]^{3-}$ has magnetic moment corresponding to 5 unpaired electrons.
- In case of Co (III) complexes ($3d^6$ configuration), $[CoF_6]^{3-}$ is paramagnetic with four unpaired electrons whereas $[Co(C_2O_4)_3]^{3-}$ is diamagnetic.

These anomalous results have been successfully explained with the help of valence bond theory in terms of formation of inner orbital and outer orbital coordination entities. For example,

- The complexes $[Mn(CN)_6]^{3-}$, $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$ and $[Co(C_2O_4)_3]^{3-}$ are **inner orbital complexes involving d^2sp^3 hybridisation and are low spin complexes.** The first two complexes are paramagnetic while the latter is diamagnetic.
- On the other hand, $[MnCl_6]^{3-}$, $[FeF_6]^{3-}$ and $[CoF_6]^{3-}$ *are* **outer orbital complexes involving sp^3d^2 hybridisation and are high spin complexes.** All these three are paramagnetic corresponding to 4, 5 and 4 unpaired electrons.

The valence bond treatment and magnetic behaviour of some common coordination complexes are listed in Table 7.

Table 7. Valence bond treatment for some complexes.

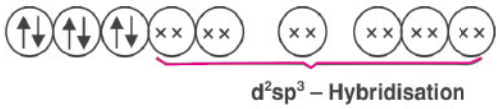
Complex/ion	Electronic configuration and hybridisation	Geometry	No. of unpaired electrons/magnetic character
(*a*) **$[Mn(CN)_6]^{4-}$**			
$[Mn^{2+}\ 3d^5]$	3d 4s 4p		
$[Mn(CN)_6]^{4-}$		Octahedral	1 Paramagnetic
	d^2sp^3 – Hybridisation		
(*b*) **$[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$**			
Fe^{3+} $3d^5$			
$[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$		Octahedral	1 Paramagnetic
	d^2sp^3 – Hybridisation		
(*c*) **$[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$**			
Fe^{3+} $3d^5$			
$[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$		Octahedral	5 Paramagnetic
	sp^3d^2 – Hybridisation		
(*d*) **$[FeF_6]^{3-}$**			
Fe^{3+} $3d^5$			
$[FeF_6]^{3-}$		Octahedral	5 Paramagnetic
	sp^3d^2 – Hybridisation		

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(e) **$[Fe(CN)_6]^{4-}$**

Fe^{2+} $3d^6$

$[Fe(CN)_6]^{4-}$



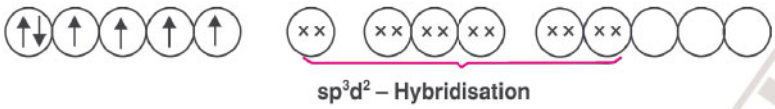
d^2sp^3 – Hybridisation

Octahedral | 0 Diamagnetic

(f) **$[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$**

Fe^{2+} $3d^6$

$[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$



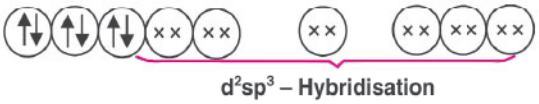
sp^3d^2 – Hybridisation

Octahedral | 4 Paramagnetic

(g) **$[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$**

Co^{3+} $3d^6$

$[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$



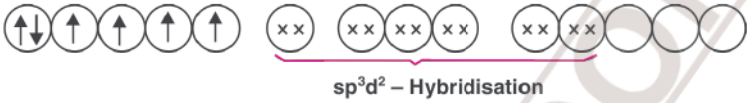
d^2sp^3 – Hybridisation

Octahedral | 0 Diamagnetic

(h) **$[CoF_6]^{3-}$**

Co^{3+} $3d^6$

$[CoF_6]^{3-}$



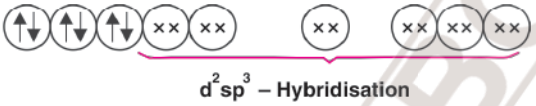
sp^3d^2 – Hybridisation

Octahedral | 4 Paramagnetic

(i) **$[Co(en)_2(NH_3)Cl]^{2+}$**

Co^{3+} $3d^6$

$[Co(en)_2(NH_3)Cl]^{2+}$



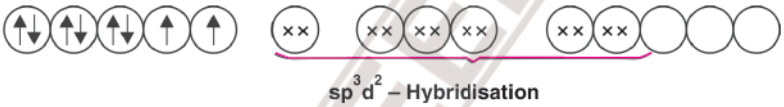
d^2sp^3 – Hybridisation

Octahedral | 0 Diamagnetic

(j) **$[Ni(NH_3)_6]^{2+}$**

Ni^{2+} $3d^8$

$[Ni(NH_3)_6]^{2+}$



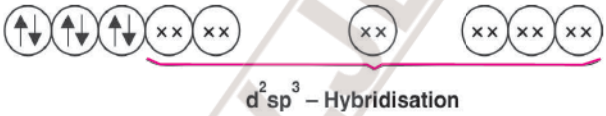
sp^3d^2 – Hybridisation

Octahedral | 2 Paramagnetic

(k) **$[Cr(CO)_6]$**

Cr^0 $3d^54s^1$

$[Cr(CO)_6]$



d^2sp^3 – Hybridisation

Octahedral | 0 Diamagnetic

(l) **$[CuCl_4]^{2-}$**

Cu^{2+} $3d^9$

$[CuCl_4]^{2-}$



sp^3 – Hybridisation

Tetrahedral | 1 Paramagnetic

(m) **$[Zn(NH_3)_4]^{2+}$**

Zn^{2+} $3d^{10}$

$[Zn(NH_3)_4]^{2+}$



sp^3 – Hybridisation

Tetrahedral | 0 Diamagnetic

(n) **$[Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$**

Ni^{2+} $3d^8$

$[Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$



dsp^2 – Hybridisation

Square planar | 0 Diamagnetic

(o) **$[NiCl_4]^{2-}$**

Ni^{2+} $3d^8$

$[NiCl_4]^{2-}$



sp^3– Hybridisation

Tetrahedral | 2 Paramagnetic

(p) **$[Ni(CO)_4]$**

Ni^0 $3d^84s^2$

$[Ni(CO)_4]$



sp^3 – Hybridisation

Tetrahedral | 0 Diamagnetic

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(*q*) **$[Pt(CN)_4]^{2-}$**

Pt^{2+} $5d^8$

$[Pt(CN)_4]^{2-}$



(*r*) **$Fe(CO)_5$**

Fe $3d^64s^2$

$Fe(CO)_5$



(*s*) **$[Ag(CN)_2]^-$**

Ag^+ $4d^{10}$

$[Ag(CN)_2]^-$



Square planar	0 Diamagnetic
Trigonal bipyramidal	0 Diamagnetic
Linear	0 Diamagnetic

Limitations of Valence Bond Theory

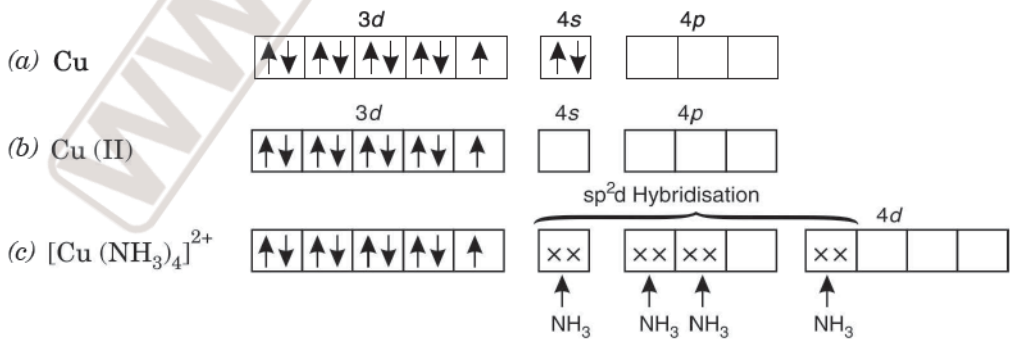
(*i*) It involves a number of assumptions.
(*ii*) It gives only the qualitative explanations for complexes.
(*iii*) It does not explain the detailed magnetic properties of the complexes.
(*iv*) This theory does not explain the spectral properties of the coordination compounds.
(*v*) It does not explain the thermodynamic and kinetic stabilities of different coordination compounds.
(*vi*) It does not make exact predictions regarding the tetrahedral or square planar structures of 4-coordinate complexes.
(*vii*) It does not distinguish between weak and strong ligands.

Controversial Example

$[Cu(NH_3)_4]^{2+}$ ion.

The oxidation state of copper in this complex ion is +2. Therefore, it has $3d^9$ outer electronic configuration. In accordance with Hund's rule, only one 3*d* orbital of the complex ion will be singly filled.

The X-ray studies have shown that this complex ion has a square planar geometry. Therefore, the metal ion must involve dsp^2 hybridisation and one of the 3*d* orbitals must be vacated. This can be achieved by promoting one electron from one of the 3*d* orbitals into higher energy vacant 4*p* orbitals. But if the electron occupies higher energy level, it will be easily lost. This means that the complex could be easily oxidised *i.e.,* Cu^{2+} will change into Cu^{3+}. However, this is not true beacuse Cu^{3+} ions are rare. The spectroscopic studies have also shown that electron is not present in the 4*p* orbital. To solve the anomaly, it has been suggested that the electron in 3*d* orbitals remain undisturbed and it involves the use of outer 4*d* orbitals for hybridisation. Thus, this complex is **square planar** involving sp^2d hybrid orbitals as shown below.



Formation of $[Cu(NH_3)_4]^{2+}$ complex.

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Learning Plus

Concept of Effective Atomic number. After Werner's theory, Sidgwick made the first attempt to find the basis of bonding in coordination compounds. Sidgwick in 1927 extended the Lewis theory of electron pair bond formation. He suggested that *metal ion accepts electron pairs from the ligands until it achieves the next noble gas configuration.* This is called **effective atomic number rule.** The total number of electrons possessed by the central metal ion and the electrons gained by it from ligands is called the **effective atomic number (EAN)**. Thus, according to effective atomic number rule, the effective atomic number in a complex should be equal to 36 (electrons in Kr), 54 (electrons in Xe) and 86 (electrons in radon).

For example, consider the complex ion $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$. The atomic number of Co is 27 and therefore, the number of electrons in Co^{3+} ion is 24. Each of the six ammonia molecules donates a pair of electrons so that total of 12 electrons are donated by six NH_3 molecules. Thus,

No. of electrons in Co^{3+} = 24

Electrons from six NH_3 molecules 2×6 = 12

Total number of electrons in the compound (EAN) = 24 + 12 = **36**

Thus, the effective atomic number is same as the atomic number of krypton.

Some other examples of complexes obeying EAN rule are:

Complex	Central metal ion	At. No.	No. of electrons in metal ions	Electrons gained from ligands	EAN
$[Fe(CN)_6]^{4-}$	Fe^{2+}	26	24	6×2 = 12	24 + 12 = 36 (Kr)
$[Fe(CO)_5]$	Fe	26	26	5×2 = 10	26 + 10 = 36 (Kr)
$[Ni(CO)_4]$	Ni	28	28	4×2 = 8	28 + 8 = 36 (Kr)
$[Pt(NH_3)_6]^{4+}$	Pt^{4+}	78	74	6×2 = 12	74 + 12 = 86 (Rn)
$[Zn(NH_3)_4]^{2+}$	Zn^{2+}	30	28	4×2 = 8	28 + 8 = 36 (Kr)
$[Cu(CN)_4]^{3-}$	Cu^{+}	29	28	4×2 = 8	28 + 8 = 36 (Kr)

However, there are many **exceptions to EAN rule**. Many stable complexes are known in which EAN rule is not obeyed. For example,

Complex	Central metal ion	At. No.	No. of electrons in metal ions	Electrons gained from ligands	EAN
$[Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$	Ni^{2+}	28	26	4×2 = 8	26 + 8 = 34
$[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$	Fe^{3+}	26	23	6×2 = 12	23 + 12 = 35
$[Mn(CN)_6]^{4-}$	Mn^{2+}	25	23	6×2 = 12	23 + 12 = 35
$[Ag(NH_3)_2]^{+}$	Ag^{+}	47	46	2×2 = 4	46 + 4 = 50

SOLVED EXAMPLES

❑ **Example 16.**

The spin only magnetic moment of $[MnBr_4]^{2-}$ is 5.9 B.M. Predict the geometry of the complex ion.

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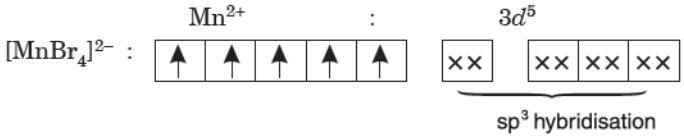
Solution :

The coordination number of Mn^{2+} ion in the complex ion is 4. Therefore, it will be either tetrahedral (involving sp^3 hybridisation) or square planar (involving dsp^2 hybridisation). The complex has the magnetic moment 5.9 B.M., which indicates that it has 5 unpaired electrons.

$$\sqrt{n(n+2)} = 5.9$$
$$n(n+2) = 34.81$$
$$n^2 + 2n = 34.81$$
$$n^2 + 2n - 34.81 = 0$$

Solving for n we get $n = 5$

Since it has 5 unpaired electrons, this means that the 3*d* orbitals are not disturbed and sp^3 hybridisation occurs resulting tetrahedral structure of the complex.



❑ **Example 17.**

Write the name, stereochemistry and magnetic behaviour of the following :

(At. nos. Mn = 25, Co = 27, Ni = 28)

(i) $K_4[Mn(CN)_6]$ *(ii)* $[Co(NH_3)_5Cl]Cl_2$

(iii) $K_2[Ni(CN)_4]$ *(D.S.B. 2011)*

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Solution :

	Complex	Name	Stereo-chemistry	Magnetic behaviour
(*i*)	$K_4[Mn(CN)_6]$	Potassium hexacyanidomanganate (II)	Octahedral	Paramagnetic
(*ii*)	$[Co(NH_3)_5Cl]Cl_2$	Pentaamminechlorido cobalt (III) chloride	Octahedral	Diamagnetic
(*iii*)	$K_2[Ni(CN)_4]$	Potassium tetracyanidonickelate (II)	Square planar	Diamagnetic

❑ **Example 18.**

For the complex $[Fe(en)_2Cl_2]Cl$, identify the following :

(i) Oxidation number of iron.
(ii) Hybrid orbitals and shape of the complex.
(iii) Magnetic behaviour of the complex.
(iv) Number of its geometrical isomers.
(v) Whether there may be optical isomer also.
(vi) Name of the complex. *(D.S.B. 2011)*

Solution :

(*i*) III.
(*ii*) d^2sp^3 hybridisation, octahedral.
(*iii*) Paramagnetic due to one unpaired electron.
(*iv*) Two.
(*v*) Optical isomer of cis-geometrical isomer.
(*vi*) Dichloridobis (ethane-1, 2-diamine) iron (III) chloride.

❑ **Example 19.**

Give the formula of each of the following coordination entities :

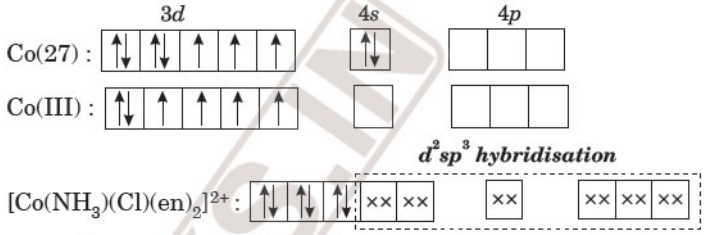
(i) Co^{3+} ion is bound to one Cl^-, one NH_3 molecule and two bidentate ethylene diamine (en) molecules.
(ii) Ni^{2+} ion is bound to two water molecules and two oxalate ions.

Write the name and magnetic behaviour of each of the above coordination entities.
(At. nos. Co = 27, Ni = 28) *(D.S.B. 2012)*

Solution :

(*i*) $[Co(NH_3)(Cl)(en)_2]^{2+}$

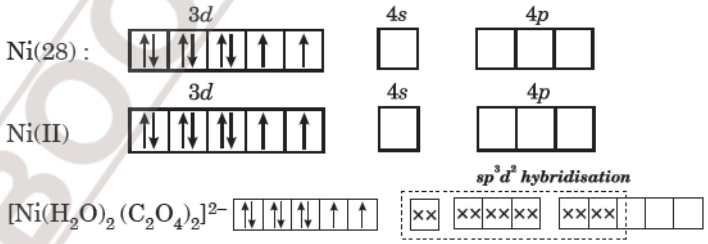
Name : Amminechloridobis-(ethane-1, 2-diamine)cobalt (III) ion



Since there are no unpaired electrons, complex is **diamagnetic**.

(*ii*) $[Ni(H_2O)_2(C_2O_4)_2]^{2-}$

Name : Diaquadioxalatonickelate (II) ion



The complex has two unpaired electrons and therefore, it will be **paramagnetic**.

CRYSTAL FIELD THEORY

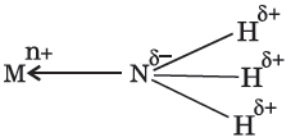
The Crystal Field Theory (CFT) was developed by H. Bethe and V. Bleck. This theory gives a much more satisfactory explanation for bonding and the properties of coordination complexes.

The valence bond theory considers the bonding between the metal ion and the ligands as purely covalent. On the other hand, crystal field theory considers **the metal-ligand bond to be ionic arising from electrostatic interactions between the metal ion and the ligands. The ligands are treated as point charges.** In case of negative ligands (anions such as Cl^-, Br^-, CN^-), the interactions with metal ions are *ion-ion interactions.* If the ligands are neutral molecules (such as NH_3, H_2O, CO), the interactions with the metal ions are *ion-dipole interactions.* For example, in the case of complex ion $[CoF_6]^{3-}$ the interactions are between Co^{3+} and F^- ions whereas in $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$, the interactions are between negatively charged end of NH_3 molecules (δ-charge on N atom) and Co^{3+} ion.

In the case of free metal ion, all the five *d*-orbitals have the same energy. The shapes of the five *d*-orbitals are given in Fig. 6. These orbitals having the same energies are called ***degenerate orbitals.*** This means that an electron can occupy any one of these five *d*-orbitals with equal ease. However, on the approach of the ligands, the orbital electrons will be repelled by the lone pairs (or negative charges) of the ligands. The repulsion will raise the energy of the *d*-orbitals. If all the ligands approaching the central metal ion are at equal distance from each of the *d*-orbitals, the energy of each orbital will increase by the same amount, due to spherical field or symmetrical field of ligands. Therefore, these orbitals will still



ion - ion interactions between metal ion and a negative ligand(X^-)



ion - dipole interactions between metal ion and negatively charged end of a neutral ligand (NH_3).

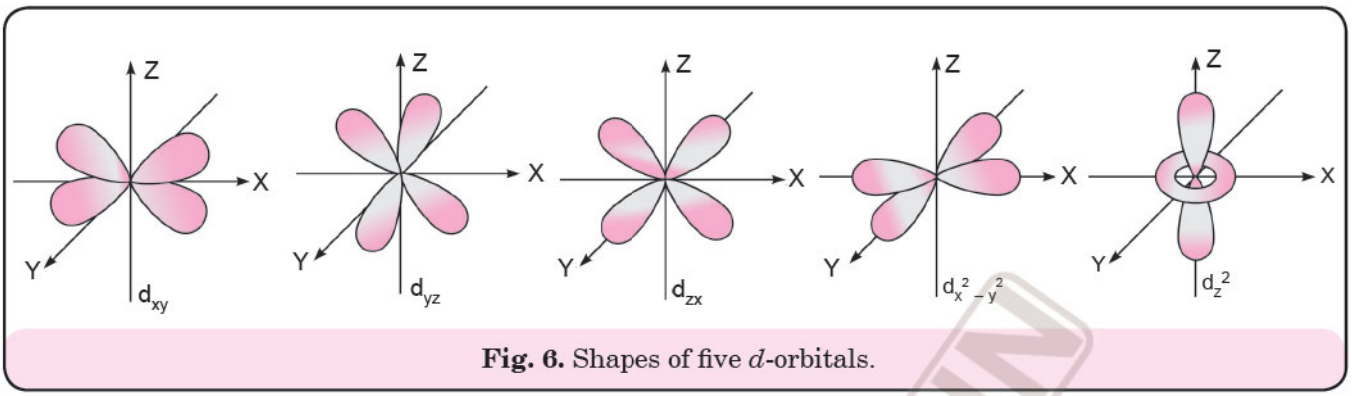


Fig. 6. Shapes of five *d*-orbitals.

remain degenerate, but *they will have higher energy than that of the free ion*. But we know that *d*-orbitals have different orientations and, therefore, these orbitals will experience different interactions from the ligands.

- The orbitals lying in the direction of the ligands, will experience greater repulsion and their energies will be raised relative to their positions in a symmetrical field. (Remember that orbitals represent regions of negative charge; because like charges repel each other and therefore, potential energy increases when they are brought together.) On the other hand,
- the orbitals lying away from the approach of the ligands will have lesser interactions with the negative charge of donor atoms and therefore, their energies will be lower than they would be in a spherical field.

Therefore, due to the electrical field of the ligands, the energies of the five *d*-orbitals will split up.

The conversion of five degenerate d-orbitals of the metal ion into different sets of orbitals having different energies in the presence of electrical field of ligands is called **crystal field splitting.** This concept forms the basis of crystal field theory.

For example, in case of **octahedral complexes**, the five *d*-orbitals split up into two sets; one set consisting of two orbitals $d_{x^2-y^2}$ and d_{z^2} of higher energy and another set consisting of three orbitals (d_{xy}, d_{yz} and d_{zx}) of lower energy as shown in Fig. 7.

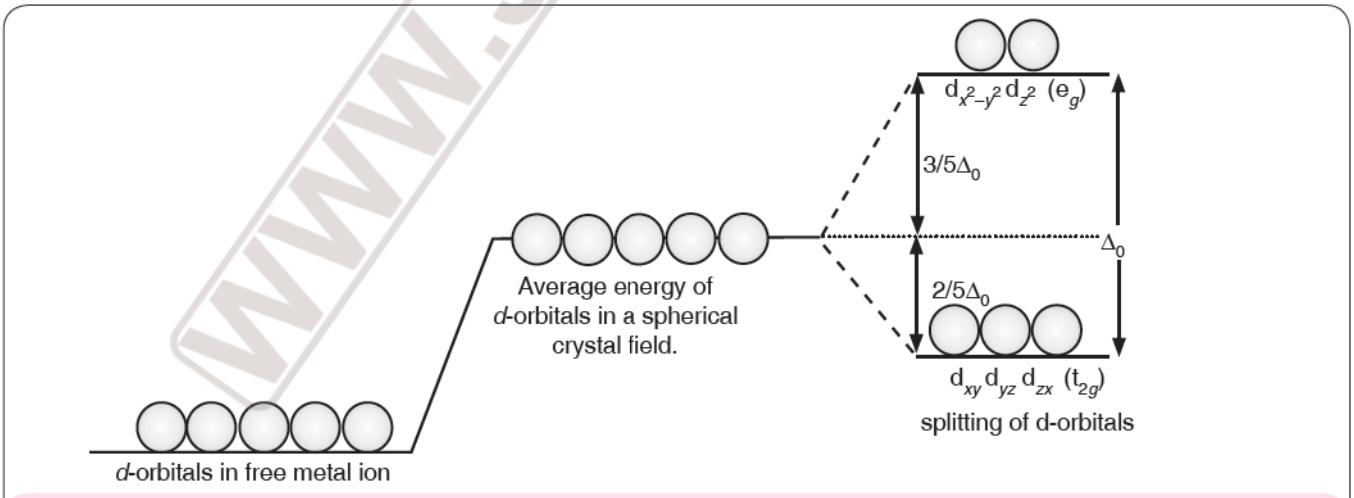


Fig. 7. Splitting of *d*-orbitals in octahedral field.

In octahedral field of splitting, the two *d*-orbitals; $d_{x^2-y^2}$ and d_{z^2} are called e_g orbitals (pronounced as "*e*–*g*") and the three orbitals d_{xy}, d_{yz} and d_{zx} are called t_{2g} orbitals (pronounced as "*t*–two –*g*"). These names are derived from spectroscopic terms and are beyond the scope of the present class.

The energy difference between the two sets of energy levels is called **crystal field splitting energy** and is represented as Δ_0 (the subscript 'o' stands for octahedral). It measures the crystal field strength of the ligands.

It may be noted that the crystal field splitting occurs in such a way that the average energy of the *d*-orbitals does not change. This is known as **barycentre rule**, which is similar to *'centre of gravity'* type rule. This means that the three orbitals lie at an energy that is $\frac{2}{5}\ \Delta_0$ below the average *d*-orbital energy and the two *d*-orbitals lie at an energy $\frac{3}{5}\ \Delta_0$ above the average energy.

Spectrochemical series

The crystal field splitting (Δ_0) depends upon the nature of the ligands. The greater the ease with which the ligand can approach the metal ion, the greater will be the crystal field splitting caused by it. The ligands which cause only a small degree of crystal field splitting are called **weak field ligands** while those which cause a large splitting are called **strong field ligands**.

Thus, the ligands can be arranged according to the magnitude of the Δ_0 and this arrangement is called **spectrochemical series.** The spectrochemical series in the increasing order of crystal field splitting is given below :

Weak field ligands

$I^- < Br^- < SCN^- < Cl^- < S^{2-} < NO_3^- < F^- < OH^- < ox^{2-} < O^{2-} < H_2O < NCS^- < edta^{4-} < py \approx NH_3 < en < dipy < o\text{-}phen < NO_2^- < CN^- < CO$

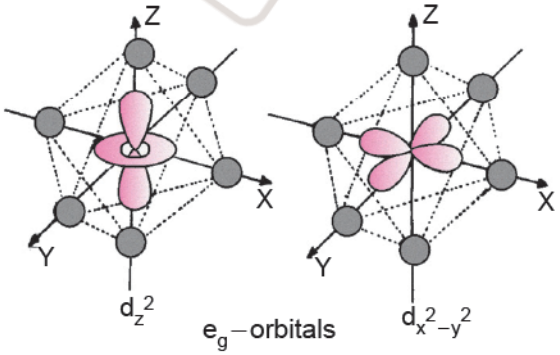
Strong field ligands

Increasing Crystal Field

The above spectrochemical series is an experimentally determined series based on the absorption of light by complexes with different ligands. From the series it is clear that CO, CN^- and NO_2^- are strong field ligands whereas I^-, Br^- and Cl^- are weak field ligands. In general, the ligands lying above H_2O are called strong field ligands and they cause greater crystal field splitting (or high Δ_0). On the other hand, the ligands water and below it are called weak field ligands and they cause lesser crystal field splitting (or low Δ_0).

Splitting of *d*-orbitals

Let us consider how the *d*-orbitals split in an octahedral field of ligands (coordination number 6). In octahedral complexes the metal ion is at the centre of the octahedron and the six ligands represented by point charges lie at the six corners along the three axes *x*, *y* and *z* as shown in Fig. 8. Let us suppose that the metal ion, M^{n+} has a single *d*-electron (d^1 configuration *e.g.*, Ti^{3+} ion in $[TiF_6]^{3-}$ complex ion). In the free ion when there are no ligands, the electron can occupy any one of the *d*-orbitals because all are of same energy and are called ***degenerate orbitals.*** However, in the octahedral complex, MX_6, all the five *d*-orbitals will not remain of same energy. This can be easily understood by considering the shapes of these orbitals. The shapes of these five *d*-orbitals in octahedral field of ligands are shown in Fig. 9. From the figure, it is clear that the lobes (regions of maximum electron density) of d_{z^2} and $d_{x^2-y^2}$ orbitals point directly towards the corners of the octahedron where the negative charges of the approaching



Lobes of these orbitals point directly towards ligands.

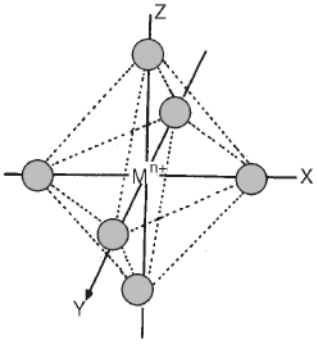


Fig. 8. Six ligands at the corners of an octahedron surrounding the metal ion, M^{n+}.

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▶ Crystal field stabilization energy (CFSE) helps to predict the stability of an electronic configuration of a complex. For detail, refer **Competition File** (Page 81).

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It may be noted that for the splitting of *d*-orbitals in **tetrahedral field the *g* subscript which was used for octahedral field is not used**. For example, the $d_{x^2-y^2}$ and d_{z^2} are designated as '*e*' orbitals whereas the other three orbitals d_{xy}, d_{yz} and d_{zx} are designated as t_2. This is because a **tetrahedral geometry has no centre of inversion symmetry**. The symbol '*g*' has meaning only for the fields which have centre of inversion. However, some books use subscript '*g*' for tetrahedral geometry.

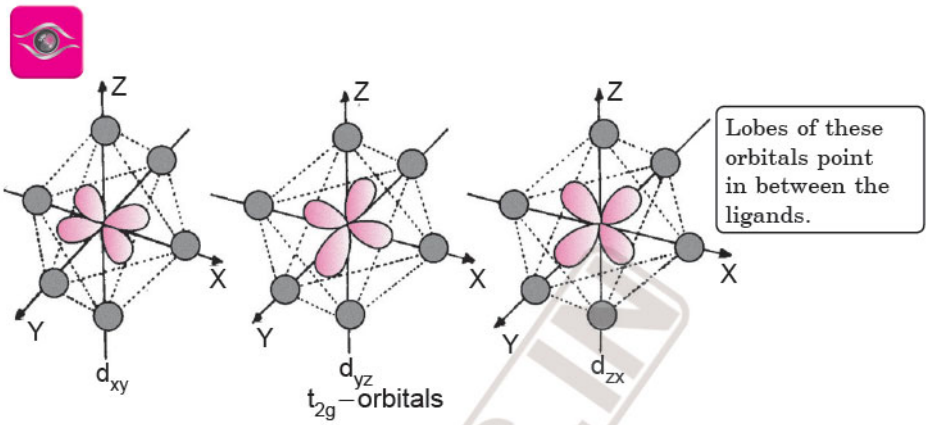
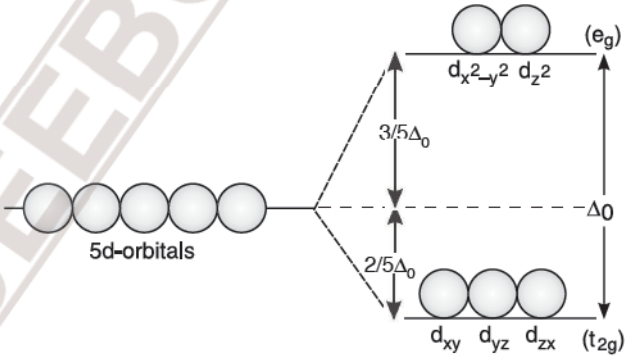


Fig. 9. Orientations of different *d*-orbitals in an octahedral field of six ligands.

ligands are present. The remaining three orbitals (d_{xy}, d_{yz} and d_{zx}) have their lobes not towards ligands but in between the point charges. This means that the electrons in d_{xy}, d_{yz} and d_{zx} orbitals will be repelled less by the negative point charges of the ligands than those in two *d*-orbitals ($d_{x^2-y^2}$ and d_{z^2}). As a result the three *d*-orbitals (d_{xy}, d_{yz} and d_{zx}) experience less repulsions from the ligands and are stable and of lower energy than the two *d*-orbitals ($d_{x^2-y^2}$ and d_{z^2}). Thus, the five *d*-orbitals split up into two sets : (d_{xy}, d_{yz} and d_{zx}) and ($d_{x^2-y^2}$ and d_{z^2}) in octahedral field.



Octahedral field

Similarly, it can be shown from the geometry, that in tetrahedral complexes, none of *the d-orbitals point exactly towards the ligands and therefore, the splitting of energy will be less than that in octahedral field.* The three *d*-orbitals (d_{xy}, d_{yz} and d_{zx}) are pointing close to the direction in which the ligands are approaching while the two *d*-orbitals ($d_{x^2-y^2}$ and d_{z^2}) are lying in between the ligands. Therefore, the energies of the three orbitals will be raised while the energies of two orbitals will be lowered. Thus, in the presence of tetrahedral field the degeneracy of *d*-orbitals split up as :

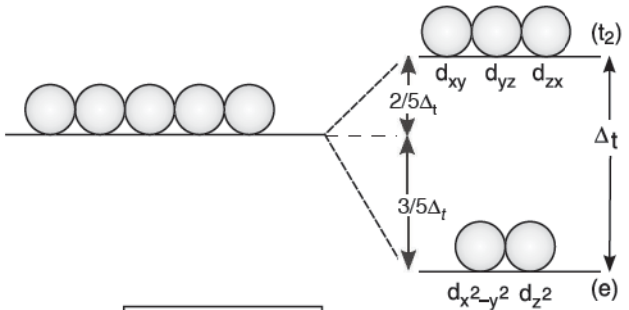
(*i*) the two *d*-orbitals ($d_{x^2-y^2}$ and d_{z^2}) become more stable and their energies are lowered. These are designated as 'e' orbitals.

(*ii*) The three orbitals (d_{xy}, d_{yz} and d_{zx}) become less stable and their energies are raised. These are designated as 't_2' orbitals. This splitting of *d*-orbital is shown ahead :

Crystal field splitting in tetrahedral complexes (Δ_t) is smaller than in octahedral complexes (Δ_0) because :

- in tetrahedral complexes, there are four ligands while there are six ligands in octahedral complexes. Therefore, lower ligands will produce less crystal field splitting.
- in tetrahedral complexes, none of the orbitals is pointing directly towards the ligands and therefore, splitting is less.

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Tetrahedral field Splitting of d-orbitals

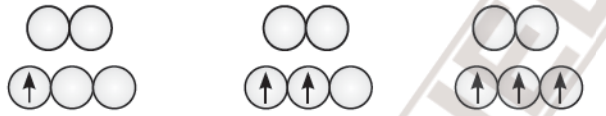
The energy difference between these two sets is called crystal field splitting in tetrahedral field and is abbreviated as Δ_t (the subscript '*t*' indicates tetrahedral complexes). It has been observed that the splitting in tetrahedral complexes (Δ_t) is considerably less than in octahedral complexes (Δ_0). It has been found that

$$\Delta_t \approx \frac{4}{9}\Delta_0$$

It may be noted that the splitting of *d*-orbitals in square planar complexes is complicated and has not been mentioned in the present text.

Electronic Structures and Properties of complexes according to C.F. theory

The electronic configurations of complexes depend upon the crystal field splitting. We have learnt that in octahedral complexes, the three orbitals are of lower energy and two orbitals are of higher energy. According to Hund's rule, electrons occupy a set of orbitals of same energy one at a time with their spins parallel. The electrons only pair up after each orbital gets one electron. So, for complexes having upto three *d*-electrons (d^1, d^2 and d^3) each electron can occupy a separate orbital in the lower set as shown below :



d^1 complex $t_{2g}^{\ 1}$ d^2 complex $t_{2g}^{\ 2}$ d^3 complex $t_{2g}^{\ 3}$

For a d^4 complex, there are two possibilities :

(*i*) All the four electrons may occupy lower set of orbitals with one electron gets paired *i.e.*, $t_{2g}^{\ 4}$. It experiences a strong repulsion from the electron already there.

(*ii*) The three electrons occupy lower set of orbitals and the fourth electron goes to one of the higher set of orbitals *i.e.*, $t_{2g}^{\ 3}\, e_g^{\ 1}$.

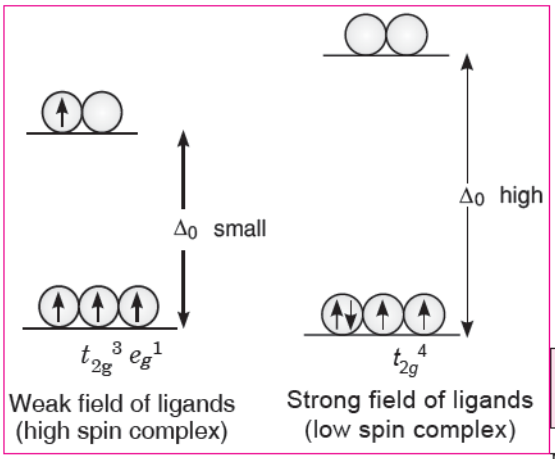
Which electronic configuration is possible or has the lower energy depends upon the relative magnitude of the crystal field spliting (Δ_0) and the pairing energy, P (P represents the energy required for electron pairing in a single orbital). The crystal field splitting energy depends upon the nature of ligands attached. If Δ_0 is large (as it is for strong field ligands), the electrons will try to remain in the lower set of orbitals. In this case, the complex has less number of unpaired electrons and is called **low spin complex**.

In this case, ***the repulsion due to pairing of electrons will be less than*** Δ_0.

On the other hand, if Δ_0 is small (as it is for weak field ligands), then after filling the lower set of three orbitals with one electron each, the next electron goes to the higher set of orbitals. In this case, ***the repulsion due to pairing of electrons will be more than*** Δ_0. The pairing of electrons will occur only after all the five orbitals are singly filled. In this case, the complex will have maximum number of unpaired electrons and is called **high spin complex**.

Thus, the actual configuration adopted by the complex is decided by the relative values of Δ_0 and P where P represents the energy required for electron pairing in a single orbital.

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⇒ If Δ_0 is less than P ($\Delta_0 < P$), we have weak field, the fourth electron will enter one of the e_g orbitals giving the configuration, $t_{2g}^3 e_g^1$. It will be **high spin complex.**

⇒ If Δ_0 is more than P($\Delta_0 > P$), we have strong field and the pairing will occur in the t_{2g} orbitals with e_g orbitals remaining unoccupied giving the configuration t_{2g}^4. It will be **low spin complex**.

Thus, we can easily predict whether an octahedral complex is likely to be high spin or low spin complex by noting the position of the ligands in the spectrochemical series. In general,

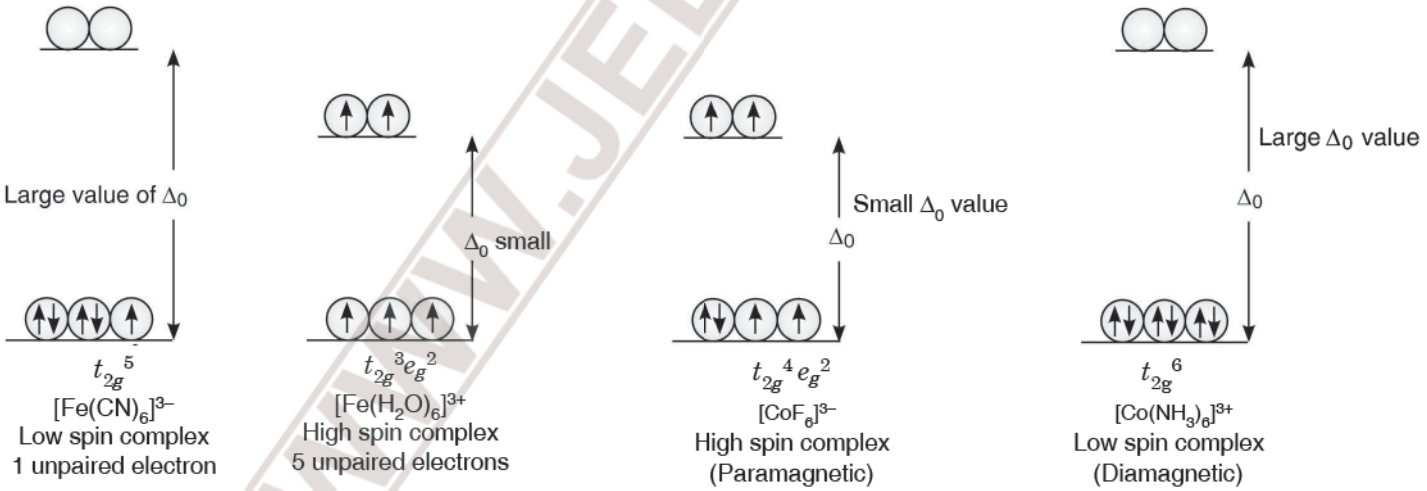
Strong field ligands (high Δ_0) form	⇒	**Low spin complexes**
Weak field ligands (low Δ_0) form	⇒	**High spin complexes.**

Magnetic behaviour of complexes

The magnetic properties of coordination complexes can be easily explained on the basis of crystal field splitting theory.

Let us consider the complexes of Fe (III) such as $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$ and $[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$. Fe^{3+} has $3d^5$ electronic configuration having five electrons. Now, CN^- is a strong field ligand and we expect large splitting of *d*-orbitals. As a result, the five *d*-electrons will try to remain in lower set and will pair up *i.e.*, t_{2g}^5. This results in **low spin complex** which will have only one unpaired electron. On the other hand, H_2O is a weak field ligand and we expect small splitting of *d*-orbitals. As a result, after filling one electron each in lower set of orbitals, the remaining two electrons will go to the higher set of orbitals *i.e.* $t_{2g}^3 e_g^2$. Thus, the complex will be **paramagnetic** due to the presence of five unpaired electrons. It is also called **high spin complex**.

Let us consider the examples of $[CoF_6]^{3-}$ and $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$ complexes,



Cobalt in $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$ and $[CoF_6]^{3-}$ is in + 3 oxidation state and it has six *d*-electrons. It has been observed that F^- ion is a weak field ligand and therefore Δ_0 is small. The complex will be high spin having the configuration $t_{2g}^4 e_g^2$. As clear from the figure, the complex is paramagnetic due to the presence of four unpaired electrons. On the other hand, NH_3 is a strong field ligand and therefore, the electrons *pair up* having the configuration t_{2g}^6. This results in a *low spin* $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$ complex.

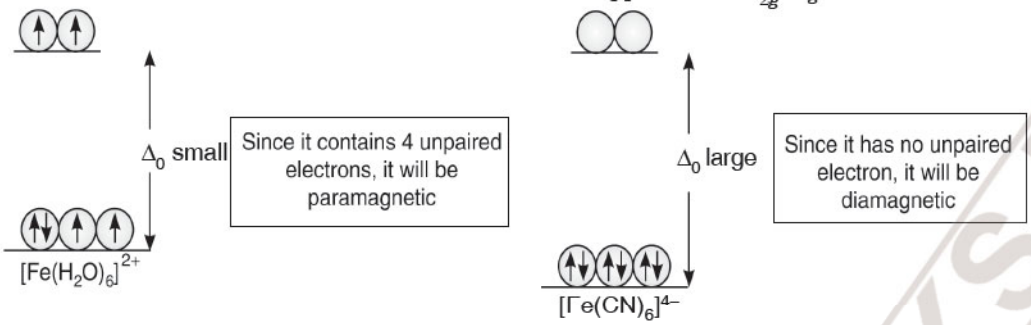
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SOLVED EXAMPLES

❑ **Example 20.**

With the help of crystal field theory, predict the number of unpaired electrons in $[Fe(CN)_6]^{4-}$ and $[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$ complexes.

Solution : H_2O is a weak field ligand and it will have low value of Δ_0. As a result, the electrons can fill lower set of *d*-orbitals as well as upper set as : $t_{2g}^4\ e_g^2$



On the other hand, CN^- is a strong field ligand, so that Δ_0 will be high. As a result, electron will try to remain only in the lower set and will therefore pair up *i.e.*, t_{2g}^6.

❑ **Example 21.**

What is meant by crystal field splitting energy ? On the basis of crystal field theory, write the electronic configuration of d^4 in terms of t_{2g} and e_g in an octahedral field when

(i) $\Delta_0 > P$ *(ii)* $\Delta_0 < P$

Solution : The difference between two sets of energy levels when the five degenerate *d*-orbitals split in the presence of electrical field of ligands is called crystal field splitting energy. In octahedral field it is represented as Δ_0.

Electronic configurations of d^4

(i) When $\Delta_0 > P$; t_{2g}^4 *(ii)* When $\Delta_0 < P$; $t_{2g}^3\ e_g^1$

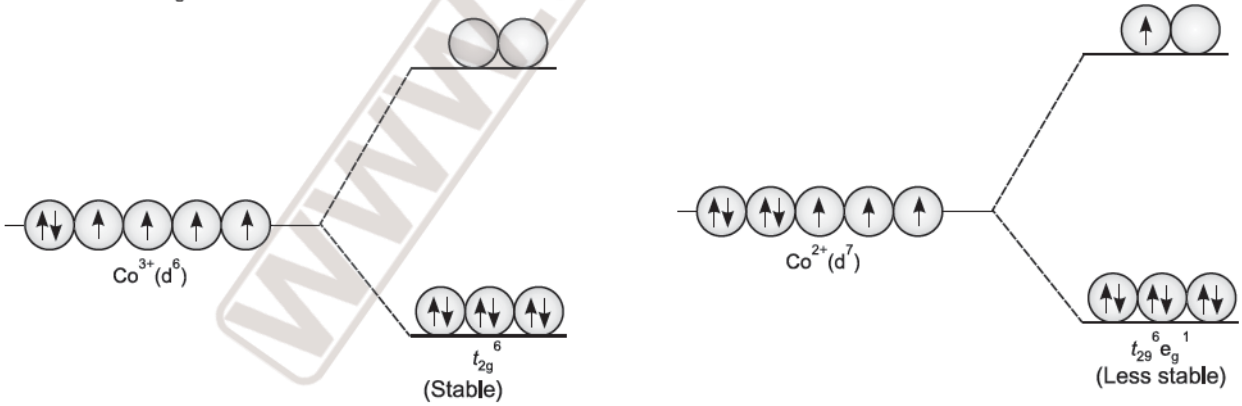
❑ **Example 22.**

State a reason for each of the following situations :

(i) Co^{2+} is easily oxidised to Co^{3+} in the presence of a strong ligand.

(ii) CO is a stronger complexing reagent than NH_3.

Solution : *(i)* In the presence of ligand field, the configuration of Co^{2+} is $t_{2g}^6\ e_g^1$ and that of Co^{3+} is t_{2g}^6.



Therefore, Co (III) complexes are more stable than Co (II) complexes because of larger crystal field stabilization energy (CFSE) of Co (III) with t_{2g}^6 configuration than Co(II) complexes with $t_{2g}^6\ e_g^1$ configuration. The larger crystal field stabilization energy is more than compensated for the third ionisation enthalpy. Therefore, Co^{2+} is easily oxidised to Co^{3+} in the presence of strong field.

(ii) CO is a stronger complexing ligand than NH_3 because CO contains empty π-orbitals which overlap with the filled d-orbitals of transition metal forming back bond (M → CO) also. Therefore, CO forms σ and π bonds with the metal. It is also called strong field ligand. On the other hand, NH_3 cannot form π bonds by back bonding.

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Factors determining the magnitude of the orbital splitting energy, Δ

The following factors influence the magnitude of Δ.

● **Nature of ligand.** The Δ value depends upon the nature of the ligand. The greater the ease with which the ligands can approach the metal ion and interact with it, the greater will be the crystal field splitting energy. The ligands which cause only small Δ value are called **weak field ligands** while those which cause a large Δ value are called **strong field ligands**.

The ligands can be arranged in the increasing field strength in spectrochemical series.

● **Oxidation state of the metal ion.** In general, the higher the ionic charge on the central metal ion, the greater the value of Δ. Therefore, the metal ion with higher oxidation state causes larger Δ than is done by the ion with lower oxidation state. For example, Δ for the entity $[Co(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$ will be more than Δ for the entity $[Co(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$ because oxidation state of cobalt is +3 in the first and +2 in the second.

● **Nature of the metal ion.** For the analogous entities within a group, Δ values differ. The Δ value for similar complexes in the same oxidation state increases by 30–50% on going from 3*d* series (first transition series) to 4*d* series (second transition series). This increase is almost of the same amount (30–50%) on going from 4*d*-series (second transition series) to 5*d*-series (third transition series). As a consequence of this, coordination entities of second and third transition series have a greater tendency to form low spin complexes as compared to the first transition series.

● **Geometry of the coordination entity.** The Δ value for tetrahedral coordination entities is about half the Δ value for octahedral entities *i.e.*,

$$\Delta_t \approx \frac{4}{9}\ \Delta_0$$

Colour in Coordination Compounds

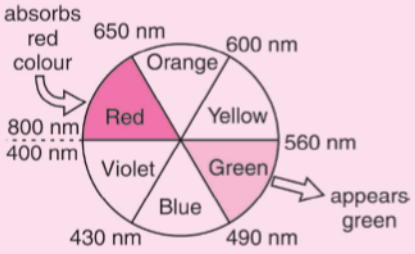
One of the achievements of crystals field theory is its ability to explain the colours of transition metal complexes. As we have learnt in the previous unit, most of the transition metal complexes are coloured in their solid or solution form. The transition metals have the property to absorb certain radiations from the visible region of the spectrum and as a result, the transmitted or reflected light is coloured. The visible light (white light), as we know is a mixture of radiations of many wavelengths ranging from blue (about 400 nm) to red (about 700 nm). When some of these wavelengths are removed from a beam of white light by passing the light through a sample, then the transmitted light is no longer white. For example, if red light (long wavelength) is absorbed from white light, then it appears to us to be green (short wavelength). On the other hand, if green light (short wavelength) is absorbed then it appears to us to be red. Red and green colours are called **complementary colours**. Thus, *the colour we see of a complex in a solid or in a solution is due to the light which is not absorbed but which is transmitted (complementary colour).*

In the case of transition metal complexes, the energy difference between two sets of *d*-orbitals is very small. When visible light falls on them, the electron gets raised from lower set of orbitals to higher set of orbitals. For example, in case of octahedral complexes, the electron goes from set of d_{xy}, d_{yz}, d_{zx} to set of $d_{x^2-y^2}$, d_{z^2}, orbitals. As a result of absorption of some selected wavelength of visible light corresponding to energy difference between these sets of energy levels, the transmitted light gives colour to complexes. For example, the complex $[Ti(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$ is purple.

In this complex, the metal ion has d^1 configuration. In ground state this electron occupies one of the lower set of orbitals having the electronic configuration, t_{2g}^1. The next higher energy state, e_g is available for the excitation

COLOUR WHEEL

A colour wheel to determine the complementary colour of a substance from the colour of light absorbed. Complementary colours are shown on the opposite sides of the colour wheel.



If a substance absorbs red colour (720 nm), it appears green.

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of electron. When white light passes through the complex, the electron gets excited from the lower set of orbitals (t_{2g}) to one of the higher set of orbitals, e_g ($d_{x^2-y^2}$ or d_{z^2} orbital) by absorbing light equal to Δ_0.

This may be expressed as

$$t_{2g}^{\ 1}\, e_g^0 \longrightarrow t_{2g}^{\ 0} e_g^{\ 1}$$

This is shown below :

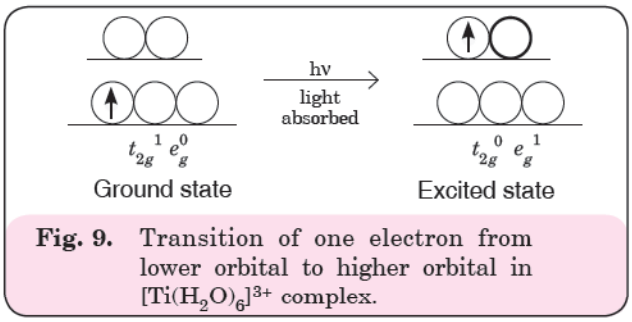


Fig. 9. Transition of one electron from lower orbital to higher orbital in $[Ti(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$ complex.

The energy corresponding to this transition corresponds to green and yellow lights which are absorbed from the white light, while the *blue and red portions are emitted.* The solution of complex $[Ti(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$, therefore, looks purple.

It may be noted that from the wavelength of light which is absorbed by a complex, crystal field splitting energy can be easily calculated. For example, the complex $[Ti(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$ absorbs light of wavelength 510 nm.

Therefore, corresponding to this wavelength, energy can be calculated as :

$$E = h\nu = \frac{hc}{\lambda}$$

$h = 6.626 \times 10^{-34}$ J s, $c = 3.0 \times 10^8$ m s^{-1}, $\lambda = 510$ nm $= 510 \times 10^{-9}$ m

$$\therefore E = \frac{\left(6.626 \times 10^{-34}\text{Js}\right) \times 3.0 \times 10^8 \text{m s}^{-1}}{\left(510 \times 10^{-9}\text{m}\right)} = 3.90 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$$

This energy corresponds to excitation of one electron. Therefore, the energy absorbed for one mole of atoms is

$E = 6.023 \times 10^{23} \times 3.90 \times 10^{-19}$ J $= 2.35 \times 10^5$ J or **$= 235$ kJ mol^{-1}**

$\therefore$ For $[Ti(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$ complex **$\Delta_0 = 235$ kJ mol^{-1}**

Since the difference between different sets of orbitals in octahedral complexes vary from one metal ion to another and the nature of the ligands, therefore, different complexes absorb different amounts of energies from visible region and exhibit different colours. For example, let us consider three complexes of Co^{3+} as $[Co(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$, $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$ and $[Co(CN)_6]^{3-}$. According to spectrochemical series, the crystal field splitting energies will be in the order of ligands as :

$$H_2O < NH_3 < CN^-$$

Therefore, excitation energy will be smallest (largest wavelength absorbed) for $[Co(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$ complex and largest (smallest wavelength absorbed) for $[Co(CN)_6]^{3-}$ complex. That is why, $[Co(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$ absorbs orange colour and appears blue and $[Co(CN)_6]^{3-}$ absorbs violet colour and appears as yellow.

	$[Co(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$	$[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$	$[Co(CN)_6]^{3-}$
Δ_0 value	Small	Intermediate	Large
Excitation energy (ΔE)	Small	Intermediate	Large
Absorption wavelength (λ)	Large	Intermediate	Small
Colour absorbed	Orange	Blue	Violet
Colour transmitted	Blue	Yellow orange	Yellow

The relationship between the wavelength of light absorbed and the colour observed in some coordination entities are given in Table 8.

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Table 8. Relationship between the wavelength of light absorbed and the colour observed in some coordination entities.

Coordination entity	Wavelength of light absorbed (nm)	Colour of light absorbed	Colour of coordination entity (transmitted)
$[Co(CN)_6]^{3-}$	310	Violet	Pale yellow
$[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$	475	Blue	Yellow orange
$[Co(H_2O)(NH_3)_5]^{3+}$	500	Blue green	Red
$[Ti(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$	510	Blue green	Purple
$[CoCl(NH_3)_5]^{2+}$	535	Yellow	Violet
$[Cu(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$	600	Red	Blue

NOTE

It may be noted that only those transition metal complexes are coloured which have incomplete *d*-subshells. The transition metal ions having completely filled or completely empty *d*-subshells are colourless. For example, complexes of Cu^+ (d^{10}), Zn^{2+} (d^{10}), Ag^+ (d^{10}), Ti^{4+} (d^0), etc. are colourless.

It may be noted that in the absence of ligands, the crystal field splitting does not occur and hence the substance is colourless. For example, removal of water from $[Ti(H_2O)_6]Cl_3$ on heating makes it colourless. Similarly, anhydrous $CuSO_4$ is white, but $CuSO_4.5H_2O$ is blue in colour.

The effect of the ligand on the colour of a complex may be illustrated by taking the example of $[Ni(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$. This is formed when nickel chloride is dissolved in water. The aqueous solution of the complex has green colour. If the didentate ligand, ethane-1,2-diamine (en) is progressively added in the molar ratio of en : Ni as 1 : 1, 2 : 1 and 3 : 1, the following series of reactions occur resulting different colour changes as :

$$[Ni(H_2O)_6]^{2+}(aq) + en(aq) \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Pale blue}}{[Ni(H_2O)_4en]^{2+}} + H_2O$$

$$[Ni(H_2O)_4en]^{2+}(aq) + en(aq) \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Blue/purple}}{[Ni(H_2O)_2(en)_2]^{2+}(aq)} + 2H_2O$$

$$[Ni(H_2O)_2(en)_2]^{2+}(aq) + en(aq) \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Violet}}{[Ni(en)_3]^{2+}(aq)} + 2H_2O$$

These colour changes are observed due to the presence of different ligands in the complexes.

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COLOUR OF SOME GEMSTONES

The colours of many familiar gemstones are due to the presence of transition metal ions. In these, the colours are produced due to electronic transitions within *d*-orbitals (called *d-d* transitions) of a transition metal ion. For example, the mineral corundum, Al_2O_3 (aluminium oxide) is colourless when pure. However, when various M^{3+} transition metal ions are present in trace amounts various gemstones are formed. Ruby is aluminium oxide containing about 0.5–1% Cr^{3+} ions which are randomly distributed in positions normally occupied by Al^{3+}. We may imagine these chromium (III) species as octahedral chromium (III) complexes incorporated into alumina lattice. The *d-d* transitions at these centres give rise to brilliant red colour.

Emeralds are a rare variety of the mineral beryl ($Be_3Al_2Si_6O_{18}$) with Cr^{3+} substituted for Al^{3+} in trace amounts occupying octahedral sites. The absorption bands seen in the ruby shift to longer wavelength namely yellow-red and blue causing emerald to transmit light in the green region. Similarly, garnets (red), peridot (light green) and jade (green) are silicates with trace impurities of Fe^{3+}, Fe^{2+} and Cr^{3+} respectively. Turquoise is a blue-to-aqua copper aluminium hydroxyphosphate, the blue-green colour is due to the Cu^{2+} ions. The common gemstones having transition metal ion substitutions are given below :

Transition metal	Name	Colour
Cr^{3+} (in corundum)	Ruby	Brilliant red
Fe^{3+} (in corundum)	Topaz (yellow sapphire)	Yellow to reddish yellow
Mn^{3+} (in corundum)	Amethyst	Deep purple
Co^{3+} or V^{3+} (in corundum)	Blue sapphire	Rui blue
Cr^{3+} (in beryl)	Emerald	Green
Fe^{3+} (in beryl)	Aquamarine	Pale blue to light greenish blue

All the corundum and beryl gemstones listed above can be made in laboratory.

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STABILITY OF COORDINATION COMPOUNDS IN SOLUTION

Most of the complexes are highly stable. The stability of a complex in solution means the degree of association between the metal ion and the ligands involved in the state of equilibrium. The magnitude of the (stability or formation) equilibrium constant for the association express quantitatively the stability. For example, the formation of $[Cu(NH_3)_4]^{2+}$ complex may be expressed as :

$$Cu^{2+}(aq) + 4NH_3(aq) \rightleftharpoons [Cu(NH_3)_4]^{2+}(aq)$$

The equilibrium constant for the reaction, is therefore, called the stability constant and is represented by K_s as

$$\text{Stability constant, } K_s = \frac{[Cu(NH_3)_4]^{2+}}{[Cu^{2+}][NH_3]^4}$$

The interaction between metal ion and ligand may be regarded as Lewis acid-base reaction. If the interaction is strong, the complex formed would be thermodynamically more stable and the value of stability constant (K_s) will be large.

The larger the numerical value of K_s, the more thermodynamically stable is the complex.

Let us consider a general reaction :

$$M + 4L \rightleftharpoons ML_4$$

The stability constant may be written as :

$$K_s = \frac{[ML_4]}{[M][L]^4}$$

Larger the stability constant, the higher the proportion of ML_4 that exists in solution. Since free metal ions rarely exist in the solution so that metal ion (M) will usually be surrounded by solvent molecules which will complete with the ligand molecules, L and be successively represented as :

$$[M(H_2O)_n] + 4L \rightleftharpoons [ML_4] + nH_2O$$

However, for simiplicity, we generally ignore these solvent molecules. The above overall reaction proceeds in steps with formation constant K_1, K_2, K_3 and K_4 for each step as represented below :

$$M + L \rightleftharpoons ML \qquad K_1 = \frac{[ML]}{[M][L]}$$

$$ML + L \rightleftharpoons ML_2 \qquad K_2 = \frac{[ML_2]}{[ML][L]}$$

$$ML_2 + L \rightleftharpoons ML_3 \qquad K_3 = \frac{[ML_3]}{[ML_2][L]}$$

$$ML_3 + L \rightleftharpoons ML_4 \qquad K_4 = \frac{[ML_4]}{[ML_3][L]}$$

where K_1, K_2, K_3 and K_4 are called **stepwise stability constants**. Alternatively, we may write the overall stability constant as

$$M + 4L \rightleftharpoons ML_4 \qquad \beta_4 = \frac{[ML_4]}{[M][L]^4}$$

The stepwise and overall stability constants are therefore, ralated as :

$\beta_4 = K_1 \times K_2 \times K_3 \times K_4$

or more generally,

$\beta_n = K_1 \times K_2 \times K_3 \ldots\ldots K_n$

For example, the steps involved in the formation of the complex ion, tetraamminecopper (III) ion, we have the following:

$$Cu^{2+} + NH_3 \rightleftharpoons [Cu(NH_3)]^{2+} \qquad K_1 = \frac{[Cu(NH_3)]^{2+}}{[Cu^{2+}][NH_3]}$$

$$[Cu(NH_3)]^{2+} + NH_3 \rightleftharpoons [Cu(NH_3)_2]^{2+} \qquad K_2 = \frac{[Cu(NH_3)_2]^{2+}}{[Cu^{2+}(NH_3)]^{2+}[NH_3]}$$

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$$[Cu(NH_3)_2]^{2+} + NH_3 \rightleftharpoons [Cu(NH_3)_3]^{2+} \qquad K_3 = \frac{[Cu(NH_3)_3]^{2+}}{[Cu(NH_3)_2]^{2+}\,[NH_3]}$$

$$[Cu(NH_3)_3]^{2+} + NH_3 \rightleftharpoons [Cu(NH_3)_4]^{2+} \qquad K_4 = \frac{[Cu(NH_3)_4]^{2+}}{[Cu(NH_3)_3]^{2+}\,[NH_3]}$$

and overall stability constant,

$$\beta_4 = \frac{[Cu(NH_3)_4]^{2+}}{[Cu^{2+}][NH_3]^4}$$

or $$\beta_4 = K_1 \times K_2 \times K_3 \times K_4$$

or $$\log \beta_4 = \log K_1 + \log K_2 + \log K_3 + \log K_4$$

Then, **log β may be used as a measure of stability of the complex**. For example, for $[Cu(NH_3)_4]^{2+}$, the four constants are :

$$\log \beta_4 = \log K_1 + \log K_2 + \log K_3 + \log K_4$$
$$= 4.0 + 3.2 + 2.7 + 2.0$$

or $$\log \beta_4 = 11.9$$

The addition of the four amine groups to copper shows a pattern found for most of the formation constants. The sucessive stability constants decrease. For example, for $[Cd(NH_3)_4]^{2+}$

$\log \beta_4 = 2.6 + 2.1 + 1.4 + 0.9 = 7.0$

Thus, the $\log \beta_4$ value of $[Cu(NH_3)_4]^{2+}$ and $[Cd(NH_3)_4]^{2+}$ complexes indicate that $[Cu(NH_3)_4]^{2+}$ is more stable than $[Cd(NH_3)_4]^{2+}$ complex. That is why in the second group of qualitative analysis of basic radicals, Cu^{2+} does not form precipitate as CuS when H_2S is passed through the solution containing $[Cu(NH_3)_4]^{2+}$ complex, while Cd^{2+} ions form precipitate as CdS because of instability of $[Cd(NH_3)_4]^{2+}$ complex ion.

The reciprocal of stability constant gives the **instability constant** or dissociation constant of coordination compound. Thus,

$$\textbf{Dissociation constant of complex} = \frac{\textbf{1}}{\textbf{Stability constant}}$$

The overall stability constant, β_n is related to thermodynamic stability when the system has reached equilibrium. Most of the measurements are made from aqueous solutions, which means that the complex is formed by the ligand displacing water molecules from the aqua complex of the metal ion. Here K_1, K_2, K_3... K_n represent the stepwise formation constants.

The values of K for a few reactions are given below:

System			K
$Ag^+ + 2NH_3$	$\rightleftharpoons$	$[Ag(NH_3)_2]^+$	1.6×10^7
$Ag^+ + 2CN^-$	$\rightleftharpoons$	$[Ag(CN)_2]^-$	5.4×10^{18}
$Cu^{2+} + 4NH_3$	$\rightleftharpoons$	$[Cu(NH_3)_4]^{2+}$	4.5×10^{21}
$Cu^{2+} + 4CN^-$	$\rightleftharpoons$	$[Cu(CN)_4]^{2-}$	2.0×10^{27}
$Co^{3+} + 6NH_3$	$\rightleftharpoons$	$[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$	5.0×10^{33}

The above values give very interesting observations. The values indicate *that CN^- ion is a stronger ligand than NH_3 molecule because the stability constants for cyanide complexes are very large in comparison to corresponding ammine complexes.*

Now, let us compare the stability constant of two nickel complexes :

$Ni^{2+} + 6NH_3 \longrightarrow [Ni(NH_3)_6]^{2+}$; $K = 6.1 \times 10^8$

$Ni^{2+} + 3en \longrightarrow [Ni(en)_3]^{2+}$; $K = 4.6 \times 10^{18}$

The K values indicate that *the bidentate ligand $NH_2CH_2CH_2NH_2$ forms a considerably more stable complex than ammonia.*

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Factors affecting the stability of a complex ion. The stability of a complex ion depends upon the following factors :

1. The nature of the central ion

The stability of a complex depends upon the nature of the central metal ion as :

(*i*) **Charge on the central metal ion.** In general, *the greater the charge density on the central ion, the greater is the stability of its complexes.* In other words, the greater the charge and the smaller the size of an ion, *i.e.,* (the larger the charge/radius ratio of an ion), *the greater is the stability of its complexes.* For instance, Fe^{3+} ion carries higher charge than Fe^{2+} ion but their size is about the same.

Hence charge density is higher on Fe^{3+} than on Fe^{2+} ion. The complexes of Fe^{3+} ion are, therefore more stable.

$Fe^{3+} + 6CN^- \longrightarrow [Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$; $K = 1.2 \times 10^{31}$

$Fe^{2+} + 6CN^- \longrightarrow [Fe(CN)_6]^{4-}$; $K = 1.8 \times 10^{6}$

(*ii*) **Size of metal ion.** *As the size of the metal ion decreases, the stability of the complex increases.* If we consider the bivalent metal ions, than the stability of their complexes (irrespective of the ligands) increases with increase in the ionic radius of the central metal ion as :

Ion	Mn^{2+}	Fe^{2+}	Co^{2+}	Ni^{2+}	Cu^{2+}	Zn^{2+}
Ionic radius (pm)	91	83	82	78	69	64

Therefore, the order of stability is

$Mn^{2+} < Fe^{2+} < Co^{2+} < Ni^{2+} < Cu^{2+} < Zn^{2+}$

This order is called **Irving William's order of stability**.

(*iii*) **Electronegativity or charge distribution of metal ion.** The stability of complex ion is also related to the electron charge distribution on the metal ion. According to Ahrland, Chatt and Davis, metal ions may be classified into two types :

(*a*) Class '*a*' acceptors. These are fairly electropositive metals and include the metals of groups 1 and 2, inner transition metals and the early members of the transition series (groups 3 to 6) which have relatively a few electrons beyond an inert gas core. These form most stable coordination entities with ligands containing N, O or F donor atoms.

(*b*) Class '*b*' acceptors. These are much less electropositive and include heavy metals such as Rh, Pd, Ag, Ir, Pt, Au, Hg, Pb, etc. having relatively full *d*-orbitals. These form most stable complexes with ligands whose donor atoms are the heavier members of the N, O and F groups.

(*iv*) **Chelate effect.** The stability also depends upon the formation of chelate rings. If L is an unidentate ligand and L–L, a didentate ligand and if the donor atoms of L and L–L are the same element, then L–L will replace L. **This stabilisation** due to the chelation is called **chelate effect**. The enhanced stability of complexes containing chelating ligands is of great importance in biological systems and analytical chemistry. The chelate effect is maximum for 5- and 6-membered rings. In general, rings provide greater stability to the complex.

(*v*) **Macrocyclic effect.** If a multidentate ligand is cyclic and there are no unfavourable stearic effects, the complexes formed are more stable than corresponding complexes without cyclic ligands. This is called **macrocyclic effect**.

2. The nature of the ligand

(*i*) **Basic strength** *The more basic a ligand, the greater is the ease with which it can donate its lone pairs of electrons and, therefore, the greater is the stability of the complexes formed by it.* Thus, CN^- and F^- ions and NH_3 molecules, which are strong bases, are also good ligands and form many stable complexes.

(*ii*) **Size and charge of ligands.** For anionic ligands, *the higher the charge and the smaller the size, the more stable is the complex formed.* Thus, F^- ion gives more stable complexes than does Cl^- ion.

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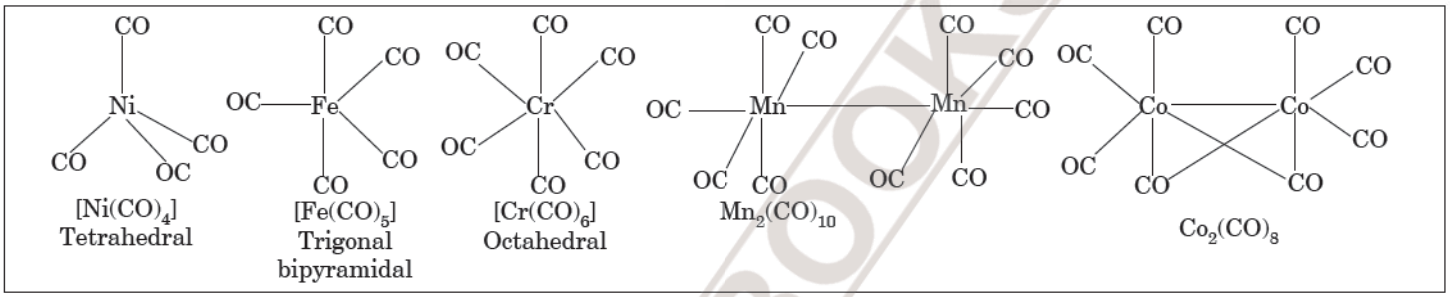
METAL CARBONYLS

There is another important class of coordination compound known as *metal carbonyls* in which carbon monoxide (CO) acts as ligand. These are also called **homoleptic carbonyls** (compounds containing carbonyl ligands only). These compounds contain both σ and π character. These are formed by many transition metals.

Structure of metal carbonyls

Homoleptic binary metal carbonyls have simple well defined structures. Some of these have simple structures. For example, tetracarbonyl nickel (0) is tetrahedral, pentacarbonyl iron (0) is trigonal bipyramidal, hexacarbonyl chromium (0) is octahedral.

Some carbonyls have metal-metal bonds. For example, decacarbonyl manganese (0) is made up of two square pyramidal $Mn(CO)_5$ units joined by Mn–Mn bond. Octacarbonyl dicobalt (0) has a Co–Co bond bridged by two Co–Co groups.



Preparation of metal carbonyls

(*i*) Metal carbonyls are prepared by the direct interaction of the finely divided metal and carbon monoxide :

$$Ni + 4CO \longrightarrow Ni(CO)_4$$

$$Fe + 5CO \xrightarrow[\text{high pressure}]{200^\circ C} Fe(CO)_5$$

$$Mo + 6CO \xrightarrow[250\ atm]{200^\circ C} Mo(CO)_6$$

(*ii*) Metal carbonyls are prepared by a suitable metal salts and carbon monoxide in the presence of reducing agent. The metal salts are reduced by CO.

$$2CoCO_3 + 8CO \xrightarrow[150^\circ C\ \text{high pressure}]{2H_2} Co_2(CO)_8 + 2CO_2 + 2H_2O$$

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Based on the number of metal atoms present in a metal carbonyl, these are classified as:

- **Mononuclear** *e.g.* $Ni(CO)_4$, $Fe(CO)_5$, $Cr(CO)_6$, etc.
- **Binuclear** *e.g.* $Fe_2(CO)_9$, $Co_2(CO)_9$, $Mn_2(CO)_{10}$, etc.
- **Trinuclear** *e.g.* $Fe_3(CO)_{12}$
- **Tetranuclear** *e.g.* $Co_4(CO)_{12}$

General characteristics of Metal Carbonyls

- The metal carbonyls are mostly solids at room temperature and pressure.
- The iron and nickel carbonyls are liquids.
- The mononuclear carbonyls are volatile and toxic.
- With the exception of $Fe_2(CO)_9$, carbonyls are soluble in hydrocarbon solvents.
- Mononuclear carbonyls are either colourless or light coloured. For example, $Fe(CO)_5$ is light straw-coloured liquid. On the other hand, polynuclear carbonyls are more deeply coloured. For example, $Fe_3(CO)_{12}$, dodecacarbonyltriiron (0) is a deep grass green solid.
- The metal-carbon bond in metal carbonyls possesses both σ and π character.
- The reactivity of metal carbonyls is due to (*i*) the metal centre of the carbonyl and (*ii*) the CO ligands.
- Metal carbonyls are used as industrial catalysts and as precursors in organic synthesis.

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Bonding in Metal Carbonyls

The molecular orbital diagram of CO molecule is shown in Fig. 10. It is clear from the figure of CO molecule that the highest occupied molecular orbital is a lone pair projecting away from carbon atom. When CO acts as a ligand, this orbital (σ^*2s) serves as a weak donor to the metal atom and forms a M ← C bond. The lowest unoccupied MOs of CO are the π^* MOs. These vacant orbitals overlap with metal *d*-orbitals having π-symmetry. This results in a bond from filled *d*-orbitals on the metal into vacant orbitals on CO ligands. This is called back bond.

Thus, the bonding in metal carbonyls is described by the following steps :

(*i*) There is a donation of lone pair of electrons of carbon (of CO) into the suitable empty orbital of the metal atom. This is a dative overlap and forms a sigma M ← C bond.

(*ii*) There is a π-overlap involving donation of electrons from filled metal *d*-orbitals into vacant antibonding π^* molecular orbitals of CO. This results into the formation of M → C π bond. This is also called back donation or back bonding. The metal to ligand bonding creates a synergic effect which strengthens the bond between CO and the metal.

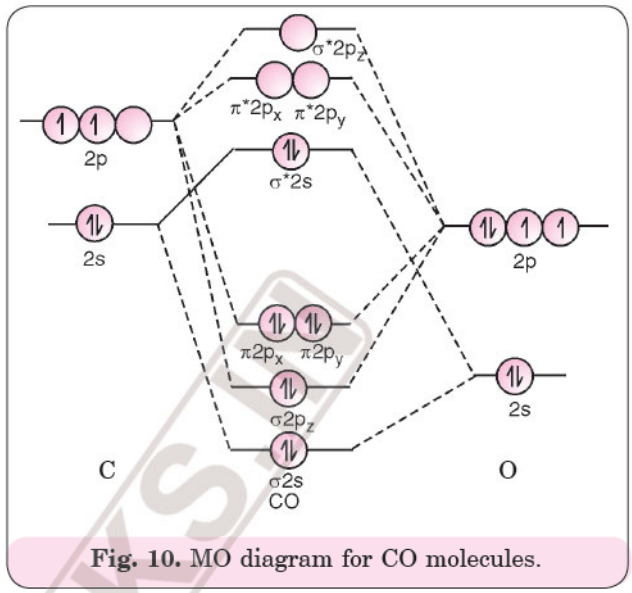


Fig. 10. MO diagram for CO molecules.

The bonding in metal carbonyls is shown in Fig. 11. In these figures, the shaded orbitals represent filled orbitals.

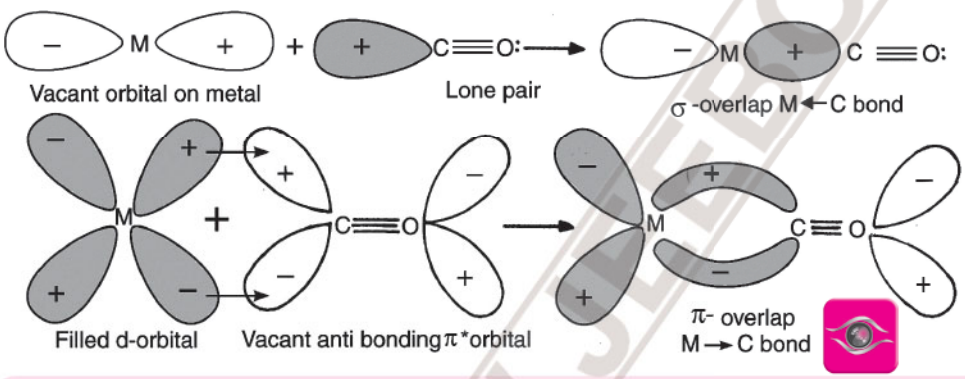


Fig. 11. Bonding in metal carbonyls.

Ligands such as CO, CN^- and NO^+ are capable of accepting an appreciable amount of electron density from the metal atom into their empty π or π^* orbitals. These are called **π-acceptor** or **π-acid ligands**. Therefore, metal carbonyls are also called **complexes of π-acceptor (or π-acid) ligands**. This type of interaction increases the Δ_0 value. That is why these ligands are strong field ligands and are placed at the right of spectrochemical series.

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The formation of σ dative bond from CO to metal increases the electron density on the metal while the formation of π bond from metal to CO tends to decrease the electron density on metal. As a result, the formation of π back bonding from metal to CO is expected to increase M–C bond strength with corresponding weakening of C ≡ O. Thus, the bond order of CO is reduced from triple to double bond. This is supported by the fact that the C–O bond length in CO molecule is 1.128Å and it increases to about 1.15Å in metal carbonyls.

The oxidation state of the metal atom also affects the bond strength or bond length of metal–CO bond or C–O bond.

- In case of negatively charged carbonylate ion such as $[Fe(CO)_4]^{2-}$, there will be greater charge on the metal. As a result, we expect more π-back bond donation from metal to π^*orbitals of CO leading to strengthening of M–C bond and thereby weakening of CO bond. The higher the negative charge, the stronger should be metal–C bond or weaker the CO bond.

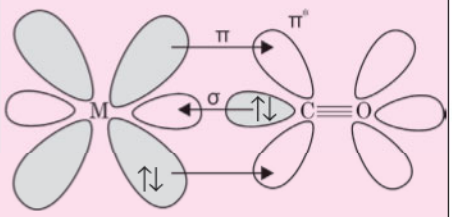
➢ The effect of positive charge on the metal complex will have reverse effect.

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- In case of positively charged carbonyl such as $Mn(CO)_6^+$, the positive charge on the metal atom will reduce the back bonding tendency relative to neutral molecule. As a result, the strengthening of M–C bonds will be less and consequently, the weakening of C ≡ O will be less. The higher the positive charge (or higher the oxidation state of the metal atom), the weaker should be metal–C bond or stronger the CO bond.

These will affect the metal–C or C–O distances accordingly.

SUM UP



Bonding in metal carbonyls.

IMPORTANCE OF COORDINATION COMPOUNDS

The ability of metal ions to form complexes with a variety of molecular species with different physico-chemical properties has been used in many ways. In the recent years, the complexes and the complex formation methods have been finding extensive uses. Some of these are given below :

1. Estimation of hardness of water. Hardness of water is estimated by simple titration with Na_2 EDTA. The Ca^{2+} and Mg^{2+} ions form stable complexes with EDTA. The selective estimation of these ions can be done due to differences in the stability constants of calcium and magnesium complexes.

2. In qualitative and quantitative analysis. The complex formation method is used in qualitative scheme of analysis. The familiar colour reactions given by metal ions with a number of ligands (especially chelating ligands) as a result of formation of coordination entities form the basis for their detection and estimation by classical and instrumental methods of analysis. Some common reagents used are EDTA, DMG (dimethyl glyoxime), cupron, α-nitroso-β-naphthol, etc. A number of basic radicals are confirmed by converting them into suitable complexes. For example,

(*i*) It is used in group I for the separation of silver ion from the precipitate of AgCl, Hg_2Cl_2 and $PbCl_2$. We add aqueous ammonia solution to the precipitate when silver chloride dissolves due to the formation of the complex $[Ag(NH_3)_2]^+$ ion.

$$AgCl + 2NH_3 \rightleftharpoons \underset{\text{Soluble}}{[Ag(NH_3)_2]Cl}$$

Hg_2Cl_2 and $PbCl_2$ do not form complexes and therefore, do not dissolve.

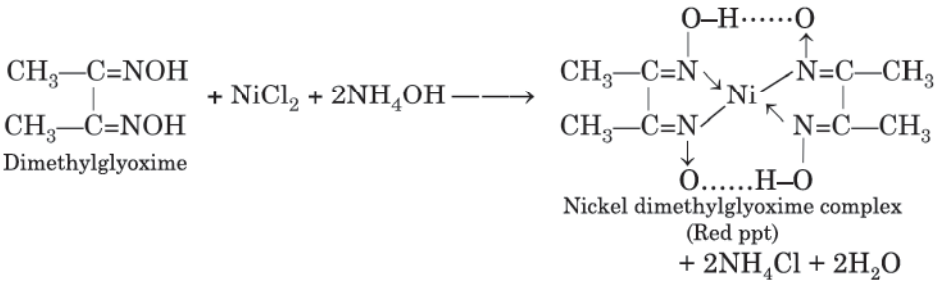
(*ii*) Cd^{2+} ions can be tested in the presence of Cu^{2+} ion by forming their complexes with KCN. Copper forms $[Cu(CN)_4]^{3-}$ which ionizes less than $[Cd(CN)_4]^{2-}$. On passing H_2S only Cd^{2+} ions will be precipitated as CdS while Cu^{2+} ions will not be precipitated. This application is also called masking of ions.

(*iii*) Fe^{3+} ions are tested by adding potassium ferrocyanide solution to the salt solution when ferriferrocyanide or Prussian blue complex is formed.

$$\underset{\text{Pot. ferricyanide}}{4FeCl_3 + 3K_4[Fe(CN)_6]} \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Ferri-ferrocyanide}}{Fe_4[Fe(CN)_6]_3} + 12KCl$$

$$\text{or}\quad FeCl_3 + K_4[Fe(CN)_6] \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Prussian blue}}{K\{Fe[Fe(CN)_6]\}} + 3KCl$$

(*iv*) Ni^{2+} ions are detected by adding dimethylglyoxime (DMG) in the presence of NH_4OH to nickel salt solution when a brilliant red precipitate is formed due to the formation of a complex of Ni^{2+} with DMG.



Dimethylglyoxime

Nickel dimethylglyoxime complex (Red ppt)

$+ 2NH_4Cl + 2H_2O$

This method is also used for the estimation of Ni^{2+} ions.

R U Curious...

- ❑ Deficiency of which metal causes low haemoglobin ?
- ▶ Iron.
- ❑ B_{12} is a component of vitamin B complex. Which metal enters our body through B_{12} ?
- ▶ Cobalt
- ❑ Which metal is present in chlorophyll, which is responsible for green colour of leaves ?
- ▶ Magnesium.
- ❑ Which complex of platinum acts as an anticancer agent ?
- ▶ *cis*-platin.
- ❑ Which reagent is used for detecting Ni^{2+} ions in solution ?
- ▶ Dimethylglyoxime (DMG).

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(*v*) The presence of Co^{2+} ions is tested by adding ammonium thiocyanate solution when a blue colour is obtained due to the formation of a complex :

$$CoCl_2 + 2NH_4CNS \longrightarrow Co(CNS)_2 + 2NH_4Cl$$

$$Co(CNS)_2 + 2NH_4CNS \longrightarrow (NH_4)_2[Co(CNS)_4]$$

Ammonium tetrathiocyanatocobaltate (II)
(Blue colour)

Co^{2+} ions can also tested by adding potassium ferricyanide solution when a reddish brown precipitate is formed due to the formation of an insoluble complex :

$$3CoCl_2 + 3K_3[Fe(CN)_6] \longrightarrow Co_3[Fe(CN)_6]_2 + 6KCl$$

Pot. ferricyanide — Cobalt hexacyanidoferrate (III)

(*vi*) The presence of Zn^{2+} ions is tested by adding potassium ferrocyanide solution to the acidified salt solution when a bluish white precipitate is formed due to the formation of a complex :

$$2ZnCl_2 + K_4[Fe(CN)_6] \longrightarrow Zn_2[Fe(CN)_6] + 4KCl$$

Pot. ferrocyanide — Zinc hexacyanidoferrate (II)
(Bluish ppt.)

3. In electroplating. The coordination compounds of silver and gold are used as constituents of electroplating baths for controlled delivery of metal ions for reduction. For example, in electroplating bath for silver plating, $K[Ag(CN)_2]$ is used as an electrolyte. Similarly, $K_3[Cu(CN)_4]$ is used for copper plating and $K[Au(CN)_2]$ is used for gold plating.

4. In water treatment. Complex compounds like sodium metapolyphosphate are used to remove Ca^{2+} and Mg^{2+} ions from hard water by forming complexes with these ions. This prevents the scale formation in boilers.

5. In dyeing. Mordants are insoluble substances which are uniformly deposited in the fibres to be dyed. These mordants can then attach to the molecules of the dyes by complex formation and help in fixing the dye to the fibres in a stable form. The important mordants used are $Fe(OH)_3$ and $Al(OH)_3$.

6. Biological importance. Many biological important natural compounds exist as coordinated complexes. For example,

- **Chlorophyll –** the green pigments in plants, central to photosynthesis is a complex compound of Mg^{2+}.
- **Haemoglobin –** the red pigment of blood which acts as oxygen carrier is a complex compound of Fe^{2+}.
- **Vitamin B_{12}** which is chemically cyanocobalamine is anti-pernicious anaemia factor, is a complex compound of Co^{3+}.

All these are the coordination compounds with macrocyclic porphyrin and corrin ligands. Other biological important compounds with coordinated metal ions are the enzymes like **carboxypeptidase-A** and **carbonic anhydrase** (catalysts of biological systems).

7. In metallurgical processes. Complex formation techniques are also used for the extraction of metals such as gold and silver. For example, silver is extracted from its ores by the cyanide process. In this process, silver passes into solution with formation of complex $Na[Ag(CN)_2]$.

$$Ag_2S + 4NaCN \longrightarrow 2Na[Ag(CN)_2] + Na_2S$$

The solution containing the silver complex is removed and treated with zinc dust when silver precipitates out.

$$2Na[Ag(CN)_2] + Zn \longrightarrow Na_2[Zn(CN)_4] + 2Ag$$

Silver

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Similarly, the cyanide process is used for the extraction of gold. It is based on the fact that gold dissolves in aqueous potassium cyanide solution in the presence of atmospheric oxygen to form a soluble cyanide complex:

$$4Au + 8KCN + 2H_2O + \underset{\text{from air}}{O_2} \longrightarrow \underset{\substack{\text{potassium}\\ \text{dicyanidoaurate (I)}}}{4K[Au(CN)_2]} + 4KOH$$

The solution containing gold complex is filtered and treated with zinc dust to get gold.

$$2K[Au(CN)_2 + Zn \longrightarrow K_2[Zn(CN)_4] + \underset{\text{Gold}}{2Au}$$

Similarly, purification of metals can also be achieved through formation and subsequent decomposition of their coordination compounds. For example, impure nickel is converted to $[Ni(CO)_4]$, which is decomposed to get pure nickel.

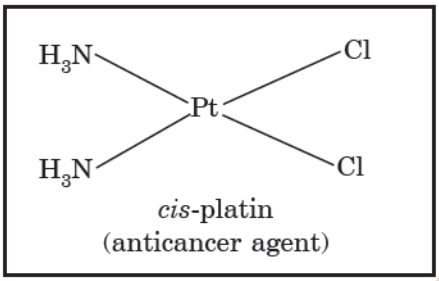
8. In catalysis. Certain coordination compounds act as catalysts for different reactions. For example, pentacarbonylcobalt(II) acts as a catalyst in the hydrogenation of alkenes. During hydrogenation, Co (II) is oxidised to Co (III).

The coordination compounds are used as *homogeneous catalysts* for a variety of reactions in solution. For example, *Wilkinson's catalyst* $(Ph_3P)_3RhCl$ [Chloridotris (triphenylphosphine) rhodium (I)] is used as a homogeneous catalyst in hydrogenation of alkenes.

These are also used as heterogeneous catalysts in many reactions. For example Ziegler-Natta catalyst (solution of $TiCl_4$ and trialkyl aluminium) is used as a catalyst for polymerisation of olefins.

9. In photography. In black and white photography, the developed film is fixed by washing with hypo solution which dissolves the undecomposed AgBr to form a complex ion, $[Ag(S_2O_3)]^{3-}$.

10. In medicines. Complexing agents are used for removal of metal poisoning. A platinum complex, $[PtCl_2(NH_3)_2]$ known as *cis*-platin has been used in cancer therapy.



cis-platin
(anticancer agent)

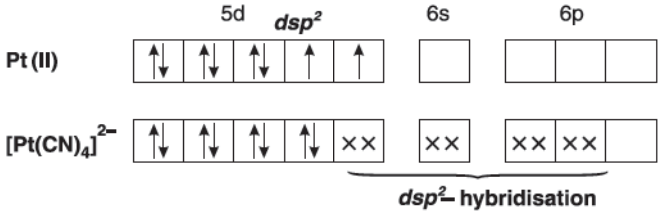
These days new drugs are being created by derivitisation with metallocene groups to create new potent agents for biomedical applications. There is growing interest in the use of **chelate therapy** in medicinal chemistry. The common example is the treatment of problems caused by the presence of metals in toxic proportions in animal and plant systems. For example, excess of copper and iron are removed by chelating ligands D-penicillamine and desferrioxime B through the formation of coordination compounds.

EDTA is used in the treatment of lead poisoning.

add on Conceptual Questions 2

Q.1. Predict the number of unpaired electrons in the square planar $[Pt(CN)_4]^{2-}$ ion.

Ans. The Pt (II) ion has $5d^8$ electronic configuration. For square planar geometry dsp^2 hybridisation is involved. For this, one empty *d*-orbital is needed for hybridisation. Therefore, pairing of electrons takes place in the remaining *d*-orbitals. Hence, there are no unpaired electrons in $[Pt(CN)_4]^{2-}$ ion and it is **diamagnetic**.

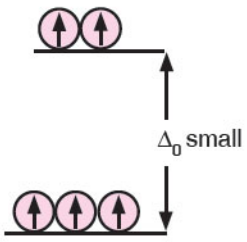


Q.2. With the help of crystal field theory, calculate the number of unpaired electrons in octahedral complexes of Fe^{3+} in the presence of (*i*) weak field ligand (*ii*) strong field ligand. ***(Mizoram S.B. 2016)***

Ans. Fe^{3+} has $3d^5$ configuration.

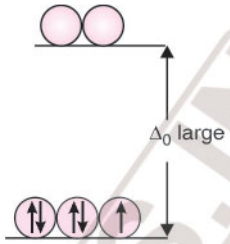
(*i*) In the presence of weak field ligand, Δ_0 will be small. As a result, electrons can fill lower as well as upper set of orbitals as shown (*a*).

(*ii*) In the presence of strong field ligand, Δ_0 will be large. As a result, electrons will try to remain only in the lower set of orbitals and will therefore, pair up as shown (*b*)



(a)

No. of unpaired electrons = 5



(b)

No. of unpaired electrons = 1

Q.3. The values of dissociation constants of $[Cu(NH_3)_4]^{2+}$ and $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$ are 1.0×10^{-12} and 6.2×10^{-36} respectively. Which complex would be more stable and why ?

Ans. Smaller the value of the dissociation constant, more stable is the complex in the solution. Thus, $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$ is more stable than $[Cu(NH_3)_4]^{2+}$ ion.

Q.4. Using valence bond theory explain the geometry and magnetic behaviour of pentacarbonyl iron (0).

Ans. In this case, iron is in 0 oxidation state and has the configuration $3d^6\ 4s^2$.

Fe (Z = 26)



The two electrons from 4*s*-orbital shift to 3*d*-orbitals. In $Fe(CO)_5$ all the *d*-electrons get paired up leaving one empty orbital. The molecule involves dsp^3 hybridisation resulting trigonal bipyramidal geometry and the molecule is diamagnetic.

$Fe(CO)_5$



dsp^3 hybridisation

electrons pair from CO groups

Q.5. Account for the different magnetic behaviour of hexacyanoferrate (III) and hexafluoridoferrate (III). ***(Pb.S.B. 2005)***

Ans. In $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$, CN^- is a strong field ligand and therefore, electrons pair up in *d*-subshell leaving one unpaired electron (see text). The complex is inner orbital complex.

On the other hand, in FeF_6^{3-}, F^- is a weak field ligand and therefore, electrons in 3*d*-subshell do not get pair up. It is outer orbital complex and has 5 unpaired electrons. Thus, $[FeF_6]^{3-}$ has greater magnetic moment than $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$.

Q.6. Why are low spin tetrahedral complexes rarely observed? ***(A.I.S.B. 2017)***

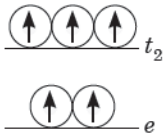
Ans. For tetrahedral complexes, the crystal field splitting energy (Δ_t) is less and is always lower than the pairing energy. Therefore, pairing does not occur in these complexes. Hence, most of the tetrahedral complexes are paramagnetic.

Q.7. Why is anhydrous copper sulphate colourless ?

Ans. In case of pure anhydrous copper sulphate ($CuSO_4$), the Cu^{2+} ion is not surrounded by ligands. As a result, all the five 3*d* orbitals have same energy in the absence of crystal field splitting of ligands. Therefore, there is no possibility of transition within *d*-orbitals (*i.e. d-d* transition) and hence the compound $CuSO_4$ is colourless.

Q.8. Draw crystal field energy level diagram for $FeCl_4^-$ tetrahedral complex and predict the number of unpaired electrons.

Ans. Fe(26) : [Ar] $3d^6 4s^2$ Fe(III) : [Ar] $3d^5$



$e^2\ t_2^3$ No. of unpaired electrons = 5

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Q.9. A metal ion M^{n+} having d^4 valence electronic configuration combines with three bidentate ligands to form a complex compound. Assuming $\Delta_0 > P$:

(*i*) Write the electronic configuration of d^4 ion.

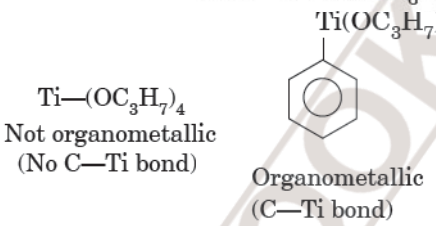
(*ii*) What type of hybridisation will M^{n+} ion have?

(*iii*) Name the type of isomerism exhibited by this complex. ***(CBSE Sample Paper 2017-18)***

Ans. (*i*) $t_{2g}^4\ e_g^0$ (*ii*) d^2sp^3 (*iii*) Optical isomerism

ORGANOMETALLIC COMPOUNDS*

Organometallic compounds *are those compounds which contain one or more metal-carbon bonds.* It may be noted that all the compounds containing carbon and a metal atom are not organometallic. We use this term for compounds which contain at least one M—C bond. For example, an alkoxide such as $(C_3H_7O)_4$ Ti is not considered to be an organometallic compound because the organic group is bonded to Ti atom by oxygen and there is no Ti—C bond. On the other hand, the compound $C_6H_5Ti(OC_3H_7)_3$ is an organometallic compound because it contains a Ti—C bond (C_6H_5—Ti) in the compound.



It may be noted that the suffix "metallic" often includes metalloids like boron, silicon, arsenic and tellurium as well as true metals.

E.C. Frankland was the first chemist to synthesise an organometallic compound, dimethylzinc, $(CH_3)_2$ Zn in 1848. He also prepared other compounds containing metal-carbon bonds such as :

$Zn(C_2H_5)_2$, $Hg(CH_3)_2$, $Sn(CH_3)_4$ and $B(CH_3)_3$

In fact, Frankland introduced the term organometallic in the language of chemistry. The organometallic compounds of Li, Mg, B, Al and Si received recognisation in the early years of 20th century as compounds of industrial importance.

Classification of Organometallic Compounds on the basis of nature of metal-carbon bond.

Organometallic compounds can also be broadly classified into two types on the basis of nature of metal-carbon bond :

1. σ-*bonded organometallics*
2. π-*bonded organometallics.*

1. σ-bonded organometallics. ***The compounds containing metal-carbon covalent sigma bond are called σ-bonded organometallic compounds.***

The common examples are :

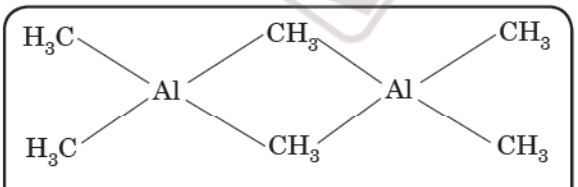
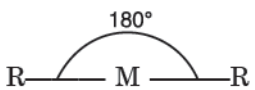


Fig. 12. Structure of $(CH_3)_3$ Al.

(*i*) *Grignard reagents,* R—Mg—X where X = halogen, R = alkyl or aryl group. CH_3MgBr (Methyl magnesium bromide), C_2H_5MgI (Ethyl magnesium iodide)

(*ii*) *Diethyl zinc,* $(C_2H_5)_2Zn$, *dimethyl magnesium, dimethyl beryllium, etc.*



R = CH_3 or C_2H_5, M = Be, Mg or Zn.

* Organometallic compounds are not in CBSE syllabus.

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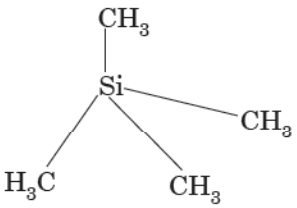
Here we represent Grignard reagent and diethyl zinc by their empirical formulae. The actual structures are more complicated. Diethyl zinc is monomeric in solution with C—Zn—C coordination at Zn-atom.

(iii) Trimethyl aluminium $(CH_3)_3Al$. It exists as a dimer $[Al_2(CH_3)_6]$ with two methyl groups acting as bridges between two aluminium atoms as shown in Fig. 12.

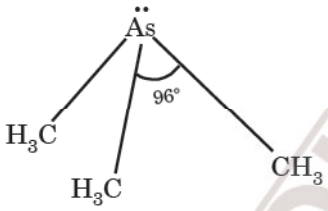
In this structure, two methyl groups act as bridges between two Al-atoms. The alkyl bridge is formed by multicentre (2 Al-atoms and one C-atom) bonding.

Tri-aryl aluminium *i.e.*, tri-phenylaluminium $(C_6H_5)_3Al$ also exists as dimer.

(iv) **Tetra ethyl tin**, $Sn(C_2H_5)_4$ and tetramethyl tin, $Sn(CH_3)_4$, tetramethylsilane, trimethylarsine, etc.



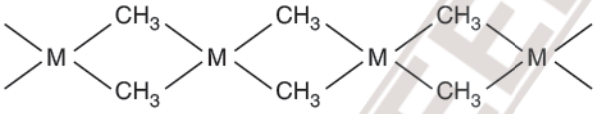
$[Si(CH_3)_4]$
(Tetrahedral)



(Pyramidal)

(v) Lithium alkyl compounds are covalent compounds and generally have tetrameric structures. For example, methyllithium, CH_3Li exists in the solid state as tetrameric units $(LiCH_3)_4$.

(vi) Alkyl beryllium and alkyl magnesium $[Mg(CH_3)_2$ and $Be(CH_3)]$ exhibit varying degrees of polymerisation. These have the following structures :



M = Be or Mg

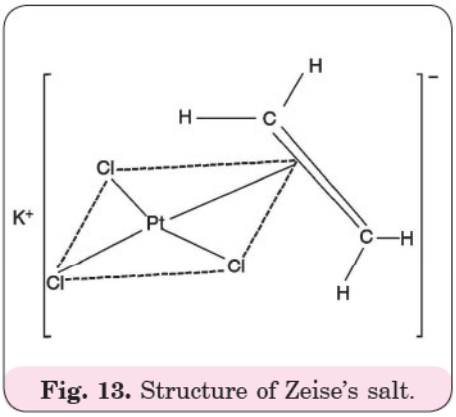


Fig. 13. Structure of Zeise's salt.

2. π-bonded organometallics

The compounds containing metal-carbon double bond are called π-bonded organometallics. These are usually formed by transition elements. The common examples are :

(i) **Zeise's salt**, $K[Pt\ Cl_3(C_2H_4)]$. Its structure is shown in Fig. 13.

In this structure the three Cl–atoms and the middle point of ethylene double bond form a square plane. The platinum atom is present in the centre of the square and C = C double bond of ethylene molecule is perpendicular to plane containing Pt and Cl atoms.

It is written as $K[PtCl_3(\eta^2—C_2H_4)]$. In these cases, the number of carbon atoms bound to the metal is indicated by the Greek letter 'η' (eta) followed by a number. In this case, Pt is bound to two carbon atoms and therefore, it is written as η^2.

(ii) **Ferrocene** or bis (cyclopentadienyl) iron, $Fe(\eta^5—C_5H_5)_2$. Its structure is given in Fig. 14 (*a*).

The structure of ferrocene is regarded as **sandwich structure** in which the iron atom is sandwiched between two C_5H_5 organic rings. The planes of the rings are parallel so that all the carbon atoms are at the same distance from the iron atom.

Ruthenocene, $Ru(C_5H_5)_2$ and osmocene $Os(C_5H_5)_2$ have structures similar to ferrocene.

(iii) **Dibenzene chromium,** $Cr(\eta^6—C_6H_6)_2$. Its structure is shown in Fig. 14 (*b*).

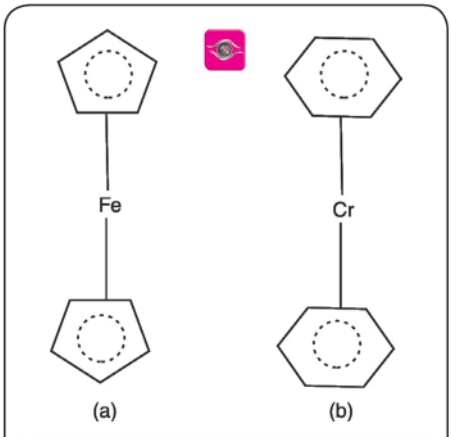


Fig. 14. (*a*) Ferrocene, (*b*) Dibenzene chromium

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Conceptual Questions 3

Q.1. Which amongst the following are organometallic compounds ?
(*a*) $B(CH_3)_3$ (*b*) $B(OCH_3)_3$ (*c*) $SiCl_3(CH_3)$ (*d*) $N(CH_3)_3$
Ans. $B(CH_3)_3$ and $SiCl_3(CH_3)$.
Q.2. Do we call metal carbonyls as organometallics ?
Ans. Metal carbonyls are called organometallics because C atom of CO is linked to the metal atom.
Q.3. What is the oxidation state of metals in the following carbonyls ?
(*i*) $Fe(CO)_5$ (*ii*) $Mn_2(CO)_{10}$ (*iii*) $Cr(CO)_6$
Ans. Zero in all.
Q.4. Give an example of a metal carbonyl having metal-metal bond.
Ans. $Mn_2(CO)_{10}$.
Q.5. Give an example of an organometallic compound having sandwich structure.
Ans. Ferrocene.
Q.6. Do we call metal carbonyls as organometallics? Why or why not?
Ans. Metal carbonyls are also organometallic compounds because carbon of CO is bonded to metal atom. In fact, the metal-carbon bond in metal carbonyls have both σ and π character.

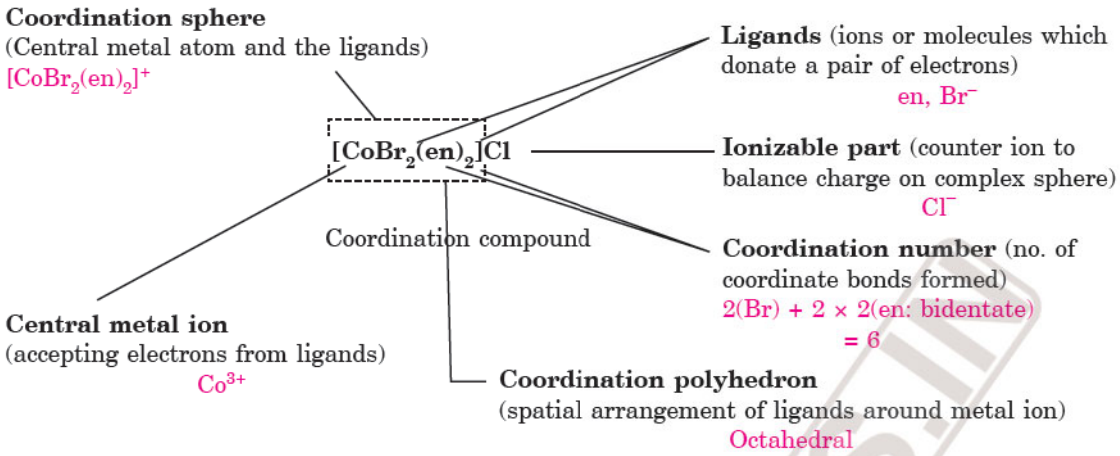
Chapter Summary

Key Terms

- **Coordination compound.** A compound containing central metal atom or ion bonded to a fixed number of ions or molecules (called ligands).
- **Ligands.** The ions or molecules which donate a pair of electrons to the central metal atom or ion and form coordinate bonds.
- **Coordination sphere.** The central metal atom or ion and the ligands attached to it is collectively called coordination sphere.
- **Coordination number.** The number of coordinate bonds formed by the ligands with the metal atom *i.e.,* number of unidentate ligands or double the number of bidentate ligands, etc.
- **Denticity.** The number of coordinating or ligating atoms present in a ligand.
- **Chelation.** When a bidentate or a polydentate ligand uses it two or more donor atoms to bind to the central metal atom or ion forming ring structure, it is called chelation.
- **Coordination polyhedron.** The spatial arrangement of the ligands which are directly attached to the central metal atom.
- **Homoleptic complexes.** The complexes which contain only one type of ligands.
- **Heteroleptic complexes.** The complexes which contain more than one type of ligands.
- **Structural isomers.** The isomers having same molecular formula but different structural arrangement of atoms or group of atoms around the central metal ion.
- **Stereoisomers.** The isomers which have the same position of atoms or groups of atoms but they differ in the spatial arrangement around the central metal atom.
- **Crystal field splitting.** The conversion of five degenerate *d*-orbitals of the metal ion into different sets of orbitals having different energies in the presence of electrical field of ligands is called crystal field splitting.
- **Spectrochemical series.** The arrangement of ligands in the increasing order of crystal field splitting.
- **Organometallic compounds.** The compounds containing one or more metal-carbon bonds.

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QUICK CHAPTER ROUND UP



Werner's Coordination Theory

- metal exhibits two types of valencies:
  primary valency : oxidation number
  secondary valency : coordination number
- every metal has fixed number of secondary valency.
- metal satisfies both primary and secondary valencies.
  primary valencies by –ve ions
  secondary valencies by –ve ions and neutral molecules
- secondary valencies leads to definite geometries of molecules.

Denticity of ligands

- no. of coordinating atoms in a ligand
- monodentate: one atom e.g., OH^-, NH_3, H_2O
- didentate : two atoms (e.g. ethane-1, 2-diamine, oxalate)
- polydentate : more than two atoms
  hexadentate : EDTA

▸ A bidentate or a polydentate ligand when uses its two or more donor atoms to the central atom forming a ring structure, it is called **chelating ligand**.

ISOMERISM

Structural isomers : The isomers having same molecular formula but different structural arrangement of atoms or groups of atoms around the central metal ion.

Ionisation isomers : $[CoBr(NH_3)_5]SO_4$ — $[CoSO_4(NH_3)_5]Br$
Hydrate isomers : $[Co(H_2O)_6]Cl_3$ - $[CoCl(H_2O)_5]Cl_2.H_2O$
Coordination isomers : $[Co(NH_3)_6][Cr(CN)_6]$ - $[Cr(NH_3)_6][Co(CN)_6]$
Linkage isomerism : $[CoONO(NH_3)_5]Cl_2$ - $[CoNO_2(NH_3)_5]Cl_2$

Stereoisomers: The isomers which have the same position of atoms or groups of atoms but they differ in the spatial arrangement around the central metal atom.

Geometrical isomerism is shown by square planar and octahedral complexes. These are *cis* and *trans* form.

Optical isomerism is shown by compounds which have non-superimposable mirror images.

▸ Monodentate ligands which coordinate to the central metal atom through more than one site are called **ambidentate ligands** e.g.
← CN, ← NC; ← NO_2, ← ONO^-, ← SCN^-, ← NCS

⇒ $[Co(en)_2Cl_2]^+$ has three isomers; *cis*-, *trans*- and *cis*- is optically active.

Valence Bond Theory

- central metal makes available empty orbitals equal to coordination number for forming bonds with suitable ligands.
- vacant orbitals hybridise to give a set of equivalent orbitals.
- the *d*-orbitals involved in hybridisation may be inner $(n-1)$ *d* or outer $(n)d$.
- empty hybrid orbitals overlap with filled orbitals of ligands to form metal-ligand coordinate bonds.
  Complexes have different geometries depending upon the type of hybridisation.

Inner orbital octahedral complexes : $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$, $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$, $[Co(CN)_6]^{3-}$
Outer orbital octahedral complexes : $[CoF_6]^{3-}$, $[FeF_6]^{3-}$
Tetrahedral complexes : $[NiCl_4]^{2-}$ (paramagnetic)
$[Ni(CO)_4]$ (diamagnetic)
Square planar complexes : $[Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$ (diamagnetic)

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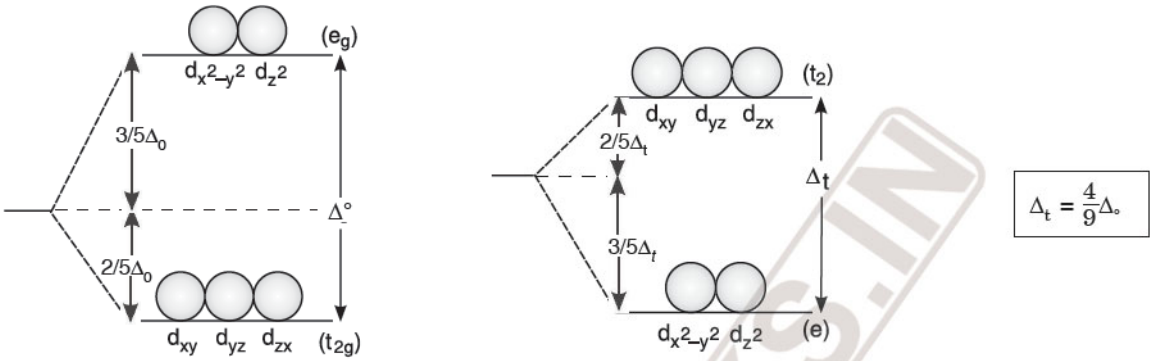
Crystal Field Theory

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Considers ionic bond between metal and ligands.

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Octahedral field | Tetrahedral field



$\Delta_t = \frac{4}{9}\Delta_o$

Spectrochemical series

Weak field ligands

$I^- < SCN^- < Cl^- < F^- < OH^- < ox^{2-} < H_2O < py \approx NH_3 < en < NO_2^- < CN^- < CO$

Increasing CF splitting

Strong field ligands

Strong field ligands (high Δ_o) form ⇒ Low spin complexes

Weak field ligands (low Δ_o) form ⇒ High spin complexes.

- The colour of transition metal complexes is due to transition of electron from lower *d*-orbitals to higher *d*-orbitals. i.e., ***d-d* transitions**
- Transition metal ions, Cu^+ (d^{10}), Zn^{2+} (d^{10}), Ti^{4+} (d^0), Ag^+ (d^{10}) are colourless having completely filled or empty *d*-subshell.

- Metal carbonyls are organometallic compounds having both σ and π bonds. They have M ← CO, σ bond and M → CO, π back bond.
- Wilkinson's catalyst, $(Ph_3P)_3RhCl$ is homogeneous catalyst used in hydrogenation of alkenes.
- Zeigler Natta catalyst, solution of $TiCl_4$ and R_3Al is heterogeneous catalyst used in polymerisation of olefins.
- Cis-platin, [Pt Cl_2 $(NH_3)_2$] has been used in cancer therapy.

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NCERT Intext Questions

Q.1. Write the formulas for the following coordination compounds :

(*a*) Tetraamminediaquacobalt(III)chloride

(*b*) Potassium tetracyanidonickelate(II)

(*c*) Tris(ethane–1,2–diamine)chromium(III) chloride

(*d*) Ammincbromidochloridonitrito-N-platinatc(III)

(*e*) Dichloridobis(ethane-1, 2-diamine)platinum(IV) nitrate

(*f*) Iron(III) hexacyanidoferrate(II)

Ans. (*a*) $[Co(NH_3)_4(H_2O)_2]Cl_3$ (*b*) $K_2[Ni(CN)_4]$

(*c*) $[Cr(en)_3]Cl_3$ (*d*) $[Pt(NH_3)BrCl(NO_2)]^-$

(*e*) $[PtCl_2(en)_2](NO_3)_2$ (*f*) $Fe_4[Fe(CN)_6]_3$

Q.2. Write the IUPAC names of the following coordination compounds :

(*a*) $[Co(NH_3)_6]Cl_3$ **(*b*)** $[Co(NH_3)_5Cl]Cl_2$

(*c*) $K_3[Fe(CN)_6]$ **(*d*)** $K_3[Fe(C_2O_4)_3]$

(*e*) $K_2[PdCl_4]$ **(*f*)** $[Pt(NH_3)_2Cl(NH_2CH_3]Cl$

Ans. (*a*) Hexaamminecobalt(III) chloride

(*b*) Pentaamminechloridocobalt(III) chloride

(*c*) Potassium hexacyanidoferrate (III)

(*d*) Potassium trioxalatoferrate(III)

(*e*) Potassium tetrachloridopalladate(II)

(*f*) Diamminechlorido (methylamine) platinum(II) chloride

Q.3. Indicate the types of isomerism exhibited by the following complexes and draw the structures for these isomers :

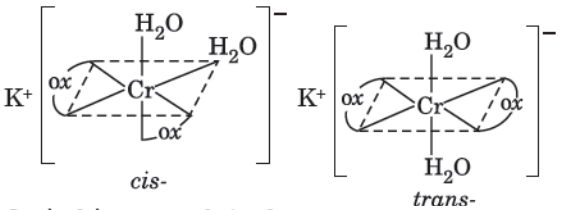
(*a*) $K[Cr(H_2O)_2(C_2O_4)_2]$

(*b*) $[Co(en)_3]Cl_3$

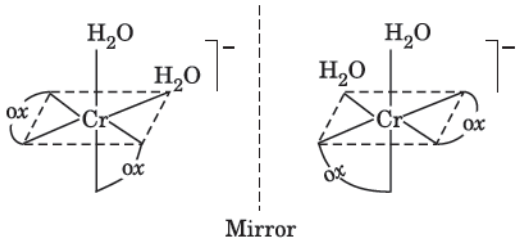
(*c*) $[Co(NH_3)_5(NO)_2](NO_3)_2$

(*d*) $[Pt(NH_3)(H_2O)Cl_2]$

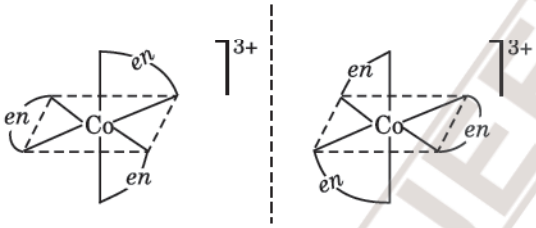
Ans. (*a*) Both geometrical (*cis*- and *trans*) and optical isomers for *cis*.



Optical isomers of *cis*- form

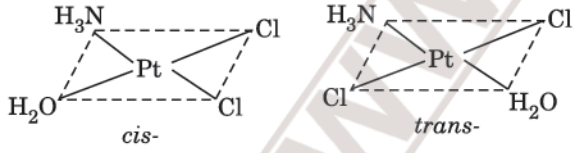


(*b*) Two optical isomers.



(*c*) Geometrical, ionisation and linkage isomers. 10 possible isomers.

(*d*) Geometrical (*cis*- and *trans*).



Q.4. Give evidence that $[Co(NH_3)_5Cl]SO_4$ and $[Co(NH_3)_5SO_4]Cl$ are ionisation isomers ?

Ans. These are ionisation isomers formed because of interchange of Cl^- and SO_4^{2-} ions inside or outside the coordination sphere.

$[Co(NH_3)_5Cl]SO_4$ gives sulphate ions in aqueous solution which react with Ba^{2+} on addition of $BaCl_2$ to give precipitate of $BaSO_4$.

$$[Co(NH_3)_5Cl]SO_4 \rightleftharpoons [Co(NH_3)_5Cl]^{2+} + SO_4^{2-}$$

$$\xrightarrow{BaCl_2} \underset{\text{White ppt.}}{BaSO_4}$$

However, it does not react with silver nitrate solution.

$$[Co(NH_3)_5Cl]SO_4 \xrightarrow{AgNO_3} \text{No reaction}$$

The complex $[Co(NH_3)_5SO_4]Cl$ gives chloride ions in aqueous solution which give white precipitate with silver nitrate.

$$[Co(NH_3)_5SO_4]Cl \rightleftharpoons [Co(NH_3)_5SO_4]^+ + Cl^-$$

$$\xrightarrow{AgNO_3} \underset{\text{white ppt.}}{AgCl}$$

However, it does not react with $BaCl_2$ solution.

$$[Co(NH_3)_5SO_4]Cl \xrightarrow{BaCl_2} \text{no reaction}$$

Thus, the two compounds have same molecular formula but give different ions in solution and hence these are ionisation isomers.

Q.5. Explain on the basis of valence bond theory that $[Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$ ion with square planar structure is diamagnetic and the $[NiCl_4]^{2-}$ ion with tetrahedral geometry is paramagnetic. (*A.I.S.B. 2017*)

Ans. Ni in $Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$ involves dsp^2 hybridisation while in $[NiCl_4]^{2-}$ undergoes sp^3 hybridisation.

Refer Text (Page 37).

Q.6. $[NiCl_4]^{2-}$ is paramagnetic while $[Ni(CO)_4]$ is diamagnetic though both are tetrahedral. Why ?

Ans. $[NiCl_4]^{2-}$ has 2 unpaired electrons and is paramagnetic while $[Ni(CO)_4]$ has all paired electrons and hence is diamagnetic.

Refer Text (Page 38).

Q.7. $[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$ is strongly paramagnetic whereas $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$ is weakly paramagnetic. Explain.

Ans. In both the complexes, Fe is in +3 oxidation state and has $3d^5$ configuration. In the presence of CN^- (a strong field ligand), the 3*d* electrons pair up leaving only one unpaired electron. The hybridisation is d^2sp^3 forming inner orbital complex. In the presence of H_2O (a weak field ligand) 3*d* electrons donot get paired up. Therefore, the hybridisation is sp^3d^2 forming an outer orbital complex containing 5 unpaired electrons. Hence it is strongly paramagnetic.

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Q.8. Explain $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$ is an inner orbital complex whereas $[Ni(NH_3)_6]^{2+}$ is an outer orbital complex.

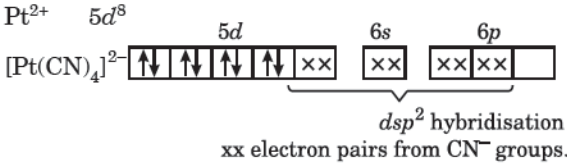
Ans. In the presence of NH_3, the 3*d* electrons pair up leaving two empty *d*-orbitals to be involved in d^2sp^3 hybridisation forming inner orbital complex.

In $[Ni(NH_3)_6]^{2+}$, nickel is in +2 oxidation state and has $3d^8$ configuration and hybridisation involved is sp^3d^2 forming outer orbital complex.

Q.9. Predict the number of unpaired electrons in the square planar $[Pt(CN)_4]^{2-}$ ion.

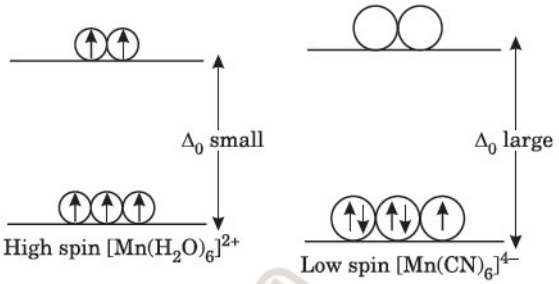
Ans. Platinum atom has the ground state electronic configuration $5d^9\ 6s^1$. In the complex, Pt is in +2 oxidation state and has the electronic configuration $5d^8$. To have square planar geometry, one of the 5*d* orbital is vacated and all the other four orbitals get a pair of electrons. Therefore, it involves dsp^2 hybridisation and is diamagnetic.

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Q.10. The hexaaquamanganese(II) ion contains five unpaired electrons, while the hexacynido ion contains only one unpaired electron. Explain using Crystal Field Theory.

Ans. Mn (II) has $3d^5$ electronic configuration. Water is a weak field ligand and therefore Δ_o is small. Therefore, the hexaaqua complex will be high spin complex containing 5 unpaired electrons. On the other hand, CN^- is a strong field ligand and therefore, Δ_0 is large. Therefore, in its cyano complex, the electrons pair up and have only one unpaired electron.



Q.11. Calculate the overall complex dissociation equilibrium constant for the $[Cu(NH_3)_4]^{2+}$ ion given that β_4 for this complex is 2.1×10^{13}.

Ans. Ther overall dissociation constant is the reciprocal of the overall stability constant. Thus,

$$\text{Overall dissociation constant} = \frac{1}{\beta_4}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2.1 \times 10^{13}} = 4.7 \times 10^{-14}$$

NCERT Textbook Exercises

Q.1. Explain the bonding in coordination compounds in terms of Werner's postulates.

Ans. *Refer Text (Page 2).*

Q.2. $FeSO_4$ solution mixed with $(NH_4)_2SO_4$ solution in 1:1 molar ratio gives the test of Fe^{2+} ion but $CuSO_4$ solution mixed with aqueous ammonia in 1:4 molar ratio does not give the test of Cu^{2+} ion. Explain why ?

Ans. $FeSO_4$ solution on mixing with $(NH_4)_2SO_4$ solution in 1:1 molar ratio forms double salt $FeSO_4.(NH_4)_2SO_4.6H_2O$. The double salt dissociates in aqueous solution and gives tests for all the ions.

$$FeSO_4.(NH_4)_2SO_4 \rightleftharpoons Fe^{2+} + 2NH_4^+ + 2SO_4^{2-}$$

When $CuSO_4$ solution is mixed with aqueous ammonia in 1:4 molar ratio, it forms a coordination compound $[Cu(NH_3)_4]SO_4$. In this complex, the complex entity $[Cu(NH_3)_4]^{2+}$ does not dissociate in aqueous solution and hence does not give tests for Cu^{2+} ion.

Q.3. Explain with two examples each of the following: coordination entity, ligand, coordination number, coordination polyhedron, homoleptic and heteroleptic.

Ans. *Refer Text : (Page 4—8).*

Q.4. What is meant by unidentate, didentate and ambidentate ligands ? Give two examples for each.

Ans. **Unidentate ligands** are those which bind to the metal ion through a single donor atom. *e.g.*, Cl^-, H_2O.

Didentate ligands are those which bind to the metal ion through two donor atoms. *e.g.*, ethane -1, 2-diamine ($H_2NCH_2CH_2NH_2$), oxalate ($C_2O_4^{2-}$) ion.

Ambidentate ligands are those which can bind to metal ion through two different donor atoms. *e.g.*, NO_2^- and SCN^- ions.

Q.5. Specify the oxidation numbers of the metals in the following coordination entities :

(*a*) $[Co(H_2O)(CN)(en)_2]^{2+}$

(*b*) $[PtCl_4]^{2-}$

(*c*) $[Cr(NH_3)_3Cl_3]$

(*d*) $[CoBr_2(en)_2]^+$

(*e*) $K_3[Fe(CN)_6]$

Ans. (*a*) $[Co(H_2O)(CN)(en)_2]^{2+}$ $x + 0 + (-1) + 2(0) = +2$

$\therefore \quad x = +3$

(*b*) $[PtCl_4]^{2-}$ $x + 4(-1) = -2$

$\therefore \quad x = +2$

(*c*) $[Cr(NH_3)_3Cl_3]$ $x + 3(0) + 3(-1) = 0$

$\therefore \quad x = +3$

(*d*) $[CoBr_2(en)_2]^+$ $x \times 2(-1) + 2\,(0) = +\,1$

$\therefore \quad x = +3$

(*e*) $K_3[Fe(CN)_6]$ $3 \times (+1) + x + 6(-1) = 0$

$\therefore \quad x = +3$

Q.6. Using IUPAC norms write the formulas for the following :

(*i*) Tetrahydroxidozincate (II)

(*ii*) Hexaamminecobalt (III) sulphate

(*iii*) Potasium tetrachloridopalladate (II)

(*iv*) Potassiumtri(oxalato) chromate (III)

(*v*) Diaminedichloridoplatinum (II)

(*vi*) Hexaammineplatinum (IV)

(*vii*) Potassium tetracyanidonickelate (II)

(*viii*) Tetrabromidocuprate (II)

(*ix*) Pentaamminenitrito-O-cobalt (III)

(*x*) Pentaamminenitrito-N-cobalt (III)

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Ans. (*i*) $[Zn(OH)_4]^{2-}$ (*ii*) $[Co(NH_3)_6]_2(SO_4)_3$
(*iii*) $K_2[PdCl_4]$ (*iv*) $K_3[Cr(C_2O_4)_3]$
(*v*) $[Pt(NH_3)_2Cl_2]$ (*vi*) $[Pt(NH_3)_6]^{4+}$
(*vii*) $K_2[Ni(CN)_4]$ (*viii*) $[CuBr_4]^{2-}$
(*ix*) $[Co(NH_3)_5(ONO)]^{2+}$ (*x*) $[Co(NH_3)_5(NO_2)]^{2+}$

Q.7. Using IUPAC norms write the systematic names of the following :
(*a*) $[Co(NH_3)_6]Cl_3$ (*b*) $[Co(NH_3)_4Cl(NO_2)]Cl$
(*c*) $[Ni(NH_3)_6]Cl_2$
(*d*) $[Pt(NH_3)_2Cl(NH_2CH_3)]Cl$
(*e*) $[Mn(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$ (*f*) $[Co(en)_3]^{3+}$
(*g*) $[Ti(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$ (*h*) $[NiCl_4]^{2-}$
(*i*) $[Ni(CO)_4]$

Ans. (*a*) Hexaamminecobalt (III) chloride
(*b*) Tetraaminechloridonitrito-N-cobalt (III) chloride
(*c*) Hexaamminenickel (II) chloride
(*d*) Diamminechloridomethylamineplatinum (II) chloride
(*e*) Hexaaquamanganese (II) ion
(*f*) Tris (ethan-1,2-diamine)cobalt (III) ion
(*g*) Hexaaquatitanium (III) ion
(*h*) Tetrachloridonickelate (II) ion
(*i*) Tetracarbonylnickel (0)

Q.8. List various types of isomerism possible for coordination compounds, giving an example of each.

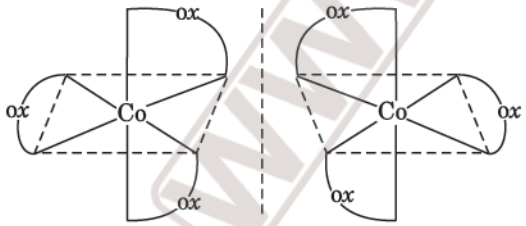
Ans. *Refer Text (Page 22).*

Q.9. How many geometrical isomers are possible in the following coordination entities ?
(*a*) $[Cr(C_2O_4)_3]^{3-}$ (*b*) $[Co(NH_3)_3Cl_3]$

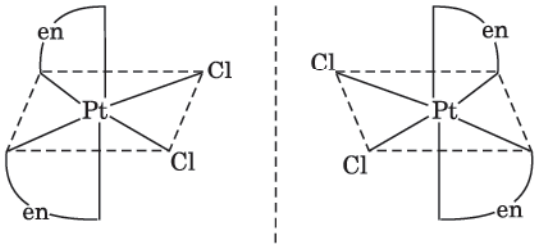
Ans. (*a*) $[Cr(C_2O_4)_3]^{3-}$: does not show geometrical isomers
(*b*) $[Co(NH_3)_3Cl_3]$: two geometrical isomers : *fac-* and *mer-*

Q.10. Draw the structures of optical isomers of :
(*a*) $[Cr(C_2O_4)_3]^{3-}$ (*b*) $[PtCl_2(en)_2]^{2+}$
(*c*) $[Cr(NH_3)_2Cl_2(en)]^+$

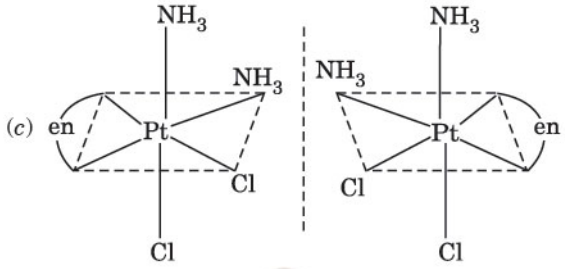
Ans. (*a*)



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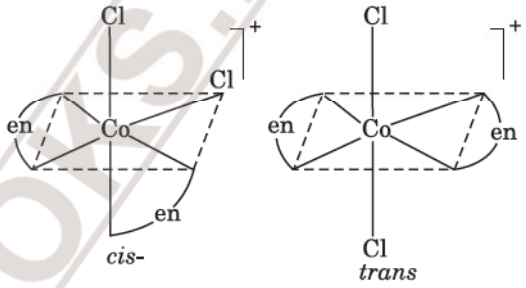


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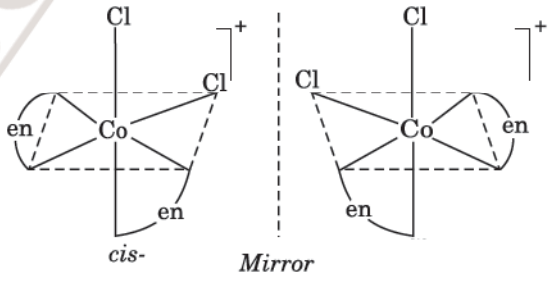


Q.11. Draw all the isomers (geometrical and optical) of:
(*a*) $[CoCl_2(en)_2]^+$ (*b*) $[Co(NH_3)Cl(en)_2]^{2+}$
(*c*) $[Co(NH_3)_2Cl_2(en)]^+$

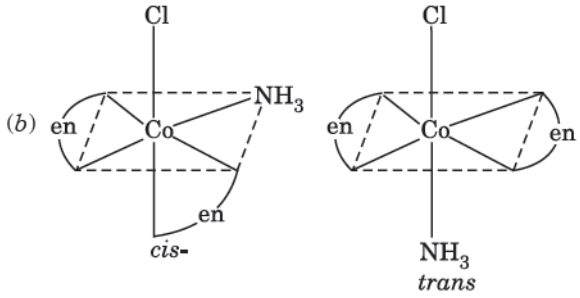
Ans. (*a*)



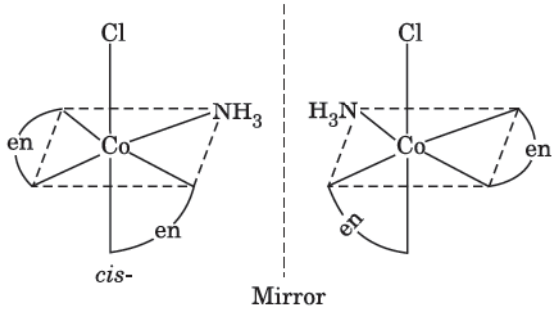
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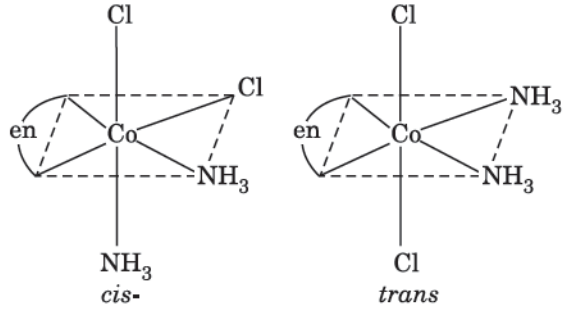


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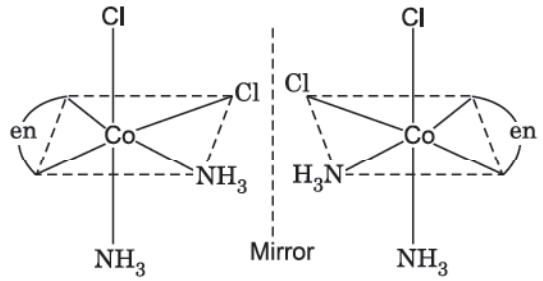


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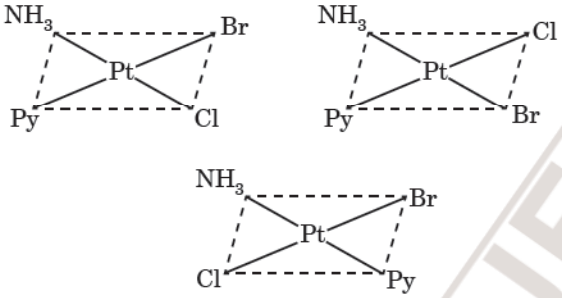


cis- shows optical isomers.



Q.12. Write all the geometrical isomers of $[Pt(NH_3)(Br)(Cl)(py)]$ and how many of these will exhibit optical isomers ?

Ans. Three isomers



These types of isomers donot show optical isomerism. Optical isomerism in square planar complexes occurs only with unsymmetrical chelating ligands.

Q.13. Aqueous copper sulphate solution (blue in colour) gives :

(*a*) a green precipitate with aqueous potassium fluoride and

(*b*) a bright green solution with aqueous potassium chloride. Explain these experimental results.

Ans. Aqueous copper sulphate solution exists as $[Cu(H_2O)_4]SO_4$ which has blue colour due to $[Cu(H_2O)_4]^{2+}$ ions.

(*a*) When KF is added, the weak water ligands are replaced by F^- ligands and forms $[CuF_4]^{2-}$ ions which is a green precipitate.

$$[Cu(H_2O)_4]SO_4 + 4F^- \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Green ppt.}}{[CuF_4]^{2-}} + 4H_2O$$

(*b*) When KCl is added, the weak water ligands are replaced by Cl^- ions forming $[CuCl_4]^{2-}$ which has bright green colour.

$$[Cu(H_2O)_4]SO_4 + 4Cl^- \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Green solution}}{[CuCl_4]^{2-}} + 4H_2O$$

Q14. What is the coordination entity formed when excess of aqueous KCN is added to an aqueous solution of copper sulphate ? Why is it that no precipitate of copper sulphide is obtained when H_2S (*g*) is passed through this solution ?

Ans. When excess of aqueous KCN is added to an aqueous solution of copper sulphate, $[Cu(CN)_4]^{2-}$ is formed. Since CN^- is a strong ligand, it forms highly stable complex ion and does not ionize to give Cu^{2+} ions. On passing H_2S, free Cu^{2+} are not available to form the precipitate of CuS.

Q15. Discuss the nature of bonding in the following coordination entities on the basis of valence bond theory :

(*a*) $[Fe(CN)_6]^{4-}$ (*b*) $[FeF_6]^{3-}$

(*c*) $[Co(C_2O_4)_3]^{3-}$ (*d*) $[NiCl_4]^{2-}$

Ans. *Refer Text (Page 34—37).*

Q16. Draw figure to show the splitting of *d*-orbitals in an octahedral crystal field.

Ans. *Refer Text (Page 44—45).*

Q.17. What is spectrochemical series ? Explain the difference between a weak field ligand and a strong field ligand.

Ans. The arrangement of ligands in the increasing order of crystal field splitting is called spectrochemical series. This is shown below :

$I^- < Br^- < SCN^- < Cl^- < F^- < OH^- < ox^{2-} < O^{2-} < H_2O < NCS^- < py = NH_3 < en < NO_2^- < CN^- < CO$.

Weak field ligands are those which cause less crystal field splitting. These form high spin complexes. For example, Cl^-, F^-, etc.

Strong field ligands are those which cause greater crystal field splitting. These form low spin complexes. For example, CN^-, NO_2^-, CO.

Q.18. What is crystal field splitting energy ? How does the magnitude of Δ_0 decide the actual configuration of *d*-orbitals in a coordination entity ?

Ans. *Refer Text (Page 45).*

Q.19. $[Cr(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$ is paramagnetic while $[Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$ is diamagnetic. Explain why ?

Ans. *Refer Text (Page 34–37).*

Q.20. A solution of $[Ni(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$ is green but a solution of $[Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$ is colourless. Explain.

Ans. In $[Ni(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$, Ni is in +2 oxidation state with electronic configuration $3d^8$. In the presence of weak H_2O ligands, the two unpaired electrons donot pair up and hence the complex has two unpaired electrons. Therefore, the complex is coloured. The colour is due to *d*-*d* transitions which absorb red light and the complimentary light emitted is green.

In case of $[Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$, Ni is also in +2 oxidation state with $3d^8$ configuration. In the presence of strong CN^- ligand, the two unpaired electrons in 3*d* orbitals pair up. Therefore, there are no unpaired electrons and hence the complex is colourless.

Q.21. $[Fe(CN)_6]^{4-}$ and $[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$ are of different colours in dilute solutions. Why ?

Ans. In both these complexes, iron is in +2 oxidation state having $3d^6$ electronic configuration. It has four unpaired electrons. In the presence of weak H_2O ligand, these electrons donot pair up. However, in case of strong CN^- ligand, the electrons pair up leaving no unpaired

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electrons. Because of difference in number of unpaired electrons, these complexes have different colours.

For detail, refer Text (Page 50; colour of complexes).

Q.22. Discuss the nature of bonding in metal carbonyls.

Ans. *Refer Text (Page 57).*

Q.23. Give the oxidation state, *d*-orbital occupation and coordination number of the central metal ion in the following complexes:

(*a*) $K_3[Co(C_2O_4)_3]$ (*b*) $(NH_4)_2[CoF_4]$

(*c*) *cis*-$[Cr(en)_2Cl_2]Cl$ (*d*) $[Mn(H_2O)_6]SO_4$

Ans. (*a*) $K_3[Co(C_2O_4)_3]$

O.S = +3, C.N = 6

Co (III) : $3d^6$ configuration : $t_{2g}^6 e_g^0$

(*b*) $(NH_4)_2[CoF_4]$

O.S = +2, C.N = 4

Co (II) : d^7 : $e^4t_2^3$

(*c*) *cis*-$[Cr(en)_2Cl_2]Cl$

O.S = +3, C.N = 6

Cr (III) : d^3 : t_{2g}^3

(*d*) $[Mn(H_2O)_6]\ SO_4$

O.S = +2, C.N = 6

Mn (II) : d^5 : $t_{2g}^3 e_g^2$

Q.24. Write down the IUPAC name for each of the following complexes and indicate the oxidation state, electronic configuration and coordination number. Also give stereochemistry and magnetic moment of the complex :

(*a*) $K[Cr(H_2O)_2(C_2O_4)_2].3H_2O$

(*b*) $CrCl_3\ (py)_3$

(*c*) $K_4[Mn(CN)_6]$

(*d*) $[Co(NH_3)_5Cl]Cl_2$

(*e*) $Cs[FeCl_4]$

Ans. (*a*) $K[Cr(H_2O)_2(C_2O_4)_2].3H_2O$

IUPAC name : Potassium diaquadioxalato chromate (III) trihydrate.

O.S = +3, Cr (III) : d^3

C.N = 6

Stereochemistry = Octahedral,

Conf. : t_{2g}^3

No. of unpaired electrons, n = 3

Magnetic moment = $\sqrt{3(3+2)} = \sqrt{15}$ = 3.87 B.M.

(*b*) $CrCl_3\ (py)_3$

IUPAC name : Trichloridotripyridinechromium (III)

O.S. = + 3, Cr (III) : d^3

C.N = 6

Stereochemistry = Octahedral,

Conf. : t_{2g}^3

No. of unpaired electrons, n = 3

Magnetic moment = $\sqrt{3(3+2)} = \sqrt{15}$ = 3.87 B.M.

(*c*) $K_4[Mn(CN)_6]$

IUPAC name : Potassium hexacyanidomanganate (II)

O.S = +2, Mn(II) : d^5

C.N = 6

Stereochemistry = Octahedral,

Conf. : t_{2g}^5

No. of unpaired electrons, n = 1

Magnetic moment = $\sqrt{1(1+2)} = \sqrt{3}$ = 1.732 BM

(*d*) $[Co(NH_3)_5Cl]Cl_2$

IUPAC name :

Pentaamminechloridocobalt (III) chloride

O.S = +3, Co(III) : d^6

Stereochemistry = Octahedral

Conf. : t_{2g}^6

No. of unpaired electrons, n = 0

Magnetic moment = 0.

(*e*) $Cs[FeCl_4]$

IUPAC name : Cesium tetrachloridoferrate(III)

O.S = +3, Fe(III) : d^5

Stereochemistry = Tetrahedral,

Conf. : $e^2t_2^3$

No. of unpaired electrons, n = 5

Magnetic moment = $\sqrt{5(5+2)} = \sqrt{35}$ = 5.92 B.M.

Q.25. What is meant by stability of a coordination compound in solution ? State the factors which govern stability of complexes.

Ans. *Refer Text (Page 53).*

Q.26. What is meant by the *chelate effect* ? Give an example.

Ans. *Refer Text (Page 55).*

Q.27. Discuss briefly giving an example in each case the role of coordination compounds in :

(*a*) biological systems

(*b*) analytical chemistry,

(*c*) medicinal chemistry, and

(*d*) extraction/metallurgy of metals.

Ans. *Refer Text (Page 58 — 60).*

Q.28. How many ions are produced from the complex $Co(NH_3)_6Cl_2$ in solution ?

(*a*) 6 (*b*) 4 (*c*) 3 (*d*) 2

Ans. $Co(NH_3)_6Cl_2$

$[Co(NH_3)_6]Cl_2 \rightleftharpoons [Co(NH_3)_6]^{2+} + 2Cl^-$

$\therefore$ 3 ions (*c*) is correct.

Q.29. Amongst the following ions which one has the highest magnetic moment value ?

(*a*) $[Cr(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$ (*b*) $[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$

(*c*) $[Zn(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$

Ans. $[Cr(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$: $3d^3$: 3 unpaired electrons

$[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$: $3d^6$: 4 unpaired electrons

$[Zn(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$: $3d^{10}$: Diamagnetic

(*b*) is correct.

Q.30. The oxidation number of cobalt in $K[Co(CO)_4]$ is

(*a*) +1 (*b*) +3 (*c*) –1 (*d*) –3

Ans. $K[Co(CO)_4]$

$+1 + x + 4(0) = 0$ $\therefore$ $x = -1$

(*c*) is correct.

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Q.31. Amongst the following, the most stable complex is

(a) $[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$ **(b)** $[Fe(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$

(c) $[Fe(C_2O_4)_3]^{3-}$ **(d)** $[FeCl_6]^{3-}$

Ans. (c) is most stable because it is chelate.

Q.32. What will be the correct order for the wavelengths of absorption in the visible region for the following: $[Ni(NO_2)_6]^{4-}$, $[Ni(NH_3)_6]^{2+}$, $[Ni(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$

Ans. The order of ligands in the spectrochemical series is

$$H_2O < NH_3 < NO_2^-$$

Energy absorbed will be in the order :

$$[Ni(H_2O)_6]^{2+} < [Ni(NH_3)_6]^{2+} < [Ni(NO_2)_6]^{4-}$$

Since $\lambda \propto 1/E$ ($E = hc/\lambda$), the wavelength of light absorbed will be in the order :

$$[Ni(H_2O)_6]^{2+} > [Ni(NH_3)_6]^{2+} > [Ni(NO_2)_6]^{4-}$$



NCERT Exemplar Problems

Subjective Questions

Note: *Objective Questions from Exemplar Problems are given in Competition File, page 94.*

Short Answer Type Questions

1. Arrange the following complexes in the increasing order of conductivity of their solution: $[Co(NH_3)_3Cl_3]$, $[Co(NH_3)_4Cl_2]Cl$, $[Co(NH_3)_6]Cl_3$, $[Cr(NH_3)_5Cl]Cl_2$

Ans. These complexes can ionise in solution as:

$[Co(NH_3)_3Cl_3]$ – does not ionise.

$[Co(NH_3)_4Cl_2]Cl = [Co(NH_3)_4Cl_2]^+ + Cl^-$ (2 ions)

$[Co(NH_3)_6]Cl_3 = [Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+} + 3Cl^-$ (4 ions)

$[Co(NH_3)_5Cl]Cl_2 = [Co(NH_3)_5Cl]^{2+} + 2Cl^-$ (3 ions)

As the number of ions in solution increases, their conductivity also increases. Therefore, conductivity follows the order :

$[Co(NH_3)_3Cl_3] < [Co(NH_3)_4Cl_2]Cl < [Co(NH_3)_5Cl]Cl_2 < [Co(NH_3)_6]Cl_3$.

2. A coordination compound $CrCl_3 \cdot 4H_2O$ precipitates silver chloride when treated with silver nitrate. The molar conductance of its solution corresponds to a total of two ions. Write structural formula of the compound and name it.

Ans. $[Co(H_2O)_4Cl_2]Cl$: Tetraaquadichloridocobalt(III)chloride.

3. A complex of the type $[M(AA)_2X_2]^{n+}$ is known to be optically active. What does this indicate about the structure of the complex? Give one example of such complex.

Ans. An optically active complex of this type indicates cis-octahedral structure. e.g., cis$[Cr(en)_2Cl_2]^+$.

4. Magnetic moment of $[MnCl_4]^{2-}$ is 5.92 BM. Explain giving reason.

Ans. The magnetic moment of 5.92 B.M. corresponds to 5 unpaired electrons. To account for 5 unpaired electrons, it will involve sp^3 hybridisation rather than dsp^2. Thus, tetrahedral structure of $[MnCl_4]^{2-}$ complex will show magnetic moment of 5.92 B.M.

5. On the basis of crystal field theory explain why Co(III) forms paramagnetic octahedral complex with weak field ligands whereas it forms diamagnetic octahedral complex with strong field ligands.

Ans. With weak field ligands; $\Delta_o < P$ (pairing energy), the electronic configuration of Co (III) will be $t^4_{2g}\, e^2_g$ and it has 4 unpaired electrons and is paramagnetic. With strong field ligands, $\Delta_o > P$, the electronic configuration will be $t^6_{2g}\, e^0_g$. It has no unpaired electrons and is diamagnetic.

6. Why are low spin tetrahedral complexes not formed ?

Ans. For tetrahedral complexes, the crystal field stabilisation energy is less and is always lower than pairing energy.

$$\Delta_t = \frac{4}{9}\Delta_o$$

7. Give the electronic configuration of the following complexes on the basis of Crystal Field Splitting theory.

$[CoF_6]^{3-}$, $[Fe(CN)_6]^{4-}$ and $[Cu(NH_3)_6]^{2+}$.

Ans. $[CoF_6]^{3-}$, Co^{3+} (d^6) : $t^4_{2g}\, e_g^2$,

$[Fe(CN)_6]^{4-}$, Fe^{2+} (d^6) : $t_{2g}^6\, e_g^0$,

$[Cu(NH_3)_6]^{2+}$, Cu^{2+} (d^9) : $t_{2g}^6\, e_g^3$,

8. Explain why $[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$ has magnetic moment value of 5.92 B.M. whereas

$[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$ has a value of only 1.74 B.M.

Ans. In $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$, CN^- is a strong field ligand and therefore, it involves d^2sp^3 hybridisation with one unpaired electron. In $[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$, water is a weak field ligand and therefore, it involves sp^3d^2 hybridisation with five unpaired electrons.

9. Arrange following complex ions in increasing order of crystal field splitting energy (Δ_O) :

$[Cr(Cl)_6]^{3-}$, $[Cr(CN)_6]^{3-}$, $[Cr(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$.

Ans. Crystal field splitting energy increases in the order :

$[Cr(Cl)_6]^{3-} < [Cr(NH_3)_6]^{3+} < [Cr(CN)_6]^{3-}$.

10. Why do compounds having similar geometry have different magnetic moment ?

Ans. The compounds having similar geometry may have different number of unpaired electrons. due to the presence of weak and strong field ligands in complexes. If CFSE is high, the complex will show low value of magnetic moment and if CFSE is low, the complex will show high value of magnetic moment. For example, the $[CoF_6]^{3-}$ is paramagnetic but $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$ is diamagnetic.

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11. $CuSO_4.5H_2O$ is blue in colour while $CuSO_4$ is colourless. Why ?

Ans. In $CuSO_4.5H_2O$, water acts as ligand. As a result, it causes crystal field splitting. Hence *d-d* transition is possible in $CuSO_4.5H_2O$ and shows colour. In the anhydrous $CuSO_4$ due to the absence of water (ligand), crystal field splitting is not possible and hence no *d-d* transitions and no colour.

12. Name the type of isomerism when ambidentate ligands are attached to central metal ion. Give two examples of ambidentate ligands.

Ans. Linkage isomerism

Examples : (*i*) $M \leftarrow N(=O)-O$ (Nitrito — N) $M \leftarrow O-N=O$ (Nitrito — O)

(*ii*) $M \leftarrow SCN$ (Thiocyanato) $M \leftarrow NCS$ (Isothiocyanato)



QUICK MEMORY TEST

A. Say True or False

1. All the ligands must contain at least one donor atom.
2. All inner orbital complexes are diamagnetic.
3. $[Ni(CO)_4]$ is diamagnetic and tetrahedral while $[NiCl_4]^{2-}$ is tetrahedral but paramagnetic.
4. Both $[Fe(CN)_6]^{4-}$ and $[FeF_6]^{3-}$ are outer orbital complexes.
5. CN^- is a stronger field ligand than CO.
6. All tetrahedral complexes show geometrical isomerism.
7. $CoCl_3.3NH_3$ complex is non-conducting.
8. The oxidation state of iron in $Fe(CO)_5$ is zero.
9. The IUPAC name of $[Fe(C_2O_4)_3]^{3-}$ ion is tris(oxalato) ferrate (III) ion.
10. All complexes of the type MA_2B_2 show cis-trans geometrical isomerism.
11. Cis-isomer of $[CoCl_2(en)_2]^+$ shows optical isomerism but trans isomer does not.
12. $[MnBr_4]^{2-}$ is tetrahedral complex and has 5 unpaired electrons.

B. Complete the missing links

1. The formula of linkage isomer of $[Co(NH_3)_5NO_2]Cl_2$ is ..... .
2. $[Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$ is diamagnetic and has ..... shape.
3. The complex cis-$[Pt(NH_3)_2Cl_2]$ is used in treatment of cancer under the name ..... .
4. The formula of the complex sodium tetracarbonyl cobaltate (–1) is ..... .
5. The metal present in vitamin B_{12} is ..... and the metal present in chlorophyll is ..... .
6. The brown ring formed in the test of NO_3^- ion with $FeSO_4$ solution and concentrated H_2SO_4 has the formula ..... .
7. The oxidation state of nickel in $K_4[Ni(CN)_4]$ is ..... .
8. The coordination number of chromium in $[Cr(en)_2(NH_3)(NCS)]$ is ..... .
9. NO is named as ..... .
10. The number of isomers of $[Rh(en)_2Cl_2]^+$ is ..... .
11. In the complex [Co(EDTA)], the coordination number of cobalt is ..... .
12. $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$ is an ..... orbital complex and is ..... in nature.
13. In octahedral crystal field splitting, the three orbitals are called ..... and two orbitals are called ..... .
14. The spin magnetic moment of the complex $[Fe(CN)_6]^{4-}$ is ..... .
15. $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$ ion has ..... unpaired electrons and $[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$ has ..... unpaired electrons.

C. Choose the correct alternative

1. The complex $[Ni(CO)_4]$ is *square planar / tetrahedral.*
2. The complex $[Co(en)_2Cl_2]^+$ has *3 / 4* geometrical and optical isomers.
3. Triethylene tetraammine is a *tridentate / tetradentate* ligand.
4. On reaction with silver nitrate solution, the complex $CoCl_3.4NH_3$ gives precipitates corresponding to *one / two* chloride ions.
5. The number of ions produced per mole of the complex $Co(NH_3)_5Cl_3$ is *3 mol / 2 mol.*
6. The complexes $[Co(NH_3)_6]$ $[Cr(CN)_6]$ and $[Cr(NH_3)_6]$ $[Co(CN)_6]$ are examples of *coordination isomerism / coordination position isomerism.*
7. Out of cis and trans form of $[RhCl(en)_2]^+$, *cis / trans* form shows optical activity.
8. The magnetic moment of ferricyanide ion is *more / less* than that of ferrocyanide ion.
9. $[NiCl_4]^{2-}$ is *diamagnetic / paramagnetic.*
10. The crystal field splitting of tetrahedral complexes is *more / less* than octahedral complexes.
11. The metal ion present in haemoglobin is *iron / cobalt.*
12. CN^- is *stronger / weaker* ligand than NH_3.

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Answers QUICK MEMORY TEST

A. Say True or False

1. True.
2. **False.** Some have low paramagnetic character. These are generally low spin complexes.
3. True.
4. **False.** $[Fe(CN)_6]^{4-}$ is an inner orbital complex while $[FeF_6]^{3-}$ is an outer orbital complex.
5. False. **6.** False **7.** True **8.** True.
9. **False.** It is tri(oxalato) ferrate (III) ion.
10. **False.** Only square planar complexes show geometrical isomerism but tetrahedral complexes donot show geometrical isomerism.
11. True. **12.** True.

B. Complete the missing links

1. $[Co(NH_3)_5ONO]Cl_2$ **2.** Square planar **3.** cisplatin
4. $Na[Co(CO)_4]$ **5.** cobalt, magnesium
6. $[Fe(H_2O)_5NO]^{2+}$ **7.** zero **8.** six
9. nitrosyl **10.** 3 **11.** six
12. inner, diamagnetic **13.** t_{2g}, e_g **14.** zero
15. 1,5

C. Choose the correct alternative

1. tetrahedral **2.** 3 **3.** tetradentate
4. one **5.** 3 mol
6. coordination isomerism **7.** cis
8. more **9.** diamagnetic **10.** less
11. iron **12.** stronger

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QUESTIONS WITH ANSWERS

Q.1. $Cu(OH)_2$ is soluble in NH_4OH but not in NaOH solution. Why ?

Ans. $Cu(OH)_2$ is soluble in NH_4OH due to the formation of soluble complex $[Cu(NH_3)_2](OH)_2$. But no such complex is formed by the reaction of $Cu(OH)_2$ with NaOH.

Q.2. Why do the two complexes $PtCl_4.2NH_3$ and $PtCl_4.2KCl$ not give precipitate of AgCl with $AgNO_3$ solution ?

Ans. $PtCl_4.2NH_3$ has the structural formula $[Pt(NH_3)_2Cl_4]$ and $PtCl_4.2KCl$ has the structural formula $K_2[PtCl_6]$. In both cases, the Cl^- ions are present in the coordination sphere and are not ionizable. Therefore, these donot give tests for Cl^- ions with $AgNO_3$ solution.

Q.3. Arrange the following complexes in order of increasing molar conductivity :

(*a*) Mg $[Cr(NH_3)(NO_2)_5][Co(NO_2)_6]_2$

(*b*) $[Cr(NH_3)_5(NO_2)]_3[Co(NO_2)_6]_2$

(*c*) $K[Co(NH_3)_2(NO_2)_4]$ (*d*) $[Cr(NH_3)_3(NO_2)_3]$

Ans. The larger the number of ions and larger the charge on each, the larger is the conductivity. These complexes ionise as :

(*a*) $Mg[Cr(NH_3)(NO_2)_5] \rightleftharpoons Mg^{2+} + [Cr(NH_3)(NO_2)_5]^{2-}$ No. of ions = 2

(*b*) $[Cr(NH_3)_5(NO_2)]_3[Co(NO_2)_6]_2 \rightleftharpoons 3[Cr(NH_3)_5(NO_2)]^{2+} + 2[Co(NO_2)_6]^{3-}$ No. of ions = 5

(*c*) $K[Co(NH_3)_2(NO_2)_4] \rightleftharpoons K^+ + [Co(NH_3)_2(NO_2)_4]^-$ No. of ions = 2

(*d*) $[Cr(NH_3)_3(NO_2)_3]$: does not ionise, No. of ions = 0

Order of molar conductivity : (*d*) < (*c*) < (*a*) < (*b*)

It may be noted that (*a*) and (*c*) have same number of ions but charges on ions in (*a*) is double than on ions from (*c*).

Q.4. $[Ti(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$ absorbs light of a wavelength 500 nm. Name one ligand which would form Ti(III) complex absorbing light of lower wavelength than 500 nm and one ligand which would form a complex absorbing light of wavelength higher than 500 nm.

Ans. Any ligand which is below H_2O in spectrochemical series (*e.g.*, F^-) would absorb at a lower energy and therefore, high wavelength. On the other hand, any ligand above H_2O (*e.g.*, CN^-) would absorb at a higher energy or a lower wavelength.

Q.5. A complex is prepared by mixing $CoCl_3$ and NH_3 in the molar ratio of 1:4. A 0.1 M solution of this complex was found to freeze at –0.372°C. What is the formula of the complex ? K_f for water = 1.86° C/m.

Ans. Theoretical value of ΔT_f is

$$\Delta T_f = K_f \times m = 1.86 \times 0.1 = 0.186$$

Observed $\Delta T_f = 0.372$

Since the observed value is twice the theoretical value, this means that each molecule of the complex dissociates to give two ions. This suggests that the formula of the complex is : $[Co(NH_3)_4Cl_2]Cl$ which dissociates as :

$$[Co(NH_3)_4Cl_2]Cl \rightleftharpoons [Co(NH_3)_4Cl_2]^+ + Cl^-$$

Q.6. Dimethyl glyoxime is added to alcoholic solution of $NiCl_2$. When ammonium hydroxide is slowly added to it, a rosy red precipitate of a complex is formed.

(*i*) Write the structural formula of the complex.

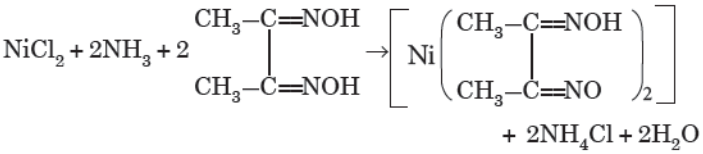
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(*ii*) Give the structure of the complex showing hydrogen bonds.

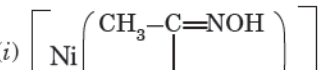
(*iii*) Give oxidation state and hybridisation of the central metal ion.

(*iv*) Identify whether it is paramagnetic or diamagnetic.

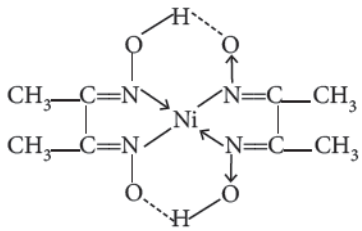
Ans.



(*i*)



(*ii*)



(*iii*) Oxidation number of Ni = +2

Hybridisation is dsp^2 because it is a square planar complex.

(*iv*) Since it has no unpaired electrons, it is diamagnetic.

Q.7. Calcium dihydrogen salt of EDTA is used as an antidote for lead poisoning, why ?

Ans. EDTA coordinates lead in the body because of more soluble lead – EDTA complex, which can be eliminated in urine without causing any harmful effects. The calcium salt of EDTA is used so that any excess EDTA will not remove Ca^{2+} ions from the body.

Q.8. $[CuCl_4]^{2-}$ exists while $[CuI_4]^{2-}$ does not exist. Why?

Ans. Iodine atom is very large in size and copper atom is not able to accommodate four large atoms around it.

Q.9. A coordination compound has the formula $CoCl_3.4NH_3$. It precipitates silver ions as AgCl and its molar conductance corresponds to a total of two ions.

(*a*) Deduce its structural formula and name the complex.

(*b*) Discuss geometrical isomerism exhibited by the complex.

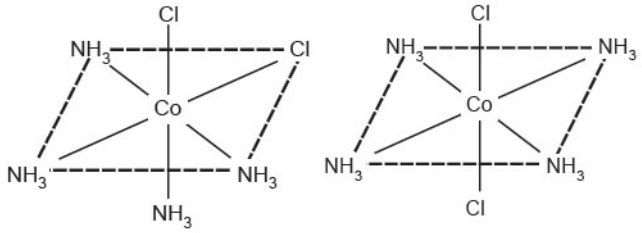
(*c*) Replace ammonia molecules by two molecules of ethylenediamine and discuss isomerism in the resulting complex ion.

Ans. (*a*) On the basis of molar conductance (corresponding to two ions) and its reaction with Ag^+ ion, the compound has the molecular formula :

$$[Co(NH_3)_4Cl_2]Cl.$$

Tetraamminedichloridocobalt(III) chloride

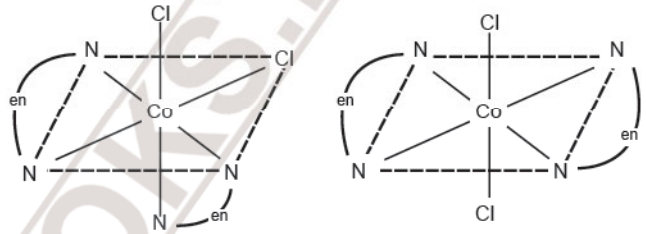
(*b*) It will exhibit geometrical isomerism. The two isomers *cis* and *trans* are :



cis- *trans-*

(*c*) Replacing ammonia by ethylenediamine (en) gives $[Co(en)_2\ Cl_2]^+\ Cl^-$.

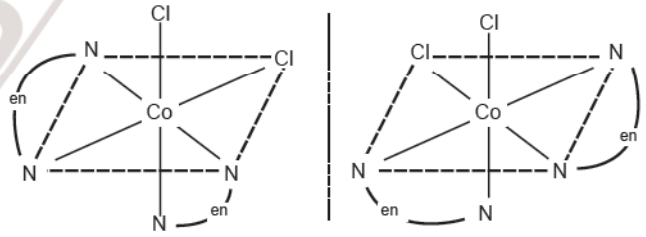
It will show geometrical isomers *cis* and *trans*. Out of these *cis* isomer will show optical isomerism.



cis- *trans-*

$[Co(en)_2Cl_2]^+$

cis shows optical isomerism



Optically active

Q.10. Calculate the ratio $[Ag^+]$ / $[Ag(NH_3)_2]^+$ in 0.1 M NH_3 solution if stability constant, K_f for $[Ag(NH_3)_2]^+$ is 1.7×10^7.

Ans. $Ag^+ + 2NH_3 \rightleftharpoons[K_f] [Ag(NH_3)_2]^+$

Stability constant, $K_f = \dfrac{[Ag(NH_3)_2]^+}{[Ag]^+\,[NH_3]^2} = 1.7 \times 10^7$

$$\frac{[Ag(NH_3)_2]^+}{[Ag]^+} = 1.7 \times 10^7 \times [NH_3]^2$$

$$= 1.7 \times 10^7 \times (0.1)^2 = 1.7 \times 10^5$$

$$\therefore \quad \frac{[Ag]^+}{[Ag(NH_3)_2]^+} = \frac{1}{1.7 \times 10^5} = 5.88 \times 10^{-6}$$

Q.11. The complex $CoBr_3.4NH_3.2H_2O$ has molar conductivity corresponding to 3 : 1 electrolyte. Write the molecular formula and its IUPAC name.

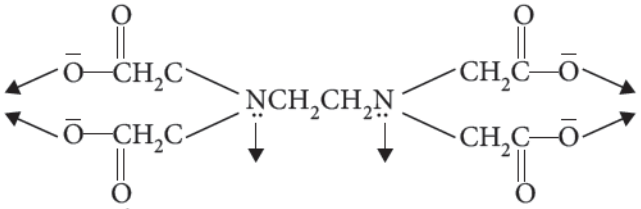
Ans. $[Co(NH_3)_4(H_2O)_2]\ Br_3$

IUPAC name : Tetraamminediaquacobalt (III) bromide.

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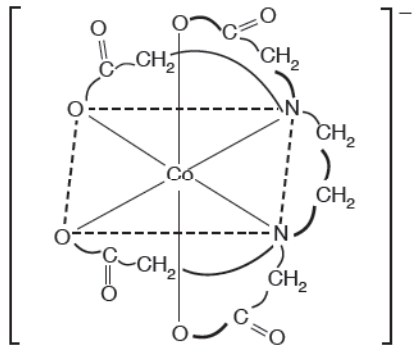
Q.12. Name a hexadentate ligand and write the formula of its complex with Co(III). Draw its structure.

Ans. Hexadentate ligand is EDTA (ethylenediaminetetra acetate).



Complex is $[Co(EDTA)]^-$

Structure



Q.13. Oxalic acid is commonly used to remove rust stains. Justify.

Ans. Rust is hydrated iron (III) oxide, $Fe_2O_3.xH_2O$. Iron (III) forms soluble complex with chelating oxalate ion furnished by oxalic acid.

$$Fe_2O_3 + 6\ C_2O_4^{2-} + 6H_3O^+ \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Soluble complex}}{2[Fe(C_2O_4)_3]^{3-}} + 9H_2O$$

Q.14. Why is $K_4[Fe(CN)_6]$ not toxic whereas KCN is highly toxic ?

Ans. The compound $K_4[Fe(CN)_6]$ ionises in water as :

$$K_4[Fe(CN)_6] \rightleftharpoons 4K^+ + [Fe(CN)_6]^{4-}$$

Whereas KCN ionizes as :

$$KCN \longrightarrow K^+ + CN^-$$

The free CN^- ion is highly toxic. Thus, KCN which gives free CN^- ions is highly toxic. On the other hand, the solution of $K_4[Fe(CN)_6]$ gives $[Fe(CN)_6]^{4-}$ ion which does not contain free CN^- ions and hence it is not toxic.



Revision Exercises

Very Short Answer Questions *carrying 1 mark*

1. Name the central metal atom present in haemoglobin and chlorophyll. *(J.K.S.B. 2014)*
2. Give one example of a hexadentate ligand.
3. What is meant by chelating ligand ? Give one example. *(H.P.S.B. 2014)*
4. Give the chemical formula for the compound sodium (ethylenediaminetetraacetato) chromate (III).
5. Write IUPAC name of $Na_3[Co(NO_2)_6]$. *(Mizoram S.B. 2013)*
6. Give the chemical formula of the compound potassium trioxalatoferrate (III).
7. Give the IUPAC name of the ionisation isomer of $[Pt(NO_2)(H_2O)(NH_3)_2]Br$.
8. Write the name of the coordination isomer of the complex $[Co(en)_3]\ [Cr(CN)_6]$.
9. Write the IUPAC name of $K_3[Fe(CN)_5NO]$. *(Pb.S.B. 2007, 2013, H.P.S.B. 2017)*
10. Write the IUPAC name of $K_2[Ni(CN)_4]$. *(Pb.S.B. 2012)*
11. Write the IUPAC name of $K_3[Cr(C_2O_4)_3]$. *(Pb.S.B. 2013, Uttarakhand S.B. 2015)*
12. Write the IUPAC name of $[CoBr_2(en)_2]Cl$. *(Pb.S.B. 2013)*
13. Write the IUPAC name of $[Co(NH_3)_5ONO]\ Cl_2$. *(Mizoram S.B. 2014)*
14. Write the formula of pentaaminenitrocobalt (III) chloride. *(H.P.S.B. 2015)*
15. Express linkage isomerism in $[Co(NH_3)_5\ NO_2]Cl_2$. *(Pb. S.B. 2017)*
16. Express coordination isomerism in $[Co(NH_3)_6]\ [Cr(CN)_6]$ *(Pb. S.B. 2017)*
17. Write IUPAC name of coordinate compound $[Cr\ (NH_3)_3\ Br\ Cl\ I]$ *(Hr. S.B. 2018)*
18. What is an ambidentate ligand? *(Karnataka S.B. 2018)*

CBSE QUESTIONS

19. Which of the following is more stable complex and why? $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$ and $[Co(en)_3]^{3+}$ *(A.I.S.B. 2014)*
20. Give an example of coordination compound used in medicines. *(A.I.S.B. 2006)*
21. Give an example of coordination isomerism. *(A.I.S.B. 2010)*
22. Give an example of linkage isomerism. *(A.I.S.B. 2010)*
23. Give an example of ionization isomerism. *(A.I.S.B. 2010)*
24. Write the coordination number and oxidation state of platinum in the complex $[Pt(en)_2Cl_2]$. *(A.I.S.B. 2018)*

MCQs from State Boards' Examinations

25. The coordination number of cobalt in $[Co(en)_3]^{3+}$ is

(a) 3 (b) 4

(c) 6 (d) 2 *(Mizoram S.B. 2014)*

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26. The IUPAC name of $K_3[Fe(CN)_5NO]$ is
(*a*) potassium pentacyanonitrosylferrate(II)
(*b*) potassium pentacyanonitroferrate(II)
(*c*) potassium pentacyanonitrosylferrate(III)
(*d*) tripotassium pentacyanonitrosylferrate(II)
(Hr. S.B. 2014)

27. Which of the following is hexadentate ligand?
(*a*) diene (*b*) CN^-
(*c*) en (*d*) EDTA *(Hr. S.B. 2014)*

28. On adding $AgNO_3$ solution to 1 mole of $PdCl_2 \cdot 4NH_3$, two moles of AgCl are formed. The secondary valency of Pd in the complex will be
(*a*) 0 (*b*) 2
(*c*) 4 (*d*) 1 *(Hr. S.B. 2015)*

29. What kind of isomerism exists between $[Cr(H_2O)_6]Cl_3$ and $[Cr(H_2O)_5Cl]Cl_2 \cdot H_2O$?
(*a*) Linkage isomerism
(*b*) Solvate isomerism
(*c*) Ionisation isomerism
(*d*) Coordination isomerism
(Maghalaya. S.B. 2015, Mizoram S.B. 2018)

30. The IUPAC name of $[PtCl(NO_2)(NH_3)_4]SO_4$ is
(*a*) Tetraamminechloridonitrito–N–platinate(III)sulphate
(*b*) Tetraamminechloridonitrito–N–platinum(IV)sulphate
(*c*) Chloridonitrito–N–ammineplatinum(IV) sulphate
(*d*) Tetraamminechloridonitrito–N–platinate(IV)sulphate
(Mizoram S.B. 2015)

31. Which metal is present in vitamin B_{12} cyanocobalamin?
(*a*) Fe (*b*) Co
(*c*) Mg (*d*) Pt *(Hr. S.B. 2016)*

32. Which is present in metal carbonyls?
(*a*) M – C σ bond (*b*) M – C π bond
(*c*) M – C σ and M – C π bond (*d*) None of these
(Hr. S.B. 2016)

33. How many ions are given by $[Co(NH_3)_5Br]Cl_2$ complex in water?
(*a*) 4 (*b*) 2
(*c*) 6 (*d*) 3 *(Hr. S.B. 2016)*

34. Which complex exhibits geometrical isomerism?
(*a*) $[MnBr_4]^{2+}$ (*b*) $[Pt(NH_3)_3Cl]^+$
(*c*) $[PtCl_2(P(C_2H_5)_3)_2]$ (*d*) $[Fe(H_2O)_5NO]^{2+}$
(Hr. S.B. 2017)

35. The IUPAC name of $K[Ag(CN)_2]$ is
(*a*) dicyanidosilver(I)
(*b*) dicyanidoargentate(I)
(*c*) potassium dicyanidoargentate(I)
(*d*) potassium dicyanidoargentate(II)
(Nagaland S.B. 2017)

36. The IUPAC name of the compound $K_2[Ni(CN)_4]$ is
(*a*) Potassium tetracyanidonickelate(III)
(*b*) Potassium tetracyanidonickelate(II)
(*c*) Potassium tetracyanidonickel(III)
(*d*) Potassium tetracyanidonickel(II)
(Mizoram S.B. 2017)

37. Which metal carbonyl has the strongest C–O bond?
(*a*) $Mn(CO)_6^+$ (*b*) $Cr(CO)_6$
(*c*) $V(CO)_6$ (*d*) $Fe(CO)_5$ *(Hr. S.B. 2017)*

38. In the follwoing in which metal of complex ion has zero oxidation number ?
(*a*) $[Cr(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$ (*b*) $[CuCl_4]^{2-}$
(*c*) $[Fe(CO)_5]$ (*d*) $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$ *(Hr. S.B. 2018)*

39. In the following chelating ligand is
(*a*) OH^- (*b*) $H_2NCH_2CH_2NH_2$
(*c*) Cl^- (*d*) CN^- *(Hr. S.B. 2018)*

40. What is the coordination number in the $K_3[Cr(C_2O_4)_3]$ coordinate compound
(*a*) 3 (*b*) 6
(*c*) 4 (*d*) 2 *(Hr. S.B. 2018)*

41. What is the oxidation state of Fe in $K_3[Fe(CN)_6]$
(*a*) +2 (*b*) +3
(*c*) +4 (*d*) +1 *(Meghalaya. S.B. 2018)*

42. $K_3[Al(C_2O_4)_3]$ is named as
(*a*) potassium trioxalatoaluminate (III)
(*b*) potassium aluminooxalate
(*c*) potassium aluminium(III) oxalate
(*d*) potassium trioxalatoaluminate (II)
(Nagaland S.B. 2018)

43. What is the oxidation no. of the central metal atom in $[Cr(NH_3)_4(NO_2)Cl]^+$? (Atomic no. of Cr = 24)
(*a*) 0 (*b*) +1
(*c*) +3 (*d*) +2 *(West Bengal. S.B. 2018)*

44. The hybridisation scheme of central cobalt in the complex $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$ is
(*a*) sp^3 (*b*) sp^3d
(*c*) sp^3d^2 (*d*) d^2sp^3

45. The oxidation state of Fe in $K_4[Fe(CN)_6]$ is
(*a*) +2 (*b*) +3
(*c*) +4 (*d*) +5 *(Mizoram S.B. 2018)*

Short Answer Questions *carrying 2 or 3 marks*

1. In terms of Werner's postulates explain the bonding in the following examples :
(*i*) $CoCl_3.6NH_3$ (*ii*) $CoCl_3.5NH_3$.

2. How many chloride ions will be precipitated when the complex $CoCl_3.4NH_3$ is treated with $AgNO_3$? How does Werner's coordination theory account for this ?

3. Name the type of isomerism exhibited by the following isomers :
(*i*) $[Cr(NH_3)_6][Cr(CN)_6]$—$[Cr(CN)_2(NH_3)_4][Cr(CN)_4(NH_3)_2]$
(*ii*) $[CoCl_2(py)_2(H_2O)_2]Cl$— $[CoCl_3(py)_2(H_2O)].H_2O$
(*iii*) $[PtBr_2(NH_3)_4]Cl_2$—$[PtCl_2(NH_3)_4]Br_2$
(*iv*) $[Co(NO_2)(NH_3)_5]Cl_2$—$[Co(ONO)(NH_3)_5]Cl_2$.

4. (*a*) What is meant by coordination number ? Write the coordination number of Cu in $[Cu(NH_3)_4]^{2+}$ complex ion.

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(*b*) Write down the structure of $[Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$ and show that (*i*) it is diamagnetic (*ii*) it is square planar. *(Uttarakhand S.B. 2013)*

5. (*i*) Write the IUPAC name of the following :

$[Co(NH_3)_5Cl]Cl_2$.

(*ii*) Draw the geometrical isomers of the complex ion $[Co(NH_3)_4Cl_2]^+$

(*iii*) Find the secondary valency of Ni in $[Ni(CO)_4]$. *(Assam S.B. 2017)*

6. (*a*) What is a ligand ? Give an example of a bidentate ligand.

(*b*) Explain as to how the two complexes of nickel, $[Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$ and $[Ni(CO)_4]$ have different structure but they donot differ in their magnetic behaviour. *(D.S.B. 2008, Kerala S.B. 2018)*

7. State a reason for each of the following situations :

(*i*) Co^{2+} is easily oxidized to Co^{3+} in the presence of a strong ligand.

(*ii*) CO is a stronger complexing reagent than NH_3.

(*iii*) The molecular shape of $Ni(CO)_4$ is not the same as that of $[Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$ *(D.S.B. 2012)*

8. Write IUPAC names of the following coordinate compounds:

(*i*) $[Pt(H_2O)_2BrNO_2]$ (*ii*) $[Ni(CO)_4]$

(*iii*) $K_3[Al(C_2O_4)_3]$ *(Hr.S.B. 2018)*

9. (*a*) (*i*) *trans*-isomer of the complex $[Co(en)_2Cl_2]^+$ is optically inactive. Why ?

(*ii*) Draw the structure of *fac*-isomer of $[Co(NH_3)_3(NO_2)_3]$.

(*b*) $[Ti(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$ is coloured while $[Ti(H_2O)_6]^{4+}$ is colourless. Why ? *(Meghalaya S.B. 2013)*

10. Write IUPAC names of following coordinate compounds:

(*i*) $[Co(NH_3)_5Br]SO_4$ (*ii*) $K_3[Fe(CN)_6]$

(*iii*) $K_3[Cr(C_2O_4)_3]$ *(Hr.S.B. 2018)*

11. Write the types of isomerism exhibited by the following complexes:

(*i*) $[Co(NH_3)_5Cl]SO_4$

(*ii*) $[Co(en)_3]^{3+}$

(*iii*) $[Co(NH_3)_6]$ $[Cr(CN)_6]$ *(D.S.B. 2013)*

12. (*a*) Give the enantiomers of $[CoBr_2(en)_2]^+$.

(*b*) Draw the geometrical isomers of the complex ion $[Co(en)_2Cl_2]^+$. Which one of the isomers is optically active and why ? *(Mizoram S.B. 2014)*

13. (*a*) Which of the following is more stable complex and why?

$[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$ and $[Co(en)_3]^{3+}$

(*b*) Write the IUPAC name of the complex $[Cr(NH_3)_4Cl_2]^+$. What type of isomerism does it exhibit ? *(D.S.B. 2014)*

14. (*a*) Write the formulae of the following using IUPAC rules:

(*i*) Potassium tatrachloridonickelate(II)

(*ii*) Diamminechloridonitrito-N-platinum(II)

(*iii*) Tatracarbonylnickel(0) *(Hr.S.B. 2015)*

(*b*) Discuss briefly chelate and chelating agent. *(Hr.S.B. 2015)*

15. Using valence bond theory, write the type of hybridisation involved, geometry and magnetic behaviour of $[CoF_6]^{3-}$ and $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$ complexes. *(Mizoram S.B. 2015)*

16. (*i*) Draw the geometrical isomers of complex $[Pt(NH_3)_2Cl_2]$.

(*ii*) On the basis of crystal field theory, write the electronic configuration of d^4 ion if $\Delta_o < P$.

(*iii*) Write the hybridization and magnetic behaviour of the complex $[Ni(CO)_4]$. (At.no. if Ni = 28). *(D.S.B. 2015)*

17. (*i*) Write down the IUPAC name of the following complex : $[Cr(NH_3)_2Cl_2(en)]Cl$ (en = ethylenediamine).

(*ii*) Write the formula for the following complex :

Pentaamminenitrito-O-cobalt(III) *(D.S.B. 2015)*

18. Give three importances of coordination compounds. *(Jammu S.B. 2016)*

19. (*a*) Discuss the geometry, nature and magnetic behaviour of $[Cr(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$ ion on the basis of VBT. *(H.P.S.B. 2018)*

(*b*) Discuss the geometry, nature and magnetic behaviour of $[Fe(CN)_6]^{4-}$ ion on the basis of VBT. *(H.P.S.B. 2018)*

(*c*) Discuss the magnetic behaviour, nature, geometry of $[NiCl_4]^{2-}$ ion on the basis of VBT. *(H.P.S.B. 2018, Karnataka S.B. 2018)*

20. (*a*) Based on VBT, explain the geometry and magnetic behaviour of $[Fe(CN)_6]^{4-}$ ion.

(*b*) Explain geometrical isomerism in coordination compounds. *(H.P.S.B. 2016)*

21. (*a*) On the basis of VBT, show that $[CoF_6]^{3-}$ is paramagnetic.

(*b*) Write the IUPAC name of the following compound: $[Cr(NH_3)_4Cl_2]Cl$ *(Nagaland S.B. 2016)*

22. Write the shape and magnetic behaviour of the following complexes:

(*i*) $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$ (*ii*) $[Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$ *(Tripura S.B. 2016)*

23. (*a*) Write the formula of lithium tetrahydridoalumniate(III).

(*b*) What are ambidentate ligands? Give one suitable example of ambidentate ligand. *(Assam S.B. 2016)*

24. (*a*) Write down the ionization isomer of $[Co(NH_3)_5Cl]SO_4$.

(*b*) Write the IUPAC name of the above compound.

(*c*) $[Ni(CO)_4]$ is diamagnetic while $[NiCl_4]^{2-}$ is paramagnetic though both are tetrahedral. Why? *(Kerala S.B. 2016)*

25. Using crystal field theory, write the number of unpaired electrons in octahedral complexes of Fe^{3+} in the presence of

(*a*) Weak field ligand

(*b*) Strong field ligand. *(Mizoram S.B. 2016)*

26. (*a*) For the complex $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$, write the hybridization type, magnetic character and spin nature of the complex. (At. number : Fe = 26).

(*b*) Draw one of the geometrical isomers of the complex $[Co(en)_2Cl_2]^+$ which is optically active. *(D.S.B. 2016)*

27. (*a*) Write the linkage isomerism of $[Co(NH_3)_5(NO_2)]^+$.

(*b*) Draw the geometrical isomers of the complex $[CrCl_2(NH_3)_4]^+$.

(*c*) What is spectrochemical series? *(Meghalaya S.B. 2017)*

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28. (*a*) On the basis of VBT, predict the shape and magnetic behaviour of $[Fe(CN)_6]^{4-}$.

Or

(*b*) What is an ambidendate ligand? Give an example. *(Nagaland S.B. 2017)*

29. (*a*) What is optical isomerism? Draw the structure of optical isomers of $[Cr(ox)_3]^{3-}$

Or

(*b*) What are chelating ligands? Give an example. *(Nagaland S.B. 2018)*

30. (*a*) Define chelate with example. Write the importance of chelates.

(*b*) What is optical isomerism? Explain with one example.

(*c*) Write the IUPAC name of following:

(*i*) $[Co(NH_3)_6]Cl_3$ (*ii*) $K_3[Fe(C_2O_4)_3]$ *(Hr. S.B. 2017)*

31. (*a*) What type of isomerism is shown by the complex $[Co(NH_3)_6]$ $[Cr(CN)_6]$?

(*b*) Why a solution of $[Ni(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$ is green while a solution of $[Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$ is colourless ? (At. no. of Ni = 28)

(*c*) Write the IUPAC name of the following complex: $[Co(NH_3)_5(CO_3)]Cl$. *(D.S.B. 2017)*

32. (*a*) What type of isomerism is shown by the complex $[Co(en)_3]Cl_3$?

(*b*) Write the hybridisation and magnetic character of $[Co(C_2O_4)_3]^{3-}$. (At. no. of Co = 27)

(*c*) Write IUPAC name of the following complex $[Cr(NH_3)_3Cl_3]$ *(D.S.B. 2017)*

33. (*a*) A metal ion M^{n+} having d^4 valence electronic configuration combines with three bidentate ligands to form a complex compound. Assuming Δ_0 : P:

(*i*) Write the electronic configuration of d^4 ion.

(*ii*) What type of hybridisation will M^{n+} ion has?

(*iii*) Name the type of isomerism exhibited by this complex. *(CBSE Sample Paper 2017-18)*

34. (*a*) What do you mean by crystal field splitting?

(*b*) Write the IUPAC names of the following:

(*i*) $[Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$

(*ii*) $[Co(en)_3]Cl_3$ *(Meghalaya S.B. 2018)*

35. (*a*) What is the basic difference between a double salt and complex ion?

(*b*) Give chemical tests to show that $[Co(NH_3)_5Cl]SO_4$ and $[Co(NH_3)_5SO_4]Cl$ are ionisation isomers.

(*c*) Mention one analytical application of co-ordination chemistry. *(Assam S.B. 2018)*

36. Why is $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$ low spin complex and $[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$ high spin complex? *(Pb. S.B. 2018)*

37. (*a*) Draw the structures of geometrical isomers of $[Fe(NH_3)_2(CN)_4]^-$

(*b*) Write the formula of pentaamminecarbonatocobalt (III) chloride.

(*c*) Write any two limitations of valence bond theory. *(Kerala S.B. 2018)*

CBSE QUESTIONS

38. Compare the following complexes with respect to structural shapes of units, magnetic behaviour and hybrid orbitals involved in units :

$[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$, $[Cr(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$, $[Ni(CO)_4]$

(At. nos. : Co = 27, Cr = 24, Ni = 28) *(A.I.S.B. 2009)*

39. Compare the following complexes with respect to structural shapes of units, magnetic behaviour and hybrid orbitals involved in units :

(*i*) $[Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$

(*ii*) $[NiCl_4]^{2-}$

(*iii*) $[CoF_6]^{3-}$ (At. nos. Ni = 28; Co = 27) *(A.I.S.B. 2009)*

40. Explain the following :

(*i*) Low spin octahedral complexes of nickel are not known

(*ii*) The π-complexes are known for transition elements only

(*iii*) CO is a stronger ligand than NH_3 for many metals. *(A.I.S.B. 2009)*

41. Explain the following cases giving appropriate reasons :

(*i*) Nickel does not form low spin octahedral complexes.

(*ii*) The π-complexes are known for the transition metals only.

(*iii*) Co^{2+} is easily oxidised to Co^{3+} in the presence of a strong ligand. *(A.I.S.B. 2010)*

42. Write the state of hybridization, the shape and the magnetic behaviors of the following complex entities :

(*i*) $[Cr(NH_3)_4 Cl_2]Cl$

(*ii*) $[Co(en)_3]Cl_3$

(*iii*) $K_2[Ni(CN)_4]$. *(A.I.S.B. 2011)*

43. Name the following coordination entities and draw the structures of their stereoisomers :

(*i*) $[Co(en)_2Cl_2]^+$ (en = ethan-1, 2-diamine)

(*ii*) $[Cr(C_2O_4)_3]^{3-}$

(*iii*) $[Co(NH_3)_3 Cl_3]$

(Atomic numbers : Cr = 24, Co = 27) *(A.I.S.B. 2012)*

44. For the complex $[NiCl_4]^{2-}$, write

(*i*) the IUPAC name.

(*ii*) the hybridisation type.

(*iii*) the shape of the complex.

(Atomic no. of Ni = 28) *(A.I.S.B. 2013)*

45. (*i*) Write down the IUPAC name of the following complex : $[Co(NH_3)_5(NO_2)](NO_3)_2$.

(*ii*) Write the formula for the following complex :
Potassium tetracyanidonickelate(II) *(A.I.S.B. 2015)*

46. (*i*) Draw the geometrical isomers of complex $[Co(en)_2Cl_2]^+$.

(*ii*) On the basis of crystal field theory, write the electronic configuration of d^4 ion if $\Delta_o > P$.

(*iii*) $[NiCl_4]^{2-}$ is paramagnetic while $[NiCO_4]$ is diamagnetic, though both are tetrahedral. Why ? (Atomic number of Ni = 28). *(A.I.S.B. 2015)*

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47. When a coordination compound $CrCl_3.6H_2O$ is mixed with $AgNO_3$, 2 moles of AgCl are precipitated per mole of the compound. Write
(*i*) Structural formula of the complex.
(*ii*) IUPAC name of the complex. (*D.S.B. 2016*)

48. (*a*) For the complex $[Fe(CN)_6]^{4-}$, write the hybridization, magnetic character and spin type of the complex. (At. number : Fe = 26)
(*b*) Draw one of the geometrical isomers of the complex $[Co(en)_2Cl_2]^+$ which is optically active. (*A.I.S.B. 2016*)

49. (*a*) What type of isomerism is shown by the complex $[Co(NH_3)_5(SCN)]^{2+}$?
(*b*) Why is $[NiCl_4]^{2-}$ paramagnetic while $[Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$ is diamagnetic ? (Atomic number of Ni = 28)
(*c*) Why are low spin tetrahedral complexes rarely observed? (*A.I.S.B. 2017*)

50. Using IUPAC norms write the formulae for the following:
(*a*) Sodium dicyanidoaurate(I)
(*b*) Tetraamminechloridonitrito-N-platinum(IV) sulphate. (*A.I.S.B. 2017*)

51. Using IUPAC norms write the formulae for the following:
(*a*) Tris (ethane-1,2-diamine) chromium(III) chloride.
(*b*) Potassium tetrahydroxidozincate(II) (*A.I.S.B. 2017*)

52. (*a*) Write the formula of the following coordination compound:
Iron (III) hexacyanidoferrate (II)
(*b*) What type of isomerism is exhibited by the complex $[Co(NH_3)_5Cl]SO_4$?
(*c*) Write the hybridisation and number of unpaired electrons in the complex $[CoF_6]^{3-}$ (Atomic no. of Co = 27) (*A.I.S.B. 2018*)

Long Answer Questions carrying 5 marks

1. (*a*) Write the IUPAC name of $[Cu(H_2O)_2(NH_3)_4]SO_4$.
(*b*) Write the structure and hybridisation of the central atom in $[Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$.
(*c*) Define optical isomerism. Give one example of optical isomers.

Or

(*a*) $[Ti(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$ is coloured while $[Sc(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$ is colourless. Explain.
(*b*) Explain : $[Co(CN)_6]^{3-}$ is diamagnetic while $[CoF_6]^{3-}$ is paramagnetic. (*Pb.S.B. 2011*)

2. (*a*) Write IUPAC name of the following :
(*i*) $[Co(NH_3)_4(H_2O)(Cl)]Cl_2$
(*ii*) $K_2[Zn(OH)_4]$
(*iii*) $[Ag(NH_3)_2][Ag(CN)_2]$
(*b*) Explain $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$ is an inner orbital complex whereas $[Ni(NH_3)_6]^{2+}$ is an outer orbital complex. (*Hr. S.B. 2012*)

3. (*a*) Write IUPAC name of the following :
(*i*) $[Ni(CO)_4]$
(*ii*) $K_3[Cr(C_2C_4)_3]$
(*iii*) $[Pt(NH_3)_2Cl(NO_2)]$
(*b*) Explain why $[NiCl_4]^{2-}$ is paramagnetic whereas $[Ni(CO)_4]$ is diamagnetic. (*Hr. S.B. 2012*)

4. (*a*) Discuss five important applications of coordination compound.

Or

Explain that $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$ is a low spin complex while $[CoF_6]^{3-}$ is a high spin complex. (*Hr. S.B. 2015*)

Hints & Answers *for* Revision Exercises

Very Short Answer Questions

1. iron, magnesium
4. $Na[Cr(EDTA)]$
5. Sodium hexanitrito-N-cobaltate(III)
6. $K_3[Fe(C_2O_4)_3]$
7. Diammineaquabromoplatinum(II) nitrite
8. tris(ethylenediamine) chromium(III) hexacyanido-cobaltate(III)
9. potassium pentacyanidonitrosylferrate(II)
10. Potassium tetracyanidonickelate(II)
11. Potassium trioxalatochromate(III)
12. dibromidobis(ethylenediamine) cobalt(III) chloride
13. Pentaamminenitrito-O-cobaltate(III) chloride
14. $[Co(NH_3)_5(NO_2)]Cl_2$
15. $[Co(NH_3)_5ONO]Cl_2$
16. $[Cr(NH_3)_6][Co(CN)_6]$
17. triamminebromidochloridoiodidochromium (III)
19. $[Co(en)_3]^{3+}$ because bidentate ligand (ethyenediammine) forms chelate which is more stable.
20. cis-platin $[Pt\ Cl_2(NH_3)_2]$
24. 6, +2

25. *(c)*	**26.** *(c)*	**27.** *(d)*	**28.** *(c)*
29. *(b)*	**30.** *(b)*	**31.** *(b)*	**32.** *(c)*
33. *(d)*	**34.** *(c)*	**35.** *(c)*	**36.** *(b)*
37. *(a)*	**38.** *(c)*	**39.** *(b)*	**40.** *(b)*
41. *(b)*	**42.** *(a)*	**43.** *(c)*	**44.** *(d)*

45. *(a)*

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Additional Useful Information and Objective Questions

ADDITIONAL USEFUL INFORMATION

▶ LABILITY OF COMPLEXES

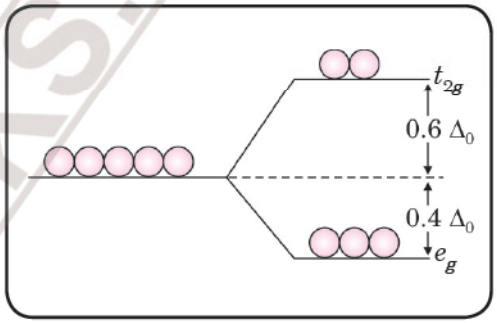
The ability of a complex to permit quick exchange (or substitution) of its one or more ligands in its coordination sphere by other ligands is called the **lability of the complex**.

The complexes in which the ligands can be easily substituted by other ligands are called **labile complexes**.

The complexes in which the ligands can be substituted slowly or not substituted at all are called **inert complexes**

▶ CRYSTAL FIELD STABILIZATION ENERGY

We have learnt that in an octahedral field of ligands, the energies of five *d*-orbitals split up. The energy of three orbitals are lowered by 2/5 Δ_0 or 0.40 Δ_0 and energy of two orbitals are raised by 3/5 Δ_0 or 0.60 Δ_0 (see Fig). Therefore, each electron occupying t_{2g} orbital results in lowering of energy by –0.40 Δ_0 and each electron occupying e_g orbital results in increase in energy by + 0.60 Δ_0. *The amount of stabilization provided by splitting of the d-orbitals into two levels* is called **crystal field stabilization energy**, **CFSE**. Thus, if x is the number of electrons occupying t_{2g} orbitals and y is the number of electrons occupying e_g orbitals, then



$$CFSE = x(-0.4\ \Delta_0) + y(0.6\ \Delta_0)$$

(negative sign indicates lowering in energy *i.e.*, gain in stability).

For example,

d^1 system	$t_{2g}^1 e_g^0$	CFSE = $1(-0.4\ \Delta_0) = -0.4\ \Delta_0$
d^2 system	$t_{2g}^2 e_g^0$	CFSE = $2(-0.4\ \Delta_0) = -0.8\ \Delta_0$
d^3 system	$t_{2g}^3 e_g^0$	CFSE = $3(-0.4\ \Delta_0) = -1.2\ \Delta_0$

For d^4 system onwards, the CFSE will depend whether the complex is low spin or high spin. For example,

For low spin complex

d^4 system	$t_{2g}^4 e_g^0$	CFSE = $4(-0.4\ \Delta_0) = -1.6\ \Delta_0$

For high spin complex

d^4 system	$t_{2g}^3 e_g^1$	CFSE = $3(-0.4\ \Delta_0) + 1(0.6\ \Delta_0) = -0.6\ \Delta_0$

For d^4 to d^7 systems, the CFSE values are given below :

Metal ion configuration	Low spin configuration	CFSE (Δ_0)	High spin configuration	CFSE (Δ_0)
d^4	$t_{2g}^4 e_g^0$	$4(-0.4) = -1.6$	$t_{2g}^3 e_g^1$	$3(-0.4) + 1(0.6) = -0.6$
d^5	$t_{2g}^5 e_g^0$	$5(-0.4) = -2.0$	$t_{2g}^3 e_g^2$	$3(-0.4) + 2(0.6) = 0$
d^6	$t_{2g}^6 e_g^0$	$6(-0.4) = -2.4$	$t_{2g}^4 e_g^2$	$4(-0.4) + 2(0.6) = -0.4$
d^7	$t_{2g}^6 e_g^1$	$6(-0.4) + 1(0.6) = -1.8$	$t_{2g}^5 e_g^2$	$5(-0.4) + 2(0.6) = -0.8$

For d^8 to d^{10} system, there is only one possible arrangement and CFSE values are :

d^8 system	$t_{2g}^6 e_g^2$	CFSE = $6(-0.4) + 2(0.6) = -1.2\ \Delta_0$
d^9 system	$t_{2g}^6 e_g^3$	CFSE = $6(-0.4) + 3(0.6) = -0.6\ \Delta_0$
d^{10} system	$t_{2g}^6 e_g^4$	CFSE = $6(-0.4) + 4(0.6) = 0$

The electronic configuration of any complex is the one which is most stable *i.e.,* gives maximum CFSE. It may also be noted that the actual configuration may be decided on the basis of Δ_0 and pairing energy (P) *i.e.,* energy required to pair the electron with one another. For example, for d^4 low spin complex, the net CFSE will be $-1.6\ \Delta_0 + P$, where P is the pairing energy and for d^5 low spin complex, net CFSE will be $-2.0 + 2P$ (two electrons get paired) and so on .....

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A Topicwise MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS with only one correct answer

Coordination Compounds: Terms used & Nomenclature

A1. Ethylenediamine is an example of :
(a) monodentate ligand (b) bidentate ligand
(c) tridentate ligand (d) polydentate ligand.

A2. What is the oxidation state of iron in $K_3[Fe(CN)_6]$?
(a) +2 (b) +3
(c) +4 (d) –3.

A3. Vitamin B_{12} contains :
(a) magnesium (b) cobalt
(c) iron (d) nickel.

A4. How many EDTA (ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid) molecules are required to make an octahedral complex with a Ca^{2+} ion ?
(a) Three (b) One
(c) Two (d) Six

A5. The IUPAC name of the complex $[Pt(NH_3)_3Br(NO_2)Cl]Cl$ is
(a) Triamminechlorobromonitroplatinum (IV) chloride
(b) Triamminebromonitrochloroplatinum (IV) chloride
(c) Triamminebromidochloridonitroplatinum (IV) chloride
(d) Triamminenitrochlorobromoplatinum (IV) chloride

A6. The formula of the complex tris (ethylenediamine) cobalt (III) sulphate is
(a) $[Co(en)_3]SO_4$ (b) $[Co(en)_3\ SO_4]$
(c) $[Co(en)_3]_2\ (SO_4)_3$ (d) $[Co(en)_3]\ (SO_4)_3$

A7. IUPAC name of $K_3\ [Fe(C_2O_4)_3]$ is
(a) potassium trioxalatoferrate(III)
(b) potassium tris(oxalato)ferrate (III)
(c) potassium trioxalato iron (III)
(d) potassium tris(oxalato) iron (III)

A8. The Oxidation states of metal atoms in $Ni(CO)_4$ and $Na[Co(CO)_4]$ complexes are:
(a) 4 and 4 (b) 0 and +3
(c) +2 and +3 (d) 0 and –1

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A9. How many ions are produced from $[Co(NH_3)_6]Cl_3$ in solution ?
(a) 6 (b) 4
(c) 3 (d) 2.

A10. $[CoBr(NH_3)_5]SO_4$ and $[CoSO_4(NH_3)_5]Br$ are related to each other as :
(a) ionisation isomers (b) linkage isomers
(c) coordination isomers (d) optical isomers.

A11. Which of the following complexes is non-conducting ?
(a) $CoCl_3.3NH_3$ (b) $CoCl_3.6NH_3$
(c) $CoCl_3.4NH_3$ (d) $CoCl_3.5NH_3$.

A12. Which compound is formed when excess of KCN is added to an aqueous solution of copper sulphate?
(a) $Cu(CN)_2$ (b) $K_2[Cu(CN)_2]$
(c) $K[Cu(CN)_2]$ (d) $K_3[Cu(CN)_4]$

A13. The number of possible geometrical isomers for the complex $[Pt(NO_2)\ (py)\ (NH_2OH)(NH_3)]$ is
(a) 2 (b) 3
(c) 4 (d) 0

A14. A coordination complex compound of cobalt has molecular formula containing five ammonia molecules, one nitro group and two chlorine atoms for one cobalt atom. One mole of this compound produces three mole ions in an aqueous solution. On reacting this solution with excess of silver nitrate solution, two moles of AgCl get precipitated. The formula of this compound would be
(a) $[Co(NH_3)_4(NO_2)Cl][NH_3)Cl]$
(b) $[Co(NH_3)_5Cl][Cl(NO_2)]$
(c) $[Co(NH_3)_5(NO_2)]Cl_2$
(d) $[Co(NH_3)_5][(NO_2)Cl_2]$

A15. Which of the following will give maximum number of isomers ?
(a) $[Co(NH_3)_4Cl_2]$
(b) $[Ni(en)(NH_3)_4]^{2+}$
(c) $[Ni(C_2O_4)(en)_2]^{2-}$
(d) $[Cr(SCN)_2(NH_3)_4]^{+}$.

Answers

A1. (b) **A2.** (b) **A3.** (b) **A4.** (b) **A5.** (c) **A6.** (c) **A7.** (a) **A8.** (d) **A9.** (b) **A10.** (a)
A11. (a) **A12.** (d) **A13.** (b) **A14.** (c) **A15.** (d)

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A16. One mole of complex compound $Co(NH_3)_5Cl_3$ give 3 moles of ions on dissolution in water. One mole of the same complex reacts with two moles of $AgNO_3$ solution to yield two moles of AgCl(s). The structure of the complex is

(a) $[Co(NH_3)_3Cl_3].2NH_3$ (b) $[Co(NH_3)_4Cl_2]Cl.NH_3$

(c) $[Co(NH_3)_4Cl]Cl_2.NH_3$ (d) $[Co(NH_3)_5Cl]Cl_2$

A17. Which of the following ligand can show linkage isomerism?

(a) CN^- (b) NO_2^-

(c) SCN^- (d) All of these

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A18. Which of the following complex does not obey EAN rule?

(a) $Cr(CO)_6$ (b) $[Fe(CN)_6]^{4-}$

(c) $[Cr(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$ (d) $Ni(CO)_4$

A19. In which of the following the magnetic character is not correct ?

(a) $CuCl_4^{2-}$: 1 unpaired electron

(b) $[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$: 5 unpaired electrons

(c) $[Zn(NH_3)_2]^{2+}$: Diamagnetic

(d) $[CoF_6]^{3-}$: 4 unpaired electrons

A20. Wilkinson's catalyst used as a homogeneous catalyst in the hydrogenation of alkenes contains :

(a) iron (b) aluminium

(c) rhodium (d) cobalt.

A21. Which of the following is not true for CoF_6^{3-} ?

(a) It is paramagnetic due to the presence of 4 unpaired electrons

(b) It has coordination number of 6

(c) It is outer orbital complex

(d) It involves d^2sp^3 hybridisation

A22. Which of the following ligand has lowest Δ_0 value ?

(a) CN^- (b) CO

(c) F^- (d) NH_3.

A23. Which of the following ligand is a strong field ligand ?

(a) CO (b) H_2O

(c) NH_3 (d) Ox^{2-}.

A24. The colour of $[TiF_6]^{3-}(aq)$ is

(a) black (b) blue

(c) purple (d) white.

A25. Which of the following statement is not correct ?

(a) $[Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$ involves dsp^2 hybridisation

(b) $[NiCl_4]^{2-}$ is tetrahedral

(c) $[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$ is inner orbital complex

(d) Both $[Co(ox)_3]^{3-}$ and $[CoF_6]^{3-}$ are outer orbital complexes.

A26. Which of the following pairs contains only tetrahedral complexes ?

(a) $[MnCl_4]^{2-}$ and $[Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$

(b) $[ZnCl_4]^{2-}$ and $[MnCl_4]^{2-}$

(c) $[ZnCl_4]^{2-}$ and $[Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$

(d) $[Zn(NH_3)_4]^{2+}$ and $[Cu(NH_3)_4]^{2-}$

A27. Which of the following description of hybridisation is not correct ?

(a) $FeF_6^{3-} : sp^3d^2$ (b) $Fe(CN)_6^{4-} : d^2sp^3$

(c) $Cu(NH_3)_4^{2+} : sp^3$ (d) $Ni(CO)_4 : sp^3$

A28. Which of the following is expected to be a paramagnetic complex ?

(a) $[Ni(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$ (b) $Ni(CO)_4$]

(c) $[Zn(NH_3)_4]^{2+}$ (d) $[Co(NH_3)_6]$.

A29. Which of the following is paramagnetic ?

(a) $[Ni(CO)_4]$ (b) $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$

(c) $[Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$ (d) $[NiCl_4]^{2-}$

A30. Which statement is incorrect ?

(a) $Ni(CO)_4$ – tetrahedral, paramagnetic

(b) $Ni(CN)_4^{2-}$ – square planar, diamagnetic

(c) $Ni(CO)_4$ – tetrahedral, diamagnetic

(d) $NiCl_4^{2-}$ – tetrahedral, paramagnetic.

A31. In the complexes $[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$, $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$, $[Fe(C_2O_4)_3]^{3-}$ and $[FeCl_6]^{3-}$, more stability is shown by

(a) $[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$ (b) $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$

(c) $[Fe(C_2O_4)_3]^{3-}$ (d) $[FeCl_6]^{3-}$

A32. Which of the following statement is not correct for bonding in metal carbonyls?

(a) Lone pair of electrons of CO is donated to empty orbital of metal.

(b) π-overlap involving donation of electrons from filled orbitals of metal into vacant π-antibonding molecular orbitals of CO.

(c) The σ- dative overlap from CO to metal is represented as M ← CO

(d) The metal to ligand bond weakens the bond between CO and metal.

Answers

A16. (d) **A17.** (d) **A18.** (c) **A19.** (b) **A20.** (c) **A21.** (d) **A22.** (c) **A23.** (a) **A24.** (c) **A25.** (c) **A26.** (b)
A27. (c) **A28.** (a) **A29.** (d) **A30.** (a) **A31.** (c) **A32.** (d)

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B MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS *from Competitive Examinations*

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B1. In which of the following coordination entities the magnitude of Δ_0 (CFSE in octahedral field) will be maximum ?
(a) $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$ (b) $[Co(CN)_6]^{3-}$
(c) $[Co(C_2O_4)_3]^{3-}$ (d) $[Co(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$
(At. no. Co = 27) *(C.B.S.E. P.M.T. 2008)*

B2. Which of the following complexes exhibits the highest paramagnetic behaviour ?
(a) $[Fe(en)(bpy)(NH_3)_2]^{2+}$
(b) $[Co(ox)_2(OH)_2]^{-}$
(c) $[Ti(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$
(d) $[V(gly)_2(OH)_2(NH_3)_2]^{+}$ *(C.B.S.E. P.M.T. 2008)*
Where gly = glycine, en = enthylenediamine and bpy = bipyridyl moities)
(At. nos. Ti = 22, V = 23, Fe = 26, Co = 27)

B3. Which of the following complex ions is expected to absorb visible light ? [At. no. Zn = 30, Sc = 21, Ti = 22, Cr = 24]
(a) $[Ti(en)_2(NH_3)_2]^{4+}$ (b) $[Cr(NH_3)_6]^{2+}$
(c) $[Zn(NH_3)_6]^{2+}$ (d) $[Sc(H_2O)_3(NH_3)_3]^{3+}$
(C.B.S.E. Med. 2009)

B4. Which of the following does not show optical isomerism ?
(a) $[Co(NH_3)_3Cl_3]$ (b) $[Co(en)Cl_2(NH_3)_2]^{+}$
(c) $[Co(en)_3]^{3+}$ (d) $[Co(en)_2Cl_2]^{+}$
(C.B.S.E. Med. 2009)

B5. Crystal field stabilisation energy for high spin d^4 octahedral complex is :
(a) $-1.2\ \Delta_0$ (b) $-0.6\ \Delta_0$
(c) $-1.8\ \Delta_0$ (d) $-1.6\Delta_0 + P$
(C.B.S.E. P.M.T. 2010)

B6. The complexes $[Co(NH_3)_6][Cr(CN)_6]$ and $[Cr(NH_3)_6][Co(CN)_6]$ are the examples of which type of isomerism ?
(a) Linkage isomerism
(b) Ionization isomerism
(c) Coordination isomerism
(d) Geometrical isomerism *(A.I.P.M.T. 2011)*

B7. The complex, $[Pt(Py)(NH_3)BrCl]$ will have how many geometrical isomers ?
(a) 3 (b) 4
(c) 0 (d) 2 *(A.I.P.M.T. 2011)*

B8. The d-electron configurations of Cr^{2+}, Mn^{2+}, Fe^{2+} and Co^{2+} are d^4, d^5, d^6 and d^7 respectively. Which one of the following will exhibit minimum paramagnetic behaviour ?
(a) $[Mn(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$ (b) $[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$
(c) $[Co(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$ (d) $[Cr(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$
[At. nos. Cr = 24, Mn = 25, Fe = 26, Co = 27]
(A.I.P.M.T. 2011)

B9. Of the following complex ions, which is diamagnetic in nature ?
(a) $[NiCl_4]^{2-}$ (b) $[Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$
(c) $[CuCl_4]^{2-}$ (d) $[CoF_6]^{3-}$ *(A.I.P.M.T. 2011)*

B10. Which one of the following is an outer orbital complex and exhibits paramagnetic behaviour ?
(a) $[Ni(NH_3)_6]^{2+}$ (b) $[Zn(NH_3)_6]^{2+}$
(c) $[Cr(NH_3)_6)]^{3+}$ (d) $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$
(A.I.P.M.T. 2012)

B11. An excess of $AgNO_3$ is added to 100 mL of a 0.01 M solution of dichloridotetraaquachromium (III) chloride. The number of moles of AgCl precipitated would be
(a) 0.003 (b) 0.01
(c) 0.001 (d) 0.002 *(NEET 2013)*

B12. Among the following complexes the one which shows zero crystal field stabilization energy (CFSE) is
(a) $[Mn(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$ (b) $[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$
(c) $[Co(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$ (d) $[Co(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$ *(AIPMT 2014)*

B13. Which of the following complexes is used to be as an anticancer agent ?
(a) *mer*-$[Co(NH_3)_3Cl_3]$ (b) *cis*-$[PtCl_2(NH_3)_2]$
(c) *cis*-$K_2[PtCl_2Br_2]$ (d) Na_2CoCl_4 *(AIPMT 2014)*

B14. The name of complex ion, $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$ is:
(a) Tricyanidoferrate(III) ion
(b) Hexacyanidoferrate(III) ion
(c) Hexacyanidoiron(III) ion
(d) Hexacyanidoferrate(III) ion *(AIPMT 2015)*

B15. The hybridization involved in complex $[Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$ is: (At. No. Ni = 28)
(a) d^2sp^2 (b) d^2sp^3
(c) dsp^2 (d) sp^3 *(AIPMT 2015)*

B16. The sum of coordination number and oxidation number of the metal M in the complex $[M(en)_2(C_2O_4)]Cl$ (where en is ethylenediamine) is:
(a) 7 (b) 8
(c) 9 (d) 6 *(AIPMT 2015)*

B17. Number of possible isomers for the complex $[Co(en)_2Cl_2]Cl$ will be : (en = ethylenediamine)
(a) 3 (b) 4
(c) 2 (d) 1 *(AIPMT 2015)*

B18. Cobalt (III) chloride forms several octahedral complexes with ammonia. Which of the following will not give test for chloride ions with silver nitrate at 25°C?
(a) $CoCl_3.6NH_3$ (b) $CoCl_3.6NH_3$
(c) $CoCl_3.3NH_3$ (d) $CoCl_3.4NH_3$ *(AIPMT 2015)*

Answers

B1. (b)	**B2.** (b)	**B3.** (b)	**B4.** (a)	**B5.** (b)	**B6.** (c)	**B7.** (a)	**B8.** (c)	**B9.** (b)	**B10.** (a)
B11. (c)	**B12.** (b)	**B13.** (b)	**B14.** (b)	**B15.** (c)	**B16.** (c)	**B17.** (a)	**B18.** (c)		

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B19. Which of these statements about $[Co(CN)_6]^{3-}$ is true?
(a) $[Co(CN)_6]^{3-}$ has four unpaired electrons and will be in a high-spin configuration.
(b) $[Co(CN)_6]^{3-}$ has no unpaired electrons and will be in a high-spin configuration.
(c) $[Co(CN)_6]^{3-}$ has no unpaired electrons and will be in a low-spin configuration.
(d) $[Co(CN)_6]^{3-}$ has four unpaired electrons and will be in a low-spin configuration. *(AIPMT 2015)*

B20. Which of the following has longest C—O bond length? (Free C—O bond length in CO is 1.128Å)
(a) $[Fe(CO)_4]^{2-}$ (b) $[Mn(CO)_6]^{+}$
(c) $Ni(CO)_4$ (d) $[Co(CO)_4]^{-}$ *(NEET 2016)*

B21. Jahn-Teller effect is not observed in high spin complexes of
(a) d^7 (b) d^8
(c) d^4 (d) d^9 *(NEET 2016)*

B22. An example of a sigma bonded organometallic compound is
(a) Grignard reagent (b) ferrocene
(c) cobaltocene (d) ruthenocene
(NEET 2017)

B23. The correct order of the stoichiometries of AgCl formed when $AgNO_3$ in excess is treated with the complexes: $CoCl_3.6NH_3$, $CoCl_3.5NH_3$, $CoCl_3.4NH_3$ respectively is
(a) 3ΛgCl, 1ΛgCl, 2ΛgCl
(b) 3AgCl, 2AgCl, 1AgCl
(c) 2AgCl, 3AgCl, 2AgCl
(d) 1AgCl, 3AgCl, 2AgCl *(NEET 2017)*

B24. Correct increasing order for the wavelengths of absorption in the visible region for the complexes of Co^{3+} is
(a) $[Co(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$, $[Co(en)_3]^{3+}$, $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$
(b) $[Co(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$, $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$, $[Co(en)_3]^{3+}$
(c) $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$, $[Co(en)_3]^{3+}$, $[Co(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$
(d) $[Co(en)_3]^{3+}$, $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$, $[Co(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$
(NEET 2017)

B25. Pick out the correct statement with respect to $[Mn(CN)_6]^{3-}$
(a) It is sp^3d^2 hybridised and tetrahedral.
(b) It is d^2sp^3 hybridised and octahedral.
(c) It is dsp^2 hybridised and square planar.
(d) It is sp^3d^2 hybridised and octahedral.
(NEET 2017)

B26. The type of isomerism shown by the complex $[CoCl_2(en)_2]$ is
(a) geometrical isomerism
(b) coordination isomerism
(c) ionization isomerism
(d) linkage isomerism *(NEET 2018)*

B27. The geometry and magnetic behaviour of the complex $[Ni(CO)_4]$ are
(a) square planar geometry and diamagnetic
(b) tetrahedral geometry and diamagnetic
(c) square planar geometry and paramagnetic
(d) tetrahedral geometry and paramagnetic.
(NEET 2018)

B28. Iron carbonyl, $Fe(CO)_5$ is
(a) tetranuclear
(b) mononuclear
(c) trinuclear
(d) dinuclear *(NEET 2018)*

B29. Facial and meridional isomerism will be exhibited by
(a) $[Co(NH_3)_3Cl_3]$ (b) $[Co(NH_3)_4Cl_2]Cl$
(c) $[Co(en)_3]Cl_3$ (d) $[Co(NH_3)_5Cl]Cl_2$
(e) $K_3[Co(CN)_4Cl_2]$ *(Kerala P.M.T. 2009)*

B30. The crystal field splitting energy for octahedral (Δ_o) and tetrahedral (Δ_t) complexes is related as
(a) $\Delta t = \frac{1}{2}\Delta_0$ (b) $\Delta t = \frac{4}{9}\Delta_0$
(c) $\Delta t = \frac{3}{5}\Delta_0$ (d) $\Delta t = \frac{2}{5}\Delta_0$
(e) $\Delta t = \frac{9}{5}\Delta_0$ *(Kerala P.M.T. 2009)*

B31. Which one of the following has the highest molar conductivity ?
(a) Diamminedichloroplatinum(II)
(b) Tetraamminedichloridocobalt(III) chloride
(c) Potassium hexacyanidoferrate(II)
(d) Hexaaquachromium(III) chloride
(e) Potassium hexacyanidoferrate(III)
(Kerala P.M.T. 2011)

B32. Which one of the following coordination compounds is used to inhibit the growth of tumours ?
(a) Trans-platin (b) EDTA complex of calcium
(c) Cis-platin (d) $[Ni(CO)_4]$
(Kerala P.M.T. 2012)

B33. 0.02 mole of $[Co(NH_3)_5Br]Cl_2$ and 0.02 mole of $[Co(NH_3)_5Cl]SO_4$ are present in 200 cc of a solution X. The number of moles of the precipitates Y and Z that are formed when the solution X is treated with excess silver nitrate and excess barium chloride are respectively
(a) 0.02, 0.02 (b) 0.01, 0.02
(c) 0.02, 0.04 (d) 0.04, 0.02
(e) 0.02, 0.01 *(Kerala P.M.T. 2012)*

B34. The hybridization of central metal ion in $K_2[Ni(CN)_4]$ and $K_2[NiCl_4]$ are respectively
(a) dsp^2, sp^3 (b) sp^3, sp^3
(c) dsp^2, dsp^2 (d) sp^3, sp^3d^2
(e) sp^3d^2, d^2sp^3 *(Kerala P.M.T. 2014)*

B35. Which of the following compounds show optical isomerism?
(i) *Cis*-$[Co(NH_3)_4Cl_2]^+$ (ii) *Trans*-$[Co(en)_2Cl_2]^+$
(iii) *Cis*-$[Co(en)_2Cl_2]^+$ (iv) $[Co(en)_3]^{3+}$
Choose the correct answer codes given below.
(a) (i) and (ii) (b) (ii) and (iii)
(c) (iii) and (iv) (d) (i), (iii) and (iv)
(e) (i), (ii), and (iii) and (iv) *(Kerala P.M.T. 2014)*

Answers

B19. (c) **B20.** (a) **B21.** (b) **B22.** (a) **B23.** (b) **B24.** (d) **B25.** (b) **B26.** (a) **B27.** (b) **B28.** (b) **B29.** (a)
B30. (b) **B31.** (c) **B32.** (d) **B33.** (d) **B34.** (a) **B35.** (d)

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B36. In which of the following octahedral complexes of Co (At. no. 27) will the magnitude of Δ_0 be the highest ?
(a) $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$ (b) $[Co(CN)_6]^{3-}$
(c) $[Co(C_2O_4)_3]^{3-}$ (d) $[Co(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$
(A.I.E.E.E. 2008)

B37. Which of the following pairs represents linkage isomers ?
(a) $[Cu(NH_3)_4][PtCl_4]$ and $[Pt(NH_3)_4][CuCl_4]$
(b) $[Pd(PPh_3)_2(NCS)_2]$ and $[Pd(PPh_3)_2(SCN)_2]$
(c) $[Co(NH_3)_5(NO_3)]SO_4$ and $[Co(NH_3)_5(SO_4)]NO_3$
(d) $[PtCl_2(NH_3)_4]Br_2$ and $[PtBr_2(NH_3)_4]Cl_2$
(A.I.E.E.E. 2009)

B38. A solution containing 2.675 g of $CoCl_3.6NH_3$ (molar mass = 267.5 g mol^{-1}) is passed through a cation exchanger. The chloride ions obtained in solution were treated with excess of $AgNO_3$ to give 4.78 g of AgCl (molar mass = 143.5 g mol^{-1}). The formula of the complex is :
(At. mass of Ag = 108 u)
(a) $[CoCl_3(NH_3)_3]$ (b) $[CoCl(NH_3)_5]Cl_2$
(c) $[Co(NH_3)_6]Cl_3$ (d) $[CoCl_2(NH_3)_4]Cl$
(A.I.E.E.E. 2010)

B39. Which one of the following has an optical isomer ?
(a) $[Co(H_2O)_4(en)]^{3+}$ (b) $[Zn(en)_2]^{2+}$
(c) $[Zn(en)(NH_3)_2]^{2+}$ (d) $[Co(en)_3)]^{3+}$
(A.I.E.E.E. 2010)

B40. Which of the following facts about the complex $[Cr(NH_3)_6]Cl_3$ is wrong ?
(a) The complex involves d^2sp^3 hybridisation and is octahedral in shape.
(b) The complex is paramagnetic.
(c) The complex is an outer orbital complex.
(d) The complex gives white precipitate with silver nitrate solution. *(AIEEE 2011)*

B41. The magnetic moment (spin only) of $[NiCl_4]^{2-}$ is
(a) 1.82 B.M. (b) 5.46 B.M.
(c) 2.82 B.M. (d) 1.41 B.M. *(AIEEE 2011)*

B42. Among the ligands NH_3, en, CN^- and CO, the correct order of their increasing field strength is
(a) $NH_3 < en < CN^- < CO$
(b) $CN^- < NH_3 < CO < en$
(c) $en < CN^- < NH_3 < CO$
(d) $CO < NH_3 < en < CN^-$ *(AIEEE 2011)*

B43. Which one of the following complex ions has geometrical isomers ?
(a) $[Ni(NH_3)_5Br]^+$ (b) $[Co(en)_2(NH_3)_2]^{3+}$
(c) $[Cr(NH_3)_4(en)]^{3+}$ (d) $[Co(en)_3]^{3+}$ *(AIEEE 2011)*

B44. Which among the following will be named as dibromidobis(ethylene diamine) chromium (III) bromide?
(a) $[Cr(en)_2Br_2]Br$ (b) $[Cr(en)Br_4]^-$
(c) $[Cr(en)Br_2]Br$ (d) $[Cr(en)_3]Br_3$
(A.I.E.E.E. 2012)

B45. Which of the following complex species is not expected to exhibit optical isomerism ?
(a) $[Co(en)(NH_3)_2Cl_2]^+$ (b) $[Co(en)_3]^{3+}$
(c) $[Co(en)_2Cl_2]^+$ (d) $[Co(NH_3)_3Cl_3]$
(JEE Main 2013)

B46. The octahedral complex of a metal ion M^{3+} with four monodentate ligands L_1, L_2, L_3 and L_4 absorbs wavelengths in the region of red, green, yellow and blue, respectively. The increasing order of ligand strength of the four ligands is
(a) $L_1 < L_2 < L_4 < L_3$ (b) $L_4 < L_3 < L_2 < L_1$
(c) $L_1 < L_3 < L_2 < L_4$ (d) $L_3 < L_2 < L_4 < L_1$
(JEE Main 2014)

B47. The number of geometrical isomers that can exist for square planar $[Pt(Cl)(py)(NH_3)(NH_2OH)]^+$ is (py = pyridine)
(a) 4 (b) 6
(c) 2 (d) 3 *(JEE Main 2015)*

B48. The pair having the same magnetic moment is
[At. No.: Cr = 24, Mn = 25, Fe = 26, Co = 27]
(a) $[Cr(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$ and $[CoCl_4]^{2-}$
(b) $[Cr(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$ and $[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$
(c) $[Mn(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$ and $[Cr(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$
(d) $[CoCl_4]^{2-}$ and $[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$ *(JEE Main 2016)*

B49. Which one of the following complexes shows optical isomerism?
(a) $[Co(NH_3)_3Cl_3]$ (b) *cis*-$[Co(en)_2Cl_2]Cl$
(c) *trans*-$[Co(en)_2Cl_2]Cl$
(d) $[Co(NH_3)_4Cl_2]Cl$ (en = ethylenediamine)
(JEE Main 2016)

B50. On treatment of 100 mL of 0.1 M solution of $CoCl_3.6H_2O$ with excess $AgNO_3$; 1.2×10^{22} ions are precipitated. The complex is :
(a) $[Co(H_2O)_4Cl_2]Cl.2H_2O$
(b) $[Co(H_2O)_3Cl_3].3H_2O$
(c) $[Co(H_2O)_6Cl_3]$
(d) $[Co(H_2O)_5Cl]Cl_2.H_2O$ *(JEE Main 2017)*

B51. For 1 molal aqueous solution of the following compounds, which one will show the highest freezing point?
(a) $[Co(H_2O)_6]Cl_3$
(b) $[Co(H_2O)_5Cl]Cl_2.H_2O$
(c) $[Co(H_2O)_4Cl_2]Cl.2H_2O$
(d) $[Co(H_2O)_3Cl_3].3H_2O$ *(JEE Main 2018)*

Answers

B36. (b) **B37.** (b) **B38.** (c) **B39.** (d) **B40.** (c) **B41.** (c) **B42.** (a) **B43.** (b) **B44.** (a) **B45.** (d) **B46.** (c)
B47. (d) **B48.** (b) **B49.** (b) **B50.** (d) **B51.** (d)

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B52. The oxidation states of Cr in $[Cr(H_2O)_6]Cl_3$, $[Cr(C_6H_6)_2]$, and $K_2[Cr(CN)_2(O)_2(O_2)(NH_3)]$ respectively are:
(a) +3, +4, and +6 (b) +3, + 2, and +4
(c) +3, 0, and +6 (d) +3, 0, and +4
(JEE Main 2018)

B53. Consider the following reaction and statements:
$[Co(NH_3)_4Br_2]^+ + Br^- \longrightarrow [Co(NH_3)_3Br_3] + NH_3$
(I) Two isomers are produced if the reactant complex ion is a *cis*-isomer.
(II) Two isomers are produced if the reactant complex ion is a *trans*-isomer.
(III) Only one isomer is produced if the reactant complex ion is a *trans*-isomer.
(IV) Only one isomer is produced if the reactant complex ion is a *cis*-isomer.
The correct statements are :
(a) (I) and (II) (b) (I) and (III)
(c) (III) and (IV) (d) (II) and (IV) *(JEE Main 2018)*

B54. When 0.01 mole of a cobalt complex is treated with excess silver nitrate solution, 4.305 g silver chloride is precipitated. The formula of the complex is
(a) $[Co(NH_3)_3Cl_3]$ (b) $[Co(NH_3)_5Cl]Cl_2$
(c) $[Co(NH_3)_6]Cl_3$ (d) $[Co(NH_3)_4Cl_2]NO_3$
(e) $[Co(NH_3)_4Cl_2]Cl$ *(Kerala PET 2011)*

B55. In the brown ring complex $[Fe(H_2O)_5(NO)]SO_4$, nitric oxide behaves as
(a) NO^+ (b) neutral NO molecule
(c) NO^- (d) NO^{2-} *(W.B.J.E.E. 2012)*

B56. The atomic number of cobalt is 27. The EAN of cobalt in $Na_3[Co(NO_2)_4Cl_2]$ is
(a) 35 (b) 24
(c) 36 (d) 34 *(Karnataka C.E.T. 2012)*

B57. Amongst $[NiCl_4]^{2-}$, $[Ni(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$, $[Ni(PPh_3)_2Cl_2]$, $[Ni(CO)_4]$ and $[Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$, the paramagnetic species are
(a) $[NiCl_4]^{2-}$, $[Ni(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$, $[Ni(PPh_3)_2Cl_2]$
(b) $[Ni(CO)_4]$, $[Ni(PPh_3)_2Cl_2]$, $[NiCl_4]^{2-}$
(c) $[Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$, $[Ni(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$, $[NiCl_4]^{2-}$
(d) $[Ni(PPh_3)_2Cl_2]$, $[Ni(CO)_4]$, $[Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$
(W.B.JEE. Engg. 2013)

B58. Which one among the following is a homoleptic complex ?
(a) Tris(ethane–1,2–diamine) cobalt(III) chloride
(b) Triamminetriaquachromium(III) chlorie
(c) Diamminechloridonitrito–N–platinum(II)
(d) Dichloridobis(ethane–1,2–diamine) cobalt(III) chloride
(e) Pentamminecarbonatocobalt(III) chloride
(Kerala PMT 2015)

B59. The coordination number, oxidation number and the number of *d*-electrons in the metal ion of the complex $[CoCl_2(en)_2]Cl$, are respectively (atomic number of Co = 27)
(a) 4, 3 and 6 (b) 6, 2 and 6
(c) 6, 6 and 3 (d) 4, 2 and 6
(e) 6, 3 and 6 *(Kerala PMT 2015)*

B60. $[Cr(NH_3)_6]$ $[Cr(SCN)_6]$ and $[Cr(NH_3)_2(SCN)_4]$ $[Cr(NH_3)_4(SCN)_2]$ are the examples of what type of isomerism ?
(a) Ionisation isomerism
(b) Linkage isomerism
(c) Coordination isomerism
(d) Solvate isomerism *(MH-CET 2015)*

B61. The molecular formula of Wilkinson catalyst, used in hydrogenation of alkenes is:
(a) $Co(CO)_8$ (b) $(Ph_3P)_3RhCl$
(c) $[Pt(NH_3)_2Cl_2]$ (d) $K[Ag(CN)_2]$.
(MH-CET 2016)

B62. Consider the following two complex ions: $[CoF_6]^{3-}$ and $[Co(C_2O_4)_3]^{3-}$. Which of the following statement(s) is/are false?
I. Both are octahedral.
II. $[Co(C_2O_4)_3]^{3-}$ is diamagnetic while $[CoF_6]^{3-}$ is paramagnetic.
III. Both are outer orbital complexes.
IV. In both the complexes, the central metal is in the same oxidation state.
(a) II and III (b) II, III and IV
(c) III only (d) III and IV
(e) I, II and IV *(Kerala PET 2016)*

B63. The number of isomers possible for the octahedral complex $[CoCl_2(en)(NH_3)_2]^+$ is
(a) two (b) three
(c) no isomer (d) four isomers.
(Karnataka C.E.T. 2016)

B64. CO is a stronger ligand than Cl^-, because
(a) CO is a neutral molecule
(b) CO has π–bonds
(c) CO is poisonous
(d) CO is more reactive. *(Karnataka C.E.T. 2016)*

B65. Which of the following sequence is correct regarding field strength of ligands as per spectrochemical series?
(a) $SCN^- < F^- < CN^- < CO$
(b) $F^- < SCN^- < CN^- < CO$
(c) $CN^- < F^- < CO < SCN^-$
(d) $SCN^- < CO < F^- < CN^-$ *(Karnataka C.E.T. 2016)*

B66. As per IUPAC norms, the name of the complex $[Co(en)_2(ONO)Cl]Cl$ is
(a) Chloridobis(ethane–1,2–diamine)nitrito–O–cobalt(III) chloride.
(b) Chlorobis(ethylenediamine)nitro–O–cobalt(III) chloride.
(c) Chloridodi(ethylene diamine)nitrocobalt(III) chloride.
(d) Chloroethylenediaminenitro–O–cobalt(III) chloride.
(Karnataka C.E.T. 2016)

Answers

B52. (c) **B53.** (b) **B54.** (c) **B55.** (a) **B56.** (c) **B57.** (a) **B58.** (a) **B59.** (e) **B60.** (c) **B61.** (b) **B62.** (c)
B63. (d) **B64.** (b) **B65.** (b) **B66.** (a)

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B67. The number of unpaired electrons in $[NiCl_4]^{2-}$, $Ni(CO)_4$ and $[Cu(NH_3)_4]^{2+}$ respectively are
(a) 2, 2, 1 (b) 2, 0, 1
(c) 0, 2, 1 (d) 2, 2, 0 *(WB JEE 2017)*

B68. Square planar complex of the type M_{AXBL} (where A, B, X and L are unidentate ligands) shows following set of isomers
(a) two *cis* and one *trans*
(b) two *trans* and one *cis*
(c) two *cis* and two *trans*
(d) three *cis* and one *trans* *(Karnataka CET 2017)*

B69. According to crystal field theory, the M–L bond in a complex is
(a) purely ionic (b) purely coordinate
(c) purely covalent (d) partially covalent
(Karnataka CET 2017)

B70. Identify the correct increasing order of crystal field stabilization energy value for the given complexes.
(a) $[Ir(NH_3)_6]^{3+} < [Rh(NH_3)_6]^{3+} < [Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$
(b) $[Rh(NH_3)_6]^{3+} < [Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+} < [Ir(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$
(c) $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+} < [Ir(NH_3)_6]^{3+} < [Rh(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$
(d) $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+} < [Rh(NH_3)_6]^{3+} < [Ir(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$
(J.K. CET 2018)

B71. What will be the geometry and magnetic moment of the complex $[NiCl_4]^2$?
(a) Tetrahedral and 3.87 B.M.
(b) Tetrahedral and 2.82 B.M.
(c) Square planar and 2.82 B.M.
(d) Square planar and 4.89 B.M. *(J.K. CET 2018)*

B72. Silver chloride dissolves in excess of ammonium hydroxide solution. The cation present in the resulting solution is
(a) $[Ag(NH_3)_6]^+$ (b) $[Ag(NH_3)_4]^+$
(c) Ag^+ (d) $[Ag(NH_3)_2]^+$
(WB JEE 2018)

B73. The IUPAC name of $[Co(NH_3)_4Cl(NO_2)]Cl$ is
(a) tetraaminechloridonitrito-N-cobalt(III) chloride
(b) tetraaminechloridonitriocobalt(II) chloride
(c) tetraaminechloridonitriocobalt(I) chloride
(d) tetraaminechloridonitrocobalt(III) chloride
(Karnataka CET 2018)

B74. $[Fe(NO_2)_3Cl_3]$ and $[Fe(O–NO)_3Cl_3]$ shows
(a) linkage isomerism (b) geometrical isomerism
(c) optical isomerism (d) hydrate isomerism
(Karnataka CET 2018)

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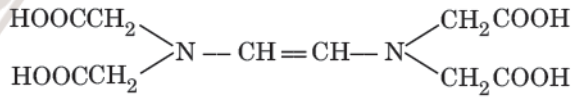
B75. What kind of isomerism is exhibited by octahedral $Co(NH_3)_4Br_2Cl$?
(a) Geometrical and ionization
(b) Geometrical and optical
(c) Optical and ionization
(d) Geometrical only *(I.I.T. Screening 2005)*

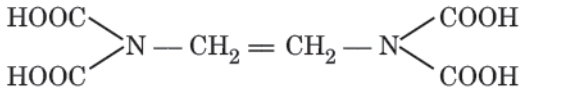
B76. Among the following metal carbonyls, the C—O bond order is lowest in
(a) $[Mn(CO)_6]^+$ (b) $[Fe(CO)_5]$
(c) $[Cr(CO)_6]$ (d) $|V(CO)_6|^-$ *(I.I.T. 2007)*

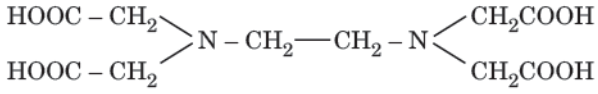
B77. Both $[Ni(CO)_4]$ and $[Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$ are diamagnetic. The hybridisations of nickel in these complexes respectively are
(a) sp^3, sp^3 (b) sp^3, dsp^2
(c) dsp^2, sp^3 (d) dsp^2, dsp^2 *(I.I.T. 2008)*

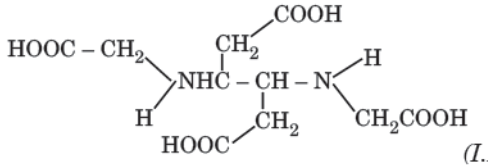
B78. The ionization isomer of $[Cr(H_2O)_4\ Cl(NO_2)]Cl$ is :
(a) $[Cr(H_2O)_4(O_2N)]Cl_2$ (b) $[Cr(H_2O)_4Cl_2]NO_2$
(c) $[Cr(H_2O)_4Cl(ONO)]Cl$ (d) $[Cr(H_2O)_3Cl_2(NO_2)]H_2O$
(I.I.T. 2010)

B79. The correct structure of ethylenediamine tetraacetic acid (EDTA) is :

(a) 

(b) 

(c) 

(d) 

(I.I.T. 2010)

B80. The complex showing a spin only magnetic moment of 2.82 B.M. is :
(a) $Ni(CO)_4$ (b) $[NiCl_4]^{2-}$
(c) $Ni(PPh_3)_4$ (d) $[Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$ *(I.I.T. 2010)*

B81. Geometrical shapes of the complexes formed by the reaction of Ni^{2+} with Cl^-, CN^- and H_2O, respectively, are
(a) octahedral, tetrahedral and square planar
(b) tetrahedral, square planar and octahedral
(c) square planar, tetrahedral and octahedral
(d) octahedral, square planar and octahedral.
(I.I.T. 2011)

Answers

B67. (b) **B68.** (a) **B69.** (a) **B70.** (d) **B71.** (b) **B72.** (d) **B73.** (a) **B74.** (a) **B75.** (a) **B76.** (d)
B77. (b) **B78.** (b) **B79.** (c) **B80.** (b) **B81.** (b)

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B82. Among the following complexes (K–P), $K_3[Fe(CN)_6]$(K), $[Co(NH_3)_6]Cl_3$(L), $Na_3[Co(oxalate)_3]$(M), $[Ni(H_2O)_6]Cl_2$(N), $K_2[Pt(CN)_4]$(O) and $[Zn(H_2O)_6](NO_3)_2$(P) the diamagnetic complexes are

(*a*) K, L, M, N (*b*) K, M, O, P

(*c*) L, M, O, P (*d*) L, M, N, O *(I.I.T. 2011)*

B83. $NiCl_2[P(C_2H_5)_2(C_6H_5)]_2$ exhibits temperature dependent magnetic behaviour (paramagnetic/diamagnetic). The coordination geometries of Ni^{2+} in the paramagnetic and diamagnetic states are respectively

(*a*) tetrahedral and tetrahedral

(*b*) square planar and square planar

(*c*) tetrahedral and square planar

(*d*) square planar and tetrahedral *(I.I.T. J.E.E. 2012)*

B84. Consider the following complex ions, P, Q and R.

P = $[FeF_6]^{3-}$, Q = $[V(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$ and R = $[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$. The correct order of the complex ions, according to their spin-only magnetic moment values (in B.M.) is

(*a*) R < Q < P (*b*) Q < R < P

(*c*) R < P < Q (*d*) Q < P < R

(J.E.E. Advance 2013)

B85. The equation which is balanced and represents the correct product(s) is

(*a*) $CuSO_4 + 4KCN \longrightarrow K_2[Cu(CN)_4] + K_2SO_4$

(*b*) $Li_2O + 2KCl \longrightarrow 2LiCl + K_2O$

(*c*) $[CoCl(NH_3)_5]^+ + 5H^+ \longrightarrow Co^{2+} + 5NH_4^+ + Cl^-$

(*d*) $[Mg(H_2O)_6]^{2+} + (EDTA)^{4-} \xrightarrow{\text{excess NaOH}} [Mg(EDTA)^{2+} + 6H_2O]$

(JEE Advance 2014)

B86. Among $[Ni(CO)_4]$, $[NiCl_4]^{2-}$, $[Co(NH_3)_4Cl_2]Cl$, $Na_3[CoF_6]$, Na_2O_2 and CsO_2, the total number of paramagnetic compounds is

(*a*) 2 (*b*) 3

(*c*) 4 (*d*) 5 *(JEE Advance 2016)*

B87. The geometries of the ammonia complexes of Ni^{2+}, Pt^{2+} and Zn^{2+}, respectively, are

(*a*) octahedral, square planar and tetrahedral

(*b*) square planar, octahedral and tetrahedral

(*c*) tetrahedral, square planar and octahedral

(*d*) octahedral, tetrahedral and square planar

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Answers

B82. (*c*) **B83.** (*c*) **B84.** (*b*) **B85.** (*c*) **B86.** (*b*) **B87.** (*a*)

C MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS
with more than one correct answer

C1. Which of the following ligands can act as ambidentate ligand ?

(*a*) ox^{2-} (*b*) CN^-

(*c*) en (*d*) NO_2^-

C2. The isomerism shown by the complex $[CoCl_2(OH)_2(NH_3)_2]Br$ are

(*a*) Ionization (*b*) Geometrical

(*c*) Linkage (*d*) Optical

C3. The compound(s) that exhibit(s) geometrical isomerism is (are)

(*a*) $[Pt(en)Cl_2]$ (*b*) $[Pt(en)_2]Cl_2$

(*c*) $[Pt(en)_2Cl_2]Cl_2$ (*d*) $[Pt(NH_3)_2Cl_2]$

(I.I.T. J.E.E. 2012)

C4. For the given aqueous reactions, which of the statement(s) is (are) true ?

$$\underset{\text{Excess}}{KI} + K_3[Fe(CN)_6] \xrightarrow[H_2SO_4]{\text{Dilute}} \underset{\text{solution}}{\text{brownish yellow}}$$

$$\downarrow ZnSO_4$$

$$\text{White precipitate} + \underbrace{\text{brownish yellow filtrate}}$$

$$\downarrow Na_2S_2O_3$$

$$\text{Colourless solution}$$

(*a*) The first reaction is a redox reaction.

(*b*) White precipitate is $Zn_3[Fe(CN)_6]_2$.

(*c*) Addition of filtrate to starch solution gives blue colour.

(*d*) White precipitate is soluble in NaOH solution.

(I.I.T. J.E.E. 2012)

C5. In basic medium, the amount of Ni^{2+} in a solution can be estimated with the dimethylglyoxime reagent. The correct statement(s) about the reaction and the product is (are)

(*a*) in ammoniacal solution, Ni^{2+} salts give cherry-red precipitate of nickel (II) dimethylglyoximate

(*b*) two dimethylglyoximate units are bound to one Ni^{2+}

(*c*) in the complex two dimethylglyoximate units are hydrogen bonded to each other

(*d*) each dimethylglyoximate unit forms a six-membered chelate ring with Ni^{2+} *(W.B. JEE. Engg. 2013)*

Answers

C1. (*b*), (*d*) **C2.** (*a*), (*b*), (*d*) **C3.** (*c*), (*d*) **C4.** (*a*), (*c*), (*d*) **C5.** (*a*), (*b*), (*c*)

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C6. The pair(s) of coordination complexes/ions exhibiting the same kind of isomerism is(are)
(*a*) $[Cr(NH_3)_5Cl]Cl_2$ and $[Cr(NH_3)_4Cl_2]Cl$
(*b*) $[Co(NH_3)_4Cl_2]^+$ and $[Pt(NH_3)_2(H_2O)Cl]^+$
(*c*) $[CoBr_2Cl_2]^{2-}$ and $[PtBr_2Cl_2]^{2-}$
(*d*) $[Pt(NH_3)_3(NO_3)]$ Cl and $[Pt(NH_3)_3Cl]Br$
(*JEE Advance 2013*)

C7. Optical isomerism is exhibited by (ox = oxalate anion, en = ethylenediamine)
(*a*) *cis*–$[CrCl_2(ox)_2]^{3-}$
(*b*) $[Co(en)_3]^{3+}$
(*c*) *trans*–$[CrCl_2(ox)_2]^{3-}$
(*d*) $[Co(ox)(en)_2]^+$ (*WB JEE 2015*)

C8. Addition of excess aqueous ammonia to a pink coloured aqueous solution of $MCl_2.6H_2O$ (X) and NH_4Cl gives an octahedral complex Y in the presence of air. In aqueous solution, complex Y behaves as 1:3 electrolyte. The reaction of X with excess HCl at room temperature results in the formation of a blue coloured complex Z. The calculated spin only magnetic moment of X and Z is 3.87 B.M. whereas it is zero for complex Y. Among the following options, which statement(s) is(are) correct?
(*a*) The hybridization of the central metal ion in Y is d^2sp^3.
(*b*) When X and Z are in equilibrium at 0°C, the colour of the solution is pink.
(*c*) Z is a tetrahedral complex.
(*d*) Addition of silver nitrate to Y gives only two equivalents of silver chloride. (*JEE Advance 2017*)

C9. The correct option(s) regarding the complex $[Co(en)(NH_3)_3(H_2O)]^{3+}$ (en=$H_2NCH_2CH_2NH_2$) is (are)
(*a*) it has two geometrical isomers
(*b*) it will have three geometrical isomers if bidentate 'en' is replaced by two cyanide ligands
(*c*) it is paramagnetic
(*d*) is absorbs light at longer wavelength as compared to $[Co(en)(NH_3)_4]^{3+}$ (*JEE Advance 2018*)

C10. The correct statement (s) regarding the binary transition metal carbonyl compounds is (are) (Atomic numbers: Fe = 26, Ni = 28)
(*a*) total number of valence shell electrons at metal centre in $Fe(CO)_5$ or $Ni(CO)_4$ is 16
(*b*) these are predominantly low spin in nature
(*c*) metal-carbon bond strengthens when the oxidation state of the metal is lowered
(*d*) the carbonyl C–O bond weakens when the oxidation state of the metal is increased. (*JEE Advance 2018*)

Answers

C6. (*b*), (*d*) **C7.** (*a*), (*b*), (*d*) **C8.** (*a*), (*b*), (*c*) **C9.** (*a*), (*b*), (*d*) **C10.** (*b*), (*c*)

D MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS
based on the given passage/comprehension

Passage I.

$Ni^{2+} \xrightarrow{KCN}$ Complex 1

$Ni^{2+} \xrightarrow[KCl]{excess}$ Complex 2

Both the above complexes have coordination number 4.

Answer the following questions :

D1. The IUPAC names for the complexes are respectively :
(*a*) Potassium tetracyanidonickelate(II) and potassium tetrachloronickelate(II)
(*b*) Potassium tetracyanidonickel(II) and potassium tetrachloronickel(II)
(*c*) Potassium tetracyanidonickel and potassium chloronickel
(*d*) Potassium tetracyanidonickelate(II) and potassium tetrachloronickel(II) (*I.I.T. 2006*)

D2. Which option is correct regarding the magnetic behaviour of two complexes ?
(*a*) Both are diamagnetic
(*b*) Both are paramagnetic
(*c*) The cyano complex is diamagnetic and the chloro complex is paramagnetic.
(*d*) The cyano complex is paramagnetic and the chloro complex is diamagnetic. (*I.I.T. 2006*)

D3. Hybridisation of Ni in the complex is/are
(*a*) dsp^2 in both (*b*) sp^3 in both
(*c*) dsp^3 in cyano and sp^3 in chloro complex
(*d*) sp^3 in cyano complex and dsp^3 in chloro complex.
(*I.I.T. 2006*)

Passage II.

A metal complex having the molecular formula $Cr(NH_3)_4Cl_2Br$ have been isolated in two forms (A) and (B). The form (A) reacts with $AgNO_3$ giving white precipitate readily soluble in dilute NH_4OH while (B) gives a yellow precipitate soluble in concentrated NH_4OH.

Answer the following questions :

D4. The formula of complex A is
(*a*) $[Cr(NH_3)_4Br]Cl_2$ (*b*) $Cr(NH_3)_4Cl\ Br]\ Cl$
(*c*) $[Cr(NH_3)_4Cl_2]Br$ (*d*) $[Cr(NH_3)_5Cl]Br\ Cl$

Answers

Passage I. **D1.** (*a*) **D2.** (*c*) **D3.** (*c*) **Passage II** **D4.** (*b*)

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D5. The hybridisation of chromium in complexes A and B are respectively
(a) d^2sp^3 and sp^3d^2 (b) sp^3d^2 and sp^3d^2
(c) sp^3d^2 and d^2sp^3 (d) d^2sp^3 and d^2sp^3

D6. The EAN of Cr in both the complexes is
(a) 33 (b) 36 (c) 32 (d) 21

D7. The forms (A) and (B) are examples of
(a) Linkage isomers
(b) Coordination position isomers
(c) Ionisation isomers
(d) Geometrical isomers

Passage III.

Iron forms amany complexes in its +2 and +3 oxidation states such as $[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$ (A); $[Fe(CN)_6]^{4-}$ (B); $[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$ (C); $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$ (D), etc. They exhibit different magnetic properties and undergo different hybridisation of iron.

Answer the following questions :

D8. Which of the following statements is wrong ?
(a) (A) is paramagnetic while (B) is diamagnetic
(b) Both (B) and (D) are inner orbital complexes.
(c) Both (A) and (C) are paramagnetic.
(d) (A) is outer orbital complex and (C) is inner orbital

D9. The complex having maximum magnetic moment is
(a) [A] (b) [B] (c) [C] (d) [D]

D10. Which of the following does not represent correct configuration :
(a) (A) : $t_{2g}^4 e_g^2$ (b) (B) : t_{2g}^6
(c) (C) : $t_{2g}^4 e_g^1$ (d) (D) : t_{2g}^5

D11. The spin only magnetic moment of complexes A, B, C and D are respectively (in B.M.)
(a) $2\sqrt{6}, 0, \sqrt{35}, \sqrt{3}$ (b) $0, 2\sqrt{6}, \sqrt{35}, \sqrt{3}$
(c) $\sqrt{35}, 2\sqrt{6}, \sqrt{3}, 0$ (d) $\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{8}, 0, \sqrt{15}$

Passage IV.

The complex of the type $[Co(AA)_2X_2]Y$ has been prepared in a number of isomeric forms where AA is a bidentate ligand and X and Y are monodentate ligands. Some of these are optically active and some are optically inactive.

Answer the following questions :

D12. For AA = ethylenediamine, X = NO_2 and Y = Cl, its IUPAC name is
(a) bis (ethylenediamine) dinitrocobalt(II) chloride
(b) bis (theylenediamine) dinitrocobalt(II) chloride
(c) dinitro bis (ethylenediamine) cobalt(III) chloride
(d) bis (ethylene diammine) dinitro cobalt(III) chloride

D13. The total number of possible isomers for $[Co(AA_2)X_2]Y$ are
(a) 4 (b) 6
(c) 3 (d) 8

D14. The possible isomers are
(a) geometrical and optical
(b) ionisation and geometrical
(c) ionisation, geometrical and optical
(d) ionisation only

Passage V.

An aqueous solution of metal ion M_1 reacts separately with reagents Q and R in excess to give tetrahedral and square planar complexes, respectively. An aqueous solution of another metal ion M_2 always forms tetrahedral complexes with these reagents. Aqueous solution of M_2 on reaction with reagent S gives white precipitate which dissolves in excess of S. The reactions are summarized in the scheme given below :

SCHEME :

$$\text{Tetrahedral} \xleftarrow[\text{excess}]{Q} M_1 \xrightarrow[\text{excess}]{R} \text{Square planar}$$

$$\text{Tetrahedral} \xleftarrow[\text{excess}]{Q} M_2 \xrightarrow[\text{excess}]{R} \text{Tetrahedral}$$

$$M_2 \xrightarrow{\text{S, stoichiometric amount}} \text{White precipitate} \xrightarrow[\text{excess}]{S} \text{precipitate dissolves}$$

Answer the following questions :

D15. M1, Q and R, respectively are :
(a) Zn^{2+}, KCN and HCl
(b) Ni^{2+}, HCl and KCN
(c) Cd^{2+}, KCN and HCl
(d) KOH (*JEE Advance 2014*)

D16. Reagent S is
(a) $K_4[Fe(CN)_6]$ (b) Na_2HPO_4
(c) K_2CrO_4 (d) KOH
(*JEE Advance 2014*)

Answers

Passage II **D5.** (b) **D6.** (a) **D7.** (c)
Passage III **D8.** (d) **D9.** (c) **D10.** (c) **D11.** (a)
Passage IV **D12.** (b) **D13.** (b) **D14.** (c).
Passage V **D15.** (b) **D16.** (d)

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Assertion Reason Type Questions

The questions given below consist of an Assertion and Reason. Use the following key to choose the apropriate answer.

(*a*) If both assertion and reason are CORRECT and reason is the correct explanation of the assertion.
(*b*) If both assertion and reason are CORRECT but, reason is NOT THE CORRECT explanation of the assertion.
(*c*) If assertion is CORRECT but, reason is INCORRECT.
(*d*) If assertion is INCORRECT but, reason is CORRECT.
(*e*) If both assertion and reason are INCORRECT.

1. Assertion : The complex $[Co(NH_3)_3Cl_3]$ does not give precipitate with silver nitrate solution.
Reason : The given complex is non-ionizable.

2. Assertion : The complex ion *trans*-$[Co(en)_2Cl_2]^+$ is optically active.
Reason : It is an octahedral complex.

3. Assertion : NF_3 is weaker ligand than $N(CH_3)_3$.
Reason : NF_3 ionises to give F^- ions in aqueous solution. *(A.I.I.M.S. 2003)*

4. Assertion : The $[Ni(en)_3]Cl_2$ (en = ethylenediamine) has lower stability than $[Ni(NH_3)_6]Cl_2$.
Reason : In $[Ni(en)_3]Cl_2$, the geometry of Ni is trigonal bipyramidal.

5. Assertion : $[Ni(CO)_4]$ is diamagnetic and tetrahedral in shape.
Reason : $[Ni(CO)_4]$ contains no unpaired electron and involves dsp^2 hybridisation.

6. Assertion : The ligands $-NO_2^-$ and ONO^- are ambident in nature.
Reason : They form linkage isomers.

7. Assertion : The complex $[Fe(CN)_6]^{4-}$ is diamagnetic though iron (II) has $3d^6$ configuration.
Reason : CN^- is a strong ligand and has the configuration : t_{2g}^6. Therefore, it has no unpaired electrons.

8. Assertion : The oxidation state of Pt in Zeise salt is +2.
Reason : Zeise salt is non-ionic complex.

9. Assertion : Optical isomerism is not shown by square planar complexes.
Reason : Square planar complexes do not have chiral structures.

10. Assertion : Tetrahedral complexes do not show geometrical isomerism.
Reason : Bond angle in tetrahedral geometry is 109.5°.

11. Assertion : $[Ni(CO)_4]$ is diamagnetic complex.
Reason : It involves sp^3 hybridisation and there is no unpaired electron.

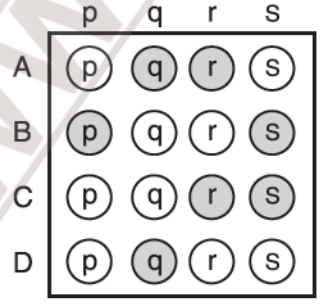
12. Assertion : The complex $[Co(NH_3)_4Cl_2]Cl$ gives precipitates corresponding to 2 mol of AgCl with $AgNO_3$ solutions.
Reason : It ionises as $[Co(NH_3)_4Cl_2]^+ + Cl^-$.

Answers

1. (*a*) **2.** (*b*) **3.** (*c*) **4.** (*e*) **5.** (*c*) **6.** (*a*) **7.** (*a*) **8.** (*e*) **9.** (*a*)
10. (*b*) **11.** (*a*) **12.** (*d*)

Matrix Match Type Qusetion

Each question contains statements given in two columns, which have to be matched. Statements in Column I are labelled as A, B, C and D whereas statements in Column II are labelled as *p*, *q*, *r* and *s*. Match the entries of Column I with appropriate entries of Column II. Each entry in Column I may have one or more than one correct option from Column II. The answers to these questions have to be appropriately bubbled as illustrated in the following example.



If the correct matches are A-*q*, A-*r*, B-*p*, B-*s*, C-*r*, C-*s* and D-*q*, then the correctly bubbled matrix will look like the following:

1. Match the complexes in Column I with their properties listed in Column II.

Column I	Column II
(A) $[Co(NH_3)_4(H_2O)_2]Cl_2$	(*p*) geometrical isomers
(B) $[Pt(NH_3)_2Cl_2]$	(*q*) paramagnetic
(C) $[Co(H_2O)_5Cl]Cl$	(*r*) diamagnetic
(D) $[Ni(H_2O)_6]Cl_2$	(*s*) metal ion with +2 oxidation state.

Answers

(1) : (A) – (*p*), (*q*), (*s*) (B) – (*p*), (*r*), (*s*) (C) – (*q*), (*s*) (D) – (*q*), (*s*)

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2. Match the property in Column I with the complex in Column II.

Column I	Column II
(A) has oxidation state of metal as +3	(*p*) $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$
(B) Inner orbital complex	(*q*) $[Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$
(C) shows ionisation isomerism	(*r*) $[CoBr(NH_3)_5]SO_4$
(D) Diamagnetic complex	(*s*) $[CoF_6]^{3-}$

3. Match the complexes in Column I with the characteristics in Column II.

Column I	Column II
(A) $[PtCl_2(NH_3)_2]$	(*p*) has the configuration $t_{2g}^4 e_g^2$
(B) $[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$	(*q*) has +2 oxidation state of the metal ion
(C) $[CoF_6]^{3-}$	(*r*) used in cancer treatment
(D) $[MnBr_4]^{2-}$	(*s*) has magnetic moment of 5.9 B.M.

Answers

(2) : (A) – (*p*) (*r*), (*s*) (B) – (*p*), (*r*) (C) – (*r*) (D) – (*q*), (*r*)
(3) : (A) – (*q*), (*r*) (B) – (*p*), (*q*) (C) – (*p*) (D) – (*q*), (*s*)

Matching Type Questions

1. Match each coordination compound in List-I with an appropriate pair of characteristics from List-II and select the correct answer using the code given below the lists.

[en = $H_2NCH_2CH_2NH_2$; atomic numbers : Ti = 22; Cr = 24 ; Co = 27 ; Pt = 78]

List-I	List-II
(P) $[Cr(NH_3)_4Cl_2]Cl$	1. Paramagnetic and exhibits ionisation isomerism
(Q) $[Ti(H_2O)_5Cl](NO_3)_2$	2. Diamagnetic and exhibits *cis-trans* isomerism
(R) $[Pt(en)(NH_3)Cl]NO_3$	3. Paramagnetic and exhibits *cis-trans* isomerism
(S) $[Co(NH_3)_4(NO_3)_2]NO_3$	4. Diamagnetic and exhibits ionisation isomerism

Code:

	P	Q	R	S
(*a*)	4	2	3	1
(*b*)	3	1	4	2
(*c*)	2	1	3	4
(*d*)	1	3	4	2

(*JEE Advance 2014*)

2. Match each set of hybrid orbitals from List-I with complex(es) given in List-II

List-I	List-II
(P) dsp^2	1. $[FeF_6]^{4-}$
(Q) sp^3	2. $[Ti(H_2O)_3Cl_3]$
(R) sp^3d^2	3. $[Cr(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$
(S) d^2sp^3	4. $[FeCl_4]^{2-}$
	5. $Ni(CO)_4$
	6. $[Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$

The correct option is

(*a*) P → 5; Q → 4, 6; R → 2, 3; S → 1
(*b*) P → 5, 6; Q → 4; R → 3; S → 1, 2
(*c*) P → 6; Q → 4, 5; R → 1; S → 2, 3
(*d*) P → 4,6; Q → 5, 6; R → 1, 2; S → 3

(*JEE Advance 2018*)

Answers

1. (*b*) **2.** (*c*)

Integer Type and Numerical Value Type Questions

Integer Type: The answer to each of the following questions is a **single-digit**-integer ranging from 0 to 9.

1. The number of ions per mole of the complex $[PtCl(NH_3)_5]Cl_3$ is

2. The coordination number of metal M in the complex $[M(en)(C_2O_4)_2ClBr]^-$ is

Answers

1. 4 **2.** 6

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3. Among $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$, $[CoF_6]^{3-}$, $[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$, $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$, $[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$, $[Fe(CN)_6]^{4-}$, $[Mn(CN)_6]^{4-}$, the number of inner orbital complexes is

4. In $[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$, the magnetic moment corresponds to number of unpaired electrons equal to

5. Number of diamagnetic species among the following : $[Pt(CN)_4]^{2-}$, $[Ni(CO)_4]$, $[NiCl_4]^{2-}$, $[Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$, $[Zn(NH_3)_4]^{2+}$, $[CuCl_4]^{2-}$, $[CoF_6]^{3-}$, $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$, $[Fe(CN)_6]^{4-}$, $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$, $[MnCl_6]^{4-}$ is

6. For the octahedral complexes of Fe^{3+} in SCN^- (thiocyanato–S) and in CN^- ligand environments, the difference between the spin–only magnetic moments in Bohr magnetons (when approximated to the nearest integer) is [Atomic number of Fe = 26] *(JEE Advance 2015)*

7. In the complex acetylbromidodicarbonylbis(triethyl phosphine) iron(II), the number of Fe–C bond(s) is *(JEE Advance 2015)*

8. Among the complex ions, $[Co(NH_2CH_2CH_2NH_2)_2Cl_2]^+$, $[CrCl_2(C_2O_4)_2]^{3-}$, $[Fe(H_2O)_4(OH)_2]^+$, $[Fe(NH_3)_2(CN)_4]^-$, $[Co(NH_2CH_2CH_2NH_2)_2(NH_3)Cl]^{2+}$ and $[Co(NH_3)_4(H_2O)Cl]^{2+}$, the number of complex ion(s) that show(s) cis–trans isomerism is *(JEE Advance 2015)*

9. The number of geometric isomers possible for the complex $[CoL_2Cl_2]$–(L = $H_2NCH_2CH_2O^-$) is *(JEE Advance 2016)*

(JEE Advance 2016)

Numerical Value Type: Give the correct numerical value (in decimal notation truncated/rounded offf the second decimal place)

10. The ammonia prepared by treating ammonium sulphate with calcium hydroxide is completely used by $NiCl_2.6H_2O$ to form a stable coordination compound. Assume that both the reactions are 100% complete. If 1584 g of ammonium sulphate and 952 g of $NiCl_2.6H_2O$ are used in the preparation, the combined weight (in grams) of gypsum and the nickel-ammonia coordination compound thus produced is_____ .

(Atomic weights in g mol^{-1}: H = 1, N = 14, O = 16, S = 32, Cl = 35.5, Ca = 40, Ni = 59)

(JEE Advance 2018)

Answers

3. 4 **4.** 5 **5.** 6 **6.** 4 **7.** 3 **8.** 6 **9.** 5 **10.** 2992.00

NCERT Exemplar Problems

Objective Questions

Multiple Choice Questions (Type-I)

1. Which of the following complexes formed by Cu^{2+} ions is most stable?

(a) $Cu^{2+} + 4NH_3 \rightleftharpoons [Cu(NH_3)_4]^{2+}$, $\log K = 11.6$

(b) $Cu^{2+} + 4CN^- \rightleftharpoons [Cu(CN)_4]^{2-}$, $\log K = 27.3$

(c) $Cu^{2+} + 2en \rightleftharpoons [Cu(en)_2]^{2+}$, $\log K = 15.4$

(d) $Cu^{2+} + 4H_2O \rightleftharpoons [Cu(H_2O)_4]^{2+}$, $\log K = 8.9$

2. The colour of the coordination compounds depends on the crystal field splitting. What will be the correct order of absorption of wavelength of light in the visible region, for the complexes, $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$, $[Co(CN)_6]^{3}$, $[Co(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$

(a) $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3-} > [Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+} > [Co(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$

(b) $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+} > [Co(H_2O)_6]^{3+} > [Co(CN)_6]^{3-}$

(c) $[Co(H_2O)_6]^{3+} > [Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+} > [Co(CN)_6]^{3-}$

(d) $[Co(CN)_6]^{3-} > [Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+} > [Co(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$

3. When 0.1 mol $CoCl_3(NH_3)_5$ is treated with excess of $AgNO_3$, 0.2 mol of AgCl are obtained. The conductivity of solution will correspond to

(a) 1:3 electrolyte (b) 1:2 electrolyte

(c) 1:1 electrolyte (d) 3:1 electrolyte

4. When 1 mol $CrCl_3.6H_2O$ is treated with excess of $AgNO_3$, 3 mol of AgCl are obtained. The formula of the complex is:

(a) $[CrCl_3(H_2O)_3].3H_2O$ (b) $[CrCl_2(H_2O)_4]Cl.2H_2O$

(c) $[CrCl(H_2O)_5]Cl_2.H_2O$ (d) $[Cr(H_2O)_6]Cl_3$

Answers

1. (b) **2.** (c) **3.** (b) **4.** (d)

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5. The correct IUPAC name of $[Pt(NH_3)_2Cl_2]$ is
(*a*) Diamminedichloridoplatinum(II)
(*b*) Diamminedichloridoplatinum(IV)
(*c*) Diamminedichloridoplatinum(0)
(*d*) Dichloridodiammineplatinum(IV)

6. The stabilisation of coordination compounds due to chelation is called the chelate effect. Which of the following is the most stable complex species?
(*a*) [Fe(CO)] (*b*) $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$
(*c*) $[Fe(C_2O_4)_3]^{3-}$ (*d*) $[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$

7. Indicate the complex ion which shows geometrical isomerism.
(*a*) $[Cr(H_2O)_4Cl_2]^+$ (*b*) $[Pt(NH_3)_3Cl]$
(*c*) $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$ (*b*) $[Co(CN)_5(NC)]^{3-}$

8. The CFSE for octahedral $[CoCl_6]^{4-}$ is 18,000 cm^{-1}. The CFSE for tetrahedral $[CoCl_4]^{2-}$ will be
(*a*) 18,000 cm^{-1} (*b*) 16,000 cm^{-1}
(*c*) 8,000 cm^{-1} (*d*) 20,000 cm^{-1}

9. Due to the presence of ambidentate ligands coordination compounds show isomerism. Palladium complexes of the type $[Pd(C_6H_5)_2(SCN)_2]$ and $[Pd(C_6H_5)_2(NCS)_2]$ are
(*a*) linkage isomers (*b*) coordination isomers
(*c*) ionisation isomers (*d*) geometrical isomers

10. The compounds $[Co(SO_4)(NH_3)_5]Br$ and $[Co(SO_4)(NH_3)_5]Cl$ represent
(*a*) linkage isomerism (*b*) ionisation isomerism
(*c*) coordination isomerism (*d*) no isomerism

11. A chelating agent has two or more than two donor atoms to bind to a single metal ion. Which of the following is **not** a chelating agent ?
(*a*) thiosulphato (*b*) oxalato
(*c*) glycinato (*d*) ethane-1,2-diamine

12. Which of the following species is not expected to be a ligand ?
(*a*) NO (*b*) NH_4^+
(*c*) $NH_2CH_2CH_2NH_2$ (*d*) CO

13. What kind of isomerism exists between $[Cr(H_2O)_6]Cl_3$ (violet) and $[Cr(H_2O)_5Cl]Cl_2 \cdot H_2O$ (greyish-green) ?
(*a*) linkage isomerism (*b*) solvate isomerism
(*c*) ionisation isomerism (*d*) coordination isomerism

14. IUPAC name of $[Pt(NH_3)_2Cl(NO_2)]$ is :
(*a*) Platinum diaminechloronitrite
(*b*) Chloronitrito-N-ammineplatinum(II)
(*c*) Diamminechloridonitrito-N-platinum(II)
(*d*) Diamminechloronitrito-N-platinate(II)

Multiple Choice Questions (Type-II)

Note : *In the following questions two or more options may be correct.*

15. Atomic number of Mn, Fe and Co are 25, 26 and 27 respectively. Which of the following inner orbital octahedral complex ions are diamagnetic ?
(*a*) $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$ (*b*) $[Mn(CN)_6]^{3-}$
(*c*) $[Fe(CN)_6]^{4-}$ (*d*) $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$

16. Atomic number of Mn, Fe, Co and Ni are 25, 26 27 and 28 respectively. Which of the following outer orbital octahedral complexes have same number of unpaired electrons?
(*a*) $[MnCl_6]^{3-}$ (*b*) $[FeF_6]^{3-}$
(*c*) $[CoF_6]^{3-}$ (*d*) $[Ni(NH_3)_6]^{2+}$

17. Which of the following options are correct for $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$ complex ?
(*a*) d^2sp^3 hybridisation (*b*) sp^3d^2 hybridisation
(*c*) paramagnetic (*d*) diamagnetic

18. An aqueous pink solution of cobalt (II) chloride changes to deep blue on addition of excess of HCl. This is because_____.
(*a*) $[Co(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$ is transformed into $[CoCl_6]^{4-}$
(*b*) $[Co(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$ is transformed into $[CoCl_4]^{2-}$
(*c*) tetrahedral complexes have smaller crystal field splitting than octahedral complexes.
(*d*) tetrahedral complexes have larger crystal field splitting than octahedral complex.

19. Which of the following complexes are homoleptic ?
(*a*) $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$ (*b*) $[Co(NH_3)_4Cl_2]^+$
(*c*) $[Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$ (*d*) $[Ni(NH_3)_4Cl_2]$

20. Which of the following complexes are heteroleptic ?
(*a*) $[Cr(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$ (*b*) $[Fe(NH_3)_4Cl_2]^+$
(*d*) $[Mn(CN)_6]^{4-}$ (*d*) $[Co(NH_3)_4Cl_2]$

21. Identify the optically active compounds from the following :
(*a*) $[Co(en)_3]^{3+}$ (*b*) *trans*– $[Co(en)_2Cl_2]^+$
(*c*) *cis*– $[Co(en)_2Cl_2]^+$ (*d*) $[Cr(NH_3)_5Cl]$

22. Identify the correct statements for the behaviour of ethane-1, 2-diamine as a ligand.
(*a*) It is a neutral ligand.
(*b*) It is a didentate ligand.
(*c*) It is a chelating ligand.
(d) It is a unidentate ligand.

23. Which of the following complexes show linkage isomerism?
(*a*) $[Co(NH_3)_5(NO_2)]^{2+}$ (*b*) $[Co(H_2O)_5CO]^{3+}$
(*c*) $[Cr(NH_3)_5SCN]^{2+}$ (*d*) $[Fe(en)_2Cl_2]^+$

Answers

5. (*a*)	**6.** (*c*)	**7.** (*a*)	**8.** (*c*)	**9.** (*a*)	**10.** (*d*)	**11.** (*a*)	**12.** (*b*)
13. (*b*)	**14.** (*c*)	**15.** (*a*), (*c*)	**16.** (*a*), (*c*)	**17.** (*a*), (*c*)	**18.** (*b*), (*c*)	**19.** (*a*), (*c*)	**20.** (*b*), (*d*)
21. (*a*), (*c*)	**22.** (*a*), (*b*), (*c*)	**23.** (*a*), (*c*)					

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Matching Type Questions

Note : *In the following questions match the items given in Columns I and II.*

24. Match the complex ions given in Column I with the colours given in Column II and assign the correct code:

Column I (Complex ion)	Column II (Colour)
A. $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$	1. Violet
B. $[Ti(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$	2. Green
C. $[Ni(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$	3. Pale blue
D. $[Ni(H_2O)_4(en)]^{2+}(aq)$	4. Yellowish orange
	5. Blue

Code :

(*a*) A (1) B (2) C (4) D (5)
(*b*) A (4) B (3) C (2) D (1)
(*c*) A (3) B (2) C (4) D (1)
(*d*) A (4) B (1) C (2) D (3)

25. Match the coordination compounds given in Column I with the central metal atoms given in Column II and assign the correct code :

Column I (Coordination Compound)	Column II (Central metal atom)
A. Chlorophyll	1. rhodium
B. Blood pigment	2. cobalt
C. Wilkinson catalyst	3. calcium
D. Vitamin B_{12}	4. iron
	5. magnesium

Code :

(*a*) A (5) B (4) C (1) D (2)
(*b*) A (3) B (4) C (5) D (1)
(*c*) A (4) B (3) C (2) D (1)
(*d*) A (3) B (4) C (1) D (2)

26. Match the complex ions given in Column I with the hybridisation and number of unpaired electrons given in Column II and assign the correct code :

Column I (Complex ion)	Column II (Hybridisation, number of unpaired electrons)
A. $[Cr(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$	1. dsp^2, 1
B. $[Co(CN)_4]^{2-}$	2. sp^3d^2, 5
C. $[Ni(NH_3)_6]^{2+}$	3. d^2sp^3, 3
D. $[MnF_6]^{4-}$	4. sp^3, 4
	5. sp^3d^2, 2

Code :

(*a*) A (3) B (1) C (5) D (2)
(*b*) A (4) B (3) C (2) D (1)
(*c*) A (3) B (2) C (4) D (1)
(*d*) A (4) B (1) C (2) D (3)

27. Match the complex species given in Column I with the possible isomerism given in Column II and assign the correct code :

Column I (Complex species)	Column II (Isomerism)
A. $[Co(NH_3)_4Cl_2]^+$	1. optical
B. *cis*-$[Co(en)_2Cl_2]^+$	2. ionisation
C. $[Co(NH_3)_5(NO_2)]Cl_2$	3. coordination
D. $[Co(NH_3)_6][Cr(CN)_6]$	4. geometrical
	5. linkage

Code :

(*a*) A (1) B (2) C (4) D (5)
(*b*) A (4) B (3) C (2) D (1)
(*c*) A (4) B (1) C (5) D (3)
(*d*) A (4) B (1) C (2) D (3)

28. Match the compounds given in Column I with the oxidation state of cobalt present in it (given in Column II) and assign the correct code.

Column I (Compound)	Column II (Oxidation state of Co)
A. $[Co(NCS)(NH_3)_5](SO_3)$	1. + 4
B. $[Co(NH_3)_4Cl_2]SO_4$	2. 0
C. $Na_4[Co(S_2O_3)_3]$	3. + 1
D. $[Co_2(CO)_8]$	4. + 2
	5. + 3

Code :

(*a*) A (1) B (2) C (4) D (5)
(*b*) A (4) B (3) C (2) D (1)
(*c*) A (5) B (1) C (4) D (2)
(*d*) A (4) B (1) C (2) D (3)

Answers

24. (*b*) **25.** (*a*) **26.** (*b*) **27.** (*d*) **28.** (*a*)

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Assertion and Reason Type Questions

Note : *In the following questions a statement of assertion followed by a statement of reason is given. Choose the correct answer out of the following choices.*

(*a*) Assertion and reason both are true, reason is correct explanation of assertion.

(*b*) Assertion and reason both are true but reason is not the correct explanation of assertion.

(*c*) Assertion is true, reason is false.

(*d*) Assertion is false, reason is true.

29. **Assertion :** Toxic metal ions are removed by the chelating ligands.
Reason : Chelate complexes tend to be more stable.

30. **Assertion :** $[Cr(H_2O)_6]Cl_2$ and $[Fe(H_2O)_6]Cl_2$ are reducing in nature.
Reason : Unpaired electrons are present in their *d*-orbitals.

31. **Assertion :** Linkage isomerism arises in coordination compounds containing ambidentate ligand.
Reason : Ambidentate ligand has two different donor atoms.

32. **Assertion :** Complexes of MX_6 and MX_5L type (X and L are unidentate) do not show geometrical isomerism.
Reason : Geometrical isomerism is not shown by complexes of coordin-ation number 6.

33. **Assertion :** $([Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$ ion shows magnetic moment corresponding to two unpaired electrons.
Reason : Because it has d^2sp^3 type hybridisation.

Answers

29. (*a*) **30.** (*b*) **31.** (*a*) **32.** (*b*) **33.** (*d*)

Hints & Explanations for *Difficult Objective Type Questions*

A. *mcq with only one correct answer*

A2. (*b*) : $+3 + x - 6 = 0 \ \therefore x = +3$

A4. (*b*) : EDTA is a hexadentate ligand therefore, only one EDTA molecule is required to form octahedral complex.

A6. (*c*) : $[Co(en)_3]^{3+} SO_4^{2-}$
i.e. $[Co(en)_3]_2 (SO_4)_3$

A8. (*d*) : $Ni(CO)_4$
$x + 4(0) = 0 \ \therefore x = 0$
Na $[Co(CO)_4]$
$+1 + x + 4(0) = 0 \ \therefore x = -1$

A9. (*b*) : It ionises as : $[Co(NH_3)_6]Cl_3 \rightleftharpoons [Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+} + 3Cl^-$
$\therefore$ Four ions per mole of the complex.

A11. (*a*) : The complex is $[CoCl_3(NH_3)_3]$ and is non-ionic.

A12. (*d*) : $K_3[Cu(CN)_4]$ is formed.

A14. (*c*) : $[Co(NH_3)_5Cl]Cl_2 \rightleftharpoons [Co(NH_3)_5Cl]^{2+} + 2Cl^-$ three ions.
With $AgNO_3$, it gives 2 moles of AgCl.

A15. (*d*) : $[Cr(SCN)_2(NH_3)_4]^+$ shows linkage, geometrical and optical isomers.

A16. (*d*) : $[CoCl(NH_3)_5]Cl_2 \rightleftharpoons [CoCl(NH_3)_5]^{2+} + 2Cl^-$: 3 ions

A17. (*d*) : CN^-, NO_2^- and SCN^- form linkage isomerism.

A18. (*c*) : (*a*) EAN = 24 + 2 (6) = 36
(*b*) EAN = 24 + 2 (6) = 36
(*c*) EAN = 21 + 2 (6) = 33
(*d*) EAN = 28 + 2 (4) = 36
For $[Cr(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$, EAN rule is not obeyed

A19. (*b*) : $[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$ has 4 unpaired electrons.

A20. (*c*) : Wilkinson's catalyst is $(Ph_3P)_3RhCl$.

A21. (*d*) : It involves sp^3d^2 hybridisation and not d^2sp^3.

A25. (*c*) : $[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$ is an outer orbital complex involving sp^3d^2 hybridisation.

A28. (*a*) : In $Ni(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$, Ni^{2+} is a $3d^8$ system and involves sp^3d^2 hybridisation having 2 unpaired electrons.

A29. (*d*) : $[NiCl_4]^{2-}$ is tetrahedral with 2 unpaired electrons.

A30. (*a*) : $[Ni(CO)_4]$ is tetrahedral and diamagnetic.

A31. (*c*) : Because of chelation.

A32. (*d*) : The metal to ligand bond strengthens the bond between CO and metal.

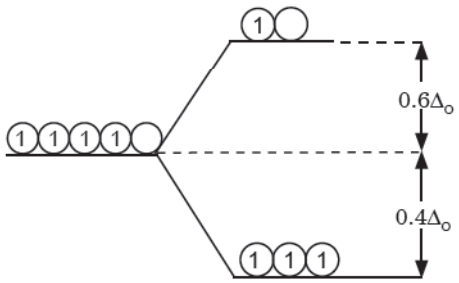
B. *mcq from Competitive Examinations*

B1. (*b*) : $[Co(CN)_6]^{3-}$ because CN^- is a strong field ligand.

B3. (*b*): Oxidation states of metals and their electronic configuration in their complexes are :
Ti^{4+} : [Ar] $3d^0$; Cr^{3+} : [Ar] $3d^3$
Zn^{2+} : [Ar] $3d^{10}$; Sc^{3+} : [Ar] $3d^0$
Complex ions having completely filled or empty *d*-orbitals are colourless. Hence $[Cr(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$ is coloured.

B4. (*a*): Complexes of the type MA_3B_3 do not show optical isomerism but they show *mer-fac* isomerism.

B5. (*b*):



CFSE = $3(-0.4)\Delta_o + (0.6)\Delta_o = -1.2\Delta_o + 0.6\Delta_o = -0.6\Delta_o$

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B8. (*c*): $Cr^{2+}(d^4)$: ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ○ 4 unpaired electrons

$Mn^{2+}(d^5)$: ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ 5 unpaired electrons

$Fe^{2+}(d^6)$: ↑↓ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ 4 unpaired electrons

$Co^{2+}(d^7)$: ↑↓ ↑↓ ↑ ↑ ↑ 3 unpaired electrons

Minimum magnetic behaviour : $[Co(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$

B9. (*b*): $[Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$ involves dsp^2 hybridisation of nickel and is diamagnetic.

B10. (*a*): $[Ni(NH_3)_6]^{2+}$ is an outer orbital complex and has 2 unpaired electrons (paramagnetic).

B11. (*c*): $[Cr(H_2O)_4Cl_2]Cl \rightleftharpoons [Cr(H_2O)_4Cl_2]^+ + Cl^-$

$AgNO_3 + Cl^- \longrightarrow AgCl + NO_3^-$

It has one ionizable Cl^- ion

Molarity of AgCl formed = 0.01 M

$$\text{Moles in 100 mL} = \frac{0.01}{1000} \times 100 = 0.001 \text{ mol}$$

B12. (*b*) : Fe^{3+} : d^5 configuration

Electronic configuration : $t_{2g}^3 e_g^2$ $\therefore$ CFSE = 0

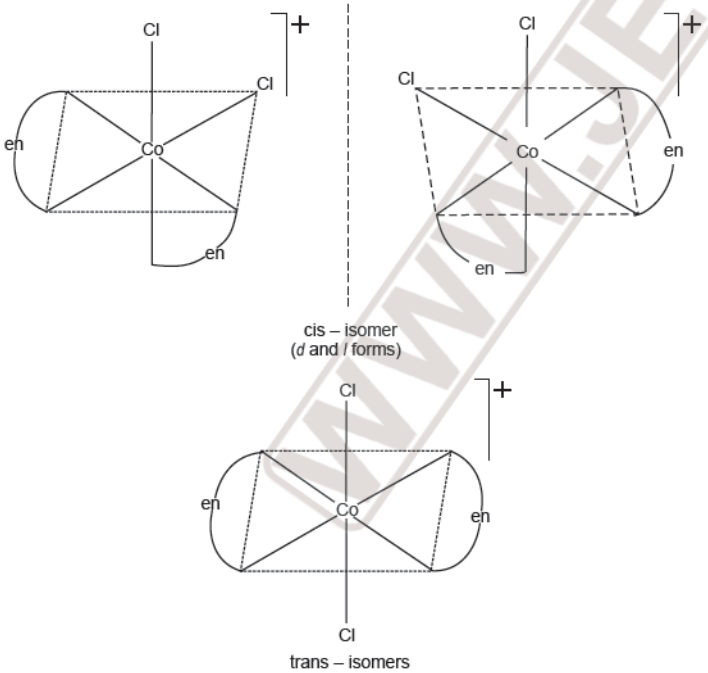
B15. (*c*) : $[Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$ is a square planar complex and involves dsp^2 hybridisation.

B16. (*c*) : Coordination number = 6

Oxidation number = + 3

Sum of coordination number and oxidation number = 6 + 3 = 9

B17. (*a*) : Possible isomers are three



So, two geometical isomers: *cis*-and *trans*- and *cis*- isomer has optical isomer.

B18. (*c*) : $CoCl_3 \cdot 3NH_3$ exists as $[Co(NH_3)_3Cl_3]$. It does not contain ionisable Cl^- ions and, therefore, does not give test for Cl^- ions with $AgNO_3$.

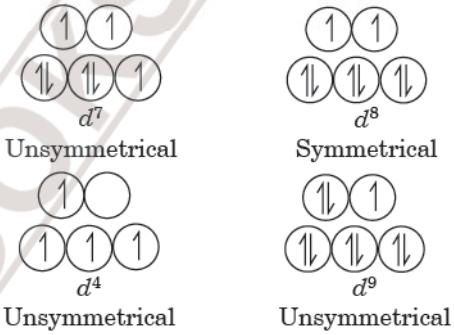
B19. (*c*) : $[Co(CN)_6]^{3-}$; Oxidation state of Co = + 3

Electronic configuration : $3d^6$

Since CN^- is a strong field ligand, so all the electrons will be paired up (diamagnetic) and the complex will be low spin complex.

B20. (*a*) : Greater the negative charge on the metal, greater will be its tendency to transfer electrons from the metal to a π^* orbital of CO. Therefore, M—C bond order increases and C—O bond order decreases resulting larger bond length.

B21. (*b*) : Jahn-Teller effect is observed in unevenly occupied degenerate orbitals. For high spin complexes, the configurations are:



Thus, Jahn-Teller effect is not observed in evenly occupied d^8 configuration.

B22. (*a*) : Grignard reagent, RMgX is a sigma bonded organometallic compound.

B23. (*b*) : The number of Cl^- ions given by complexes are:

$CoCl_3.6NH_3$:

or $[Co(NH_3)_6]Cl_3 \rightleftharpoons [Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+} + 3Cl^-$

$CoCl_3.5NH_3$

or $[Co(NH_3)_5Cl]Cl_2 \rightleftharpoons [Co(NH_3)_5Cl]^{2+} + 2Cl^-$

$CoCl_3.4NH_3$

or $[Co(NH_3)_4Cl_2]Cl \rightleftharpoons [Co(NH_3)_4Cl_2]^+ + Cl^-$

Therefore, these give 3AgCl, 2AgCl and AgCl with excess $AgNO_3$.

B24. (*d*) : The order of ligands in spectrochemical series is :

$H_2O < NH_3 < en$

Extent of splitting will be in the order

$[Co(H_2O)_6]^{3+} < [Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+} < [Co(en)_3]^{3+}$

The wavelength absorbed will be in opposite order:

$$\left(\because E = \frac{hc}{\lambda} \text{ or } \lambda \propto \frac{1}{E}\right)$$

$[Co(en)_3]^{3+} < [Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+} < [Co(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$

B25. (*b*) : In $[Mn(CN)_6]^{3-}$, oxidation state of Mn is +3.

Electronic configuration : $[Ar]3d^4$

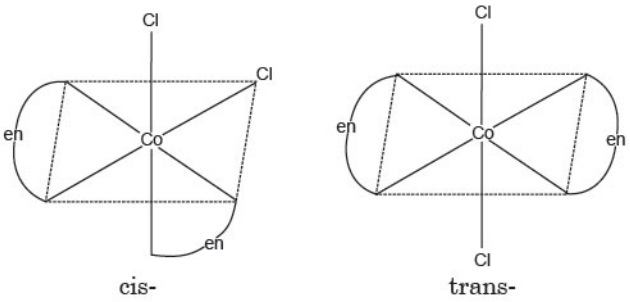
Since CN^- is a strong field ligand, it forms low spin complex or inner orbital complex.

Therefore, it involves d^2sp^3 hybridisation and the complex is octahedral.

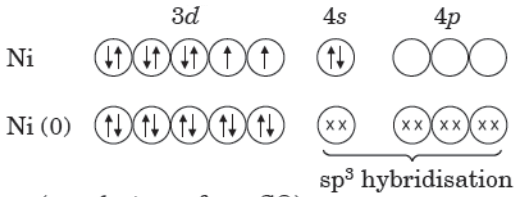
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B26. (*a*) : $[Co(en)_2Cl_2]^+$ shows geometrical isomerism.



B27. (*b*) : $[Ni(CO)_4]$ involves sp^3 hybridisation and the geometry is tetrahedral.



(xx: electrons from CO)

So it is tetrahedral and diamagnetic

B28. (*b*) : $Fe(CO)_5$ is mono nuclear

B29. (*a*) : Complexes of the type MA_3B_3 exhibit meridional and facial isomerism.

B31. (*c*) : $K_4[Fe(CN)_6]$ produces maximum number of ions (five) in the solution and therefore, will have highest molar conductivity.

B33. (*d*) :

$[Co(NH_3)_5Br]Cl_2$	$\xrightarrow{AgNO_3}$	2AgCl
1 mol		2mol
0.02 mol		0.04 mol
$[Co(NH_3)_5Cl]SO_4$	$\xrightarrow{BaCl_2}$	$BaSO_4$
1 mol		1 mol
0.02 mol		0.02 mol

B35. (*d*) : The complexes (*i*) *cis*- $[Co(NH_3)_4Cl_2]^+$, (*iii*) *cis*-$[Co(en)_2Cl_2]^+$ and (*iv*) $[Co(en)_3]^{3+}$ show optical isomerism.

B36. (*b*) : CN^- is a strong field ligand.

B38. (*c*) : Moles of complex $= \frac{2.675}{267.5} = 0.01$

Moles of AgCl precipitated $= \frac{4.78}{143.5} = 0.03$

$\therefore$ Cl^- ions produced = 0.03 moles.

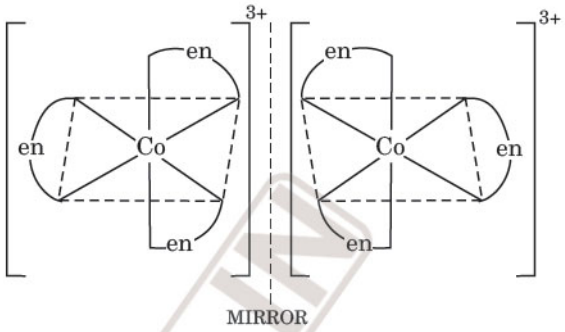
It shows that 3 moles of Cl^- ions are produced per mole of complex.

$\therefore$ Possible structure of complex is $[Co(NH_3)_6]Cl_3$.

$[Co(NH_3)_6]Cl_3 \longrightarrow [Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+} + 3Cl^-$

1 mol	3 mol
0.01 mol	0.03 mol

B39. (*d*) : $[Co(en)_3]^{3+}$ exists as enantiomeric pair and shows optical activity.



B40. (*c*) : The complex involves d^2sp^3 hybridisation and is an inner orbital complex.

B41. (*c*) : In $[NiCl_4]^{2-}$, Ni : $3d^8\ 4s^0$



No. of unpaired electrons = 2

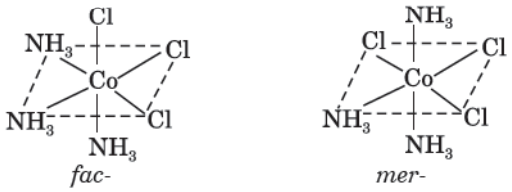
$$\mu = \sqrt{n(n+2)} = \sqrt{2(2+2)} = 2\sqrt{2}$$
$$= 2 \times 1.414 = 2.828 \text{ BM}.$$

B42. (*a*) : The correct order of increasing field strength is

$NH_3 < en < CN^- < CO$

B43. (*b*) : $[Co(en)_2(NH_3)_2]^{3+}$ shows geometrical isomers.

B45. (*d*) : $[Co(NH_3)_3Cl_3]$ exists in two geometrical forms, *fac*- and *mer*-isomer.



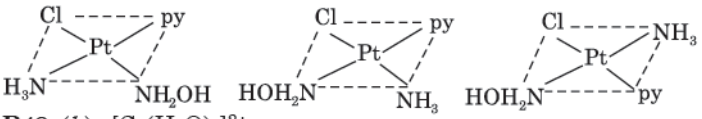
Both these forms are optically inactive. Therefore, $[Co(NH_3)_3Cl_3]$ does not show optical isomerism.

B46. (*c*) : The energy increases in order (VIBGYOR):

red < yellow < green < blue

The complex absorbing lower energy will be lower strength of ligand and therefore, the correct order of ligand strength is $L_1 < L_3 < L_2 < L_4$

B47. (*d*) : Three geometrical isomers are possible. These are written by fixing the position of one ligand (say Cl) and placing the other ligands trans to it.



B48. (*b*) : $[Cr(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$;

Cr^{2+} : $[Ar]3d^4$



4 unpaired electrons

$[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$;

Fe^{2+} : $[Ar]3d^6$

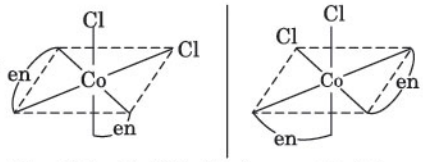


4 unpaired electrons

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B49. (*b*) :



Cis–$[Co(en)_2\ Cl_2]$ Cl show optical isomerism

B50. (*d*) : Moles of $CoCl_3.6H_2O = \frac{0.1\times100}{1000} = 0.01$ mol

Moles of Cl^- ions precipitated = $\frac{1.2\times10^{22}}{6.022\times10^{23}}$

$= 0.02$ mol

0.01 mol of $CoCl_3.\ 6H_2O$ produce 0.02 mole of AgCl

$\therefore$ 1 mole of $CoCl_3.6H_2O$ produces AgCl = $\frac{0.02}{0.01} = 2$ mol

Therefore, the complex has two ionizable Cl^- ions and its formula is $[Co(H_2O)_5Cl]Cl_2.H_2O$

B51. (*d*) : $[Co(H_2O)_6]Cl_3 \rightleftharpoons [Co(H_2O)_6]^{3+} + 3Cl^-$

(4 particles per mole)

$[Co(H_2O)_5Cl]Cl_2.H_2O \rightleftharpoons [Co(H_2O)_5]^{2+} + 2Cl^-$

(3 particles per mole)

$[Co(H_2O)_4Cl_2]Cl.2H_2O \rightleftharpoons [Co(H_2O)_4Cl_2]^{2+} + Cl^-$

(2 particles per mole)

$[Co(H_2O)_3Cl_3]_3.3H_2O \rightleftharpoons [Co(H_2O)_3Cl_3]$

(1 particle per mole)

Now $\Delta T_f \propto i$ (no. of particles)

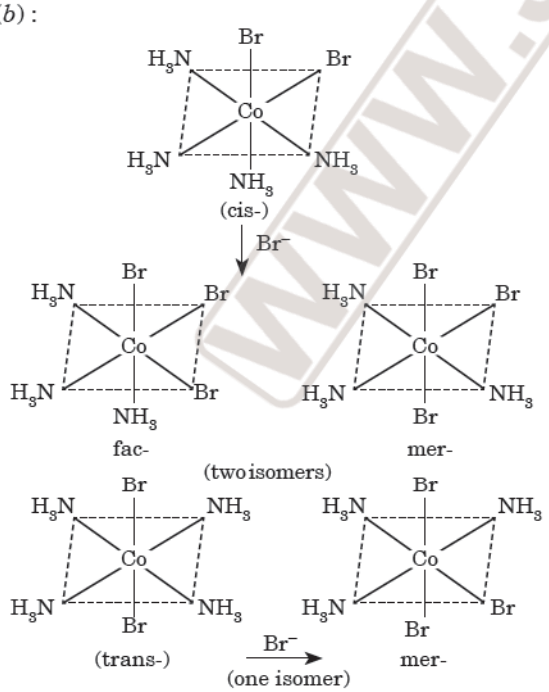
So, $[Co(H_2O)_3\ Cl_3].3H_2O$ will have minimum depression in freezing point and hence maximum freezing point.

B52. (*c*) : $[Cr(H_2O)_6]Cl_3 : x + 6\ (0) + 3\ (-1) = 0\ \therefore\ x = +3$

$[Cr(C_6H_6)_2] : x + 2\ (0)\ \therefore\ x = 0$

$K_2[Cr(CN)_2\ (O)_2\ (O_2)\ NH_3] : 2(+1) + x + 2(-1) + 2(-2) + (-2) + 0 = 0\ \therefore\ x = +6$

B53. (*b*) :



Option *b i.e.* I and III statements are correct.

B54. (*c*) : Moles of AgCl $= \frac{4.305}{143.5} = 0.03$ mol

0.01 mole of complex gives 3 mol of AgCl.

$\therefore$ 1 mole of complex gives 3 mol of AgCl or 3 mol of Cl^- ions.

$\therefore$ Formula of complex $[Co(NH_3)_6]Cl_3$.

B56. (*c*) : EAN = Co^{3+} (24) + 6 × 2 = 36

B57. (*a*) : Ni^{2+} : $3d^8$ sp^3 hybridisation

$[NiCl_4]^{2-}$:



Tetrahedral and paramagnetic.

$[Ni(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$:

H_2O is a weak field ligand and therefore, no pairing is possible. It is outer orbital octahedral complex.

$[Ni(PPh_3)_2Cl_2]$: It is tetrahedral and paramagnetic.

$[Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$:



dsp^2 hybridisation

CN^- is a strong field ligand and makes pairing involving dsp^2 hybridisation. It is square planar diamagnetic complex.

B58. (*a*) : The complexes in which the metal atom or ion is bonded to only one type of ligands are called homoleptic complexes.

B59. (*e*) : Coordination number of Co = 6

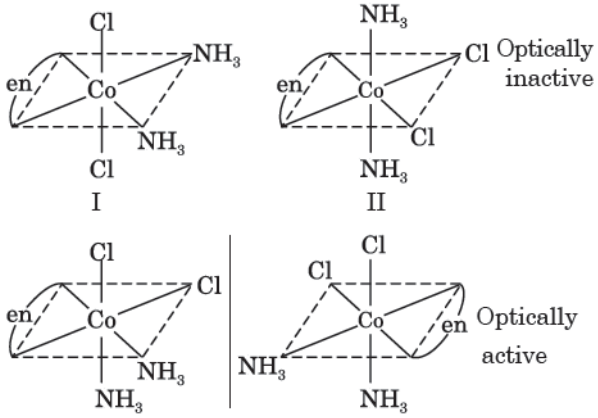
(because ethylenediammie is a bidentate ligand)

Oxidation number : $x + 2(-1) + 0 - 1 = 0$; $x = +3$

Outer electronic configuration of Co^{3+} : $3d^6$

B62. (*c*) : $[CoF_6]^{3-}$ is an outer orbital complex while $[Co(C_2O_4)_3]^{3-}$ is an inner orbital complex.

B63. (*d*) :



Total number of isomers = 4

B67. (*b*) : $[NiCl_4]^{2-}$

It is tetrahedral complex having sp^3 hybridisation.



sp^3 hybridisation

It has 2 unpaired electrons.

$[Ni(CO)_4]$ is tetrahedral involving sp^3 hybridisation



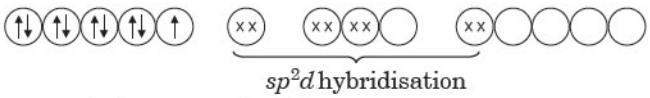
sp^3 hybridisation

It has 0 unpaired electron.

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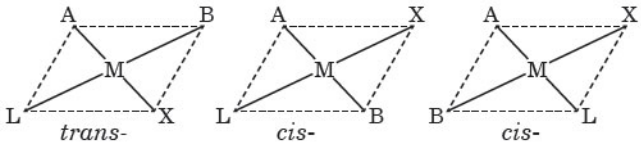
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$[Cu(NH_3)_4]^{2+}$: It is square planar complex involving sp^2d hybridisation.



It has 1 unpaired electron.

B68. (*a*) : Square planar complexes of the type M_{AXBL} show two *cis*- and one *trans*- isomers.



B70. (*d*) : Elements of second and third transition series (4d and 5*d* elements) have larger Δ_o than those of first transition series. Therefore, order of CFSE is $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+} < [Rh(NH_3)_6]^{3+} < [Ir(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$

B71. (*b*) : $[NiCl_4]^{2-}$ is tetrahedral complex with 2 unpaired electrons.

$$\mu = \sqrt{n(n+2)}$$

$$= \sqrt{2\,(2+2)} = 2.82 \text{ B.M.}$$

B72. (*d*) : $AgCl + 2NH_4OH \longrightarrow [Ag(NH_3)_2]^+ Cl^-$

B75. (*a*) : $Co(NH_3)_4Br_2Cl$ will show geometrical and ionization isomerism.

B76. (*d*) : As the electron density on a metal atom increases, more π-back bonding to CO takes place. This further weakens the CO bond by shifting more electron density towards oxygen. Therefore, C—O bond order decreases.

B77. (*b*) : $[Ni(CO)_4]$ is tetrahedral involving sp^3 hybridisation while $[Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$ is square planar involving dsp^2 hybridisation.

B78. (*b*) : Cl^- is replaced by NO_2^- in ionisation sphere and is an ionisation isomer.

B80. (*b*) : $[NiCl_4]^{2-}$ is paramagnetic having two unpaired electrons.

$[NiCl_4]^{2-}$:



$$\mu_{spin} = \sqrt{n(n+2)} = \sqrt{2(2+2)}$$

$$= 2\sqrt{2} = 2 \times 1.414 = 2.82 \text{ B.M.}$$

B82. (*c*) : Following complexes are diamagnetic :

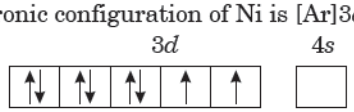
L : $[Co(NH_3)_6]Cl_3$ = d^2sp^3

M : $Na_3[Co(ox)_3]$ = d^2sp^3

O : $K_2[Pt(CN)_4]$ = dsp^2

P : $[Zn(H_2O)_6](NO_3)_2$ = sp^3d^2

B83. (*c*) : Electronic configuration of Ni is $[Ar]3d^84s^2$



Paramagnetic behaviour is possible when pairing does not take place *i.e.*, 3*d* orbilats do not participate in bonding. Therefore, the possible hybridisation will be sp^3 and thus structure will be tetrahedral. When pairing takes place in the presence of a strong field ligand, the hybridisation will be dsp^2 and thus structure will be square planar. Thus,

Ni^{2+} : paramagnetic, tetrahedral (sp^3)

: diamagnetic, square planar (dsp^2)

B84. (*b*) : P : $[Fe\,F_6]^{3-}$; $Fe^{3+} : 3d^5$

sp^3d^2 hybridisation

$[FeF_6]^{3-}$;

No. of unpaired electrons = 5

$\mu - \sqrt{5(5+2)} = \sqrt{35} = 5.92$ B.M.

Q : $[V(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$; $V^{2+} : 3d^3$

d^2sp^3 hybridisation

$[V(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$:

No. of unpaired electrons = 3

$\mu = \sqrt{3(3+2)} = \sqrt{15} = 3.87$ B.M.

R : $[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$; $Fe^{2+} : 3d^6$

$[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$:

sp^3d^2 hybridisation

No. of unpaired electrons = 4

$\mu = \sqrt{4(4+2)} = \sqrt{24} = 4.90$ B.M.

The correct order of spin-only magnetic moment Q < R < P.

B85. (*c*) : (*a*) $2CuSO_4 + 10KCN \longrightarrow 2K_3[Cu(CN)_4] + 2K_2SO_4 + (CN)_2$

(*b*) Reaction is not favourable in the forward derection because K_2O is unstable whereas Li_2O is stable.

(*c*) Complex $[CoCl(NH_3)_5]^+$ decomposes in acidic medium.

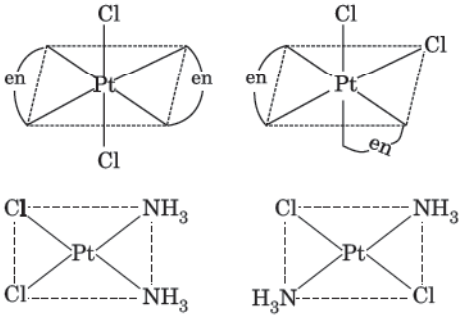
(*d*) $[Mg(H_2O)_6]^{2+} + [EDTA]^{4-} \longrightarrow [Mg(EDTA)]^{2-} + 6H_2O$ Reaction is unbalanced w.r.t. charge.

B86. (*b*) : $[NiCl_4]^{2-}$, $Na_3[CoF_6]$ and CsO_2 are paramagnetic.

C. mcq with more than one correct answer

C2. (*a, b, d*) : The complex can exhibit ionization, geometrical and optical isomerism.

C3. (*c, d*) :



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C4. (a, c, d) : $2KI + 2K_3[Fe(CN)_6] \xrightarrow{Dil\,H_2SO_4} 2K_4[Fe(CN)_6] + I_2$ ...(*i*)

$I_2 + KI \longrightarrow KI_3$ ...(*ii*)
Brown yellow

$K_4[Fe(CN)_6] + 3ZnSO_4 \longrightarrow K_2Zn_3[Fe(CN)_6]_2$ ...(*iii*)
White ppt

$KI_3 + 2Na_2S_2O_3 \longrightarrow Na_2S_4O_6 + 2NaI + KI$ ...(*iv*)
Brownish yellow filtrate — Colourless

(a) is correct because in reaction (i), I^- (O.S. = –1) is being oxidised to I_2 (O.S. = 0) and Fe^{3+} (O.S. = +3) is being reduced to Fe^{2+} (O.S. = +2).

(b) is incorrect because white ppt. is of $K_2Zn_3[Fe(CN)_6]_2$ or $Zn_2[Fe(CN)]_6$.

(c) is correct because the filtrate $I^-_3(I^- + I_2)$ gives blue colour with starch.

Starch + $KI_3 \longrightarrow$ Starch – iodine complex
(Blue colour)

(d) is correct because white ppt of $Zn_2[Fe(CN)_6]$ is soluble in NaOH as

$Zn_2[Fe(CN)_6] + 8NaOH \longrightarrow 2Na_2[Zn(OH)_4] + Na_4[Fe(CN)_6]$
(Soluble)

or $K_2Zn_3[Fe(CN)_6] + 12OH^- \longrightarrow [Fe(CN)_6]^{4-} + 3[Zn(OH)_4]^{2-} + 2K^+$
(Soluble)

C6. (b, d) : Complex ions $[Co(NH_3)_4Cl_2]^+$ and $[Pt(NH_3)_2(H_2O)Cl]^+$ show geometrical isomerism. $[Pt(NH_3)_3(NO_3)]Cl$ and $[Pt(NH_3)_3Cl]Br$ show ionisation isomerism.

C8. (a, b, c) : X is $CoCl_2.6H_2O$ or $[Co(H_2O)_6]Cl_2$ (pink)

Co^{2+} : ↑↓ ↑↓ ↑ ↑ ↑

H_2O is a weak field ligand and therefore, no pairing of electrons. No. of unpaired electrons = 3

$\mu = \sqrt{3(3+2)} = \sqrt{15} = 3.83$ B.M.

$[Co(H_2O)_6]Cl_2 \xrightarrow[NH_4Cl,\,air]{NH_3(aq)} [Co(NH_3)_6]Cl_3$
X (Pink solution) — (Y)

Y behaves as 1 : 3 electrolyte in aqueous solution.

$[Co(NH_3)_6]Cl_3 \rightleftharpoons [Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+} + 3Cl^-$

NH_3 is a strong field ligand and forces electrons to pair up. It involves d^2sp^3 hybridisation.

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(d^2sp^3 hybridisation)

No. of unpaired electrons = 0, $\mu = 0$

$[Co(H_2O)_6]Cl_2 \xrightarrow[room\ temp.]{HCl\ (excess)} [CoCl_4]^{2-}$ ΔH = +ve
(X) Pink — (Z) Blue

At 0°C equilibrium shifts towards backward direction and therefore, solution is pink.

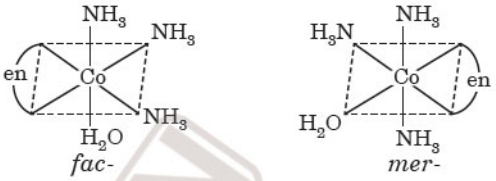
Z is tetrahedral complex and has 3 unpaired electrons.

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(sp^3 hybridisation)

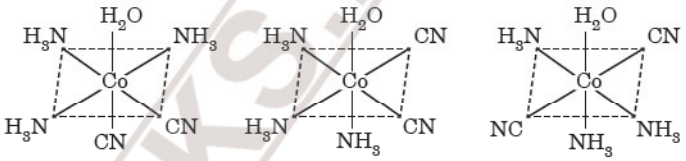
$\mu = \sqrt{3(3+2)} = 3.83$ BM

Therefore, (a), (b) and (c) are correct options.

C9. (a, b, d) : (a) $[Co(en)(NH_3)_3H_2O]^{3+}$ has two geometrical isomers.



(b) If en- is replaced by two CN ligands, $[Co(CN)_2(NH_3)_3H_2O]^+$, it will have three geometrical isomers.



(d) $[Co(en)(NH_3)_4]^{3+}$ has larger crystal field splitting energy, Δ_o as compared to $[Co(en)(NH_3)_3(H_2O)]^{3+}$ because NH_3 is a stronger field ligand as compared to H_2O. Therefore, $[Co(en)(NH_3)_4]^{3+}$ absorbs smaller wavelength as compared to $[Co(en)(NH_3)_3(H_2O)]^{3+}$ or $[Co(en)(NH_3)_3(H_2O)]$ absorbs light of longer wavelength as compared to $[Co(en)(NH_3)_4]^{3+}$.

C10. (b, c) : (a) $Fe(CO)_5$
Fe(0) : [Ar] $3d^6\ 4s^2$
Valence electrons : $8 + 2 \times 5 = 18$
$Ni(CO)_4$
Ni (0) : [Ar] $3d^8\ 4s^2$
Valence electrons : $10 + 2 \times 4 = 18$

(b) Since CO is strong field ligand, both the complexes are low spin complexes.

(c) When oxidation state of M is lowered metal-carbon bond strength increases (strengthens) and C–O bond strength decreases due to greater extent of back bonding.

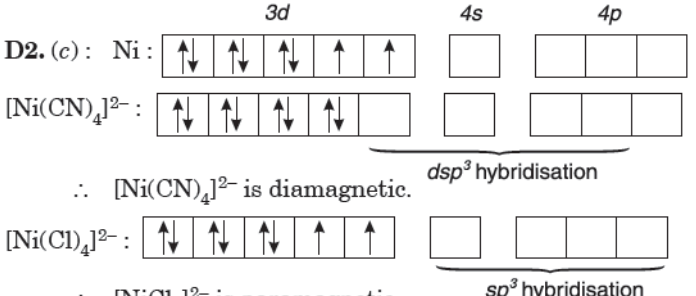
(d) When oxidation state of M is increased, metal-carbon bond strength decreases and C–O bond strength increases due to lesser extent of back bonding.

Only (b) and (c) are correct.

D. *mcq based on passage/comprehension*

D1. (a) : Potassium tetracyanidonickelate (II) and potassium tetrachloronickelate (II)

D2. (c) :



$\therefore$ $[Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$ is diamagnetic.

$\therefore$ $[NiCl_4]^{2-}$ is paramagnetic.

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D3. (*c*) : In $[Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$: dsp^2 hybridisation
In $[NiCl_4]^{2-}$: sp^3 hybridisation.

D5. (*b*) : Both are inner orbital complexes and involve d^2sp^3 hybridisation.

D6. (*a*) : EAN Cr(III) = 21 EAN = $21 + 2 \times 6 = 33$.

D7. (*c*) : They are ionisation isomers because they give different ions in solution.

D8. (*d*) : The structures of these complexes are :
(A) : sp^3d^2 hybridisation (outer orbital). No. of unpaired electrons = 4
(B) : d^2sp^3 hybridisation (inner orbital). No. of unpaired electrons = 0.
(C) : sp^3d^2 hybridisation (outer orbital). No. of unpaired electrons = 5
(D) : d^2sp^3 hybridisation (inner orbital). No. of unpaired electron = 1.
(D) : is incorrect statement.

D9. (*c*) : *Refer answer D8.*

D10. (*c*) : It should be $t_{2g}^3 e_g^2$.

D11. (*a*) : *Refer answer D8*, magnetic moments are $\sqrt{4(4+2)}$, 0, $\sqrt{5(5+2)}$, $\sqrt{1(1+2)}$

D13. (*b*) : It can show 2 ionisation isomers :
$[Co(AA)_2X_2]Y$ and $[Co(AA)_2XY]X$
Each of these shows two geometrical isomers and one of these geometrical isomer (*cis*-form) is optically active.
So total isomers = 3 + 3 = 6

D14. (*c*) : Possible isomers are ionisation, geometrical and optical.

D15. (*b*) : $[NiCl_4]^{2-}$ (tetrahedral, sp^3 hybridisation) $\xleftarrow[\text{excess}]{HCl\,(Q)}$ Ni^{2+} (M_1) $\xrightarrow[\text{excess}]{KCN\,(R)}$ $[Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$ (square planar, dsp^2 hybridisation)

D16. (*d*) : $[ZnCl_4]^{2-}$ (tetrahedral) $\xleftarrow[\text{excess}]{HCl\,(Q)}$ Zn^{2+} (M_2) $\xrightarrow[\text{excess}]{KCN\,(R)}$ $[Zn(CN)_4]^{2-}$ (tetrahedral)
Zn^{2+} (M_2) $\xrightarrow{KOH(S)}$ $Zn(OH)_2$ (white ppt) $\xrightarrow[\text{excess}]{KOH\,(S)}$ $[Zn(OH)_4]^{2-}$ (soluble)

Matching Type Questions

1. (*b*) P : Cr^{3+} has $3d^3$ configuration and is paramagnetic with 3 unpaired electrons. It shows cis-trans isomerism (3).
Q : Ti^{3+} has $3d^1$ configuration and is paramagnetic due to 1 unpaired electron. It shows ionisation isomerism is by giving Cl^- and NO_3^- ions(1)
R : Pt^{2+} has $3d^8$ configuration. Since ligands are strong field ligands and forms square planar complex and all electrons are paired and hence diamagnetic. It also shows ionisation isomerism by giving Cl^- and NO_3^- ions. (4)
S : Co^{3+} has $3d^6$ configuration. The ligands are of strong field so that its configuration is t_{2g}^6 and shows diamagnetic behaviour. It also shows cis-trans isomerism. (2)

2. (*c*) (P → 6) ; (Q → 4, 5) ; (R → 1) ; (S → 2, 3)
1. $[FeF_4]^{4-}$: Fe^{2+} :$3d^6$

Fe (II) 

Weak field ligand, high spin complex sp^3d^2 hybridisation
2. $[Ti(H_2O)_3Cl_3]$: Ti^{3+} : $3d^1$

Ti (III) 

Weak field ligand, d^2sp^3 hybridisation
3. $[Cr(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$: Cr^{3+} : $3d^3$

Cr (III) 

Strong field ligand, d^2sp^3 hybridisation
4. $[FeCl_4]^{2-}$: Fe^{2+} : $3d^6$

Fe (II) 

Weak field ligand, high spin complex, sp^3 hybridisation
5. $[Ni(CO)_4]$: Ni (0) : $3d^8\,4s^2$

Ni (0) 

CO is strong field ligand, sp^3 hybridisation
6. $[Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$: Ni^{2+} : $3d^8$

Ni (II) 

CN^- is strong field ligand, low spin complex, dsp^2 hybridisation.

Integer Type or Numerical Value Type Questions

1. (4) : The complex $[PtCl(NH_3)_5]Cl_3$ ionizes as :
$[PtCl(NH_3)_5]Cl_3 \rightleftharpoons [PtCl(NH_3)_5]^{3+} + 3Cl^-$
4 ions per mole of the complexes.

3. (4) : Inner orbital complexes are : $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$, $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$, $[Fe(CN)_6]^{4-}$ and $[Mn(CN)_6]^{4-}$.

4. (5) : $[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$ has Fe^{3+} : $3d^5$ configuration. Since H_2O is a weak field ligand, number of unpaired electrons = 5.

5. (6) : Diamagnetic species are : $[Pt(CN)_4]^{2-}$, $[Ni(CO)_4]$, $[Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$, $[Zn(NH_3)_4]^{2+}$ $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$, $[Fe(CN)_6]^{4-}$.

6. (4) : Fe(Z = 26) : $3d^6 4s^2$
Fe^{3+} : $3d^5$
In $[Fe(CN)_6]^3$, CN is a strong field ligand which causes pairing of electrons. No. of unpaired electrons = 1

$$\mu = \sqrt{n(n+2)} = \sqrt{1(1+2)} = \sqrt{3} = 1.732 \text{ B.M.}$$

In $[Fe(SCN)_6]^{3-}$, SCN^- is a weak field ligand and does not cause pairing of electrons. No. of unpaired electrons = 5

$$\mu = \sqrt{n(n+2)} = \sqrt{5(5+2)} = \sqrt{35} = 5.916 \text{ B.M.}$$

Difference = 5.916 – 1.732 = 4.184 ≈ 4 B.M.

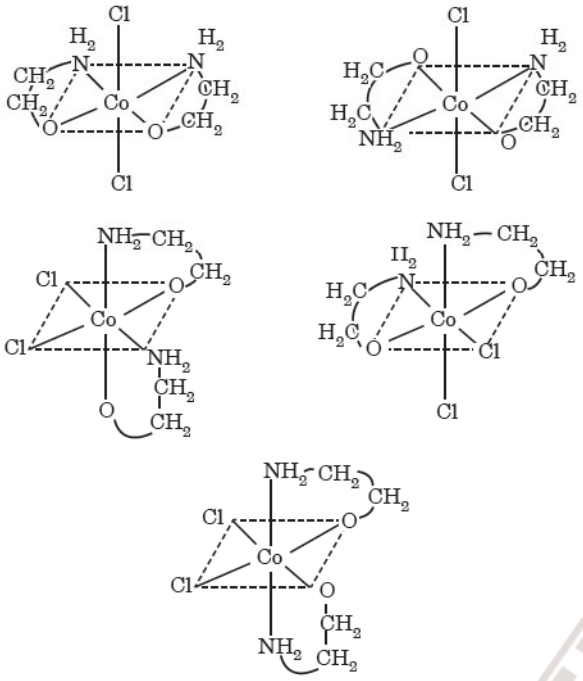
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7. (3) : In the complex $[Fe(CH_3CO)(Br)(CO)_2(PEt_3)_2]$, there are two Fe – Co bonds and one Fe $\leftarrow$ C(=O)—CH_3 bond.

8. (6) : All the complexes show *cis- trans* isomerism.

9. (5) : Five isomers are possible as shown below:



10. (2992.00) : $Ca(OH)_2 + (NH_4)_2SO_4 \longrightarrow 2NH_3 + CaSO_4.2H_2O$

$6NH_3 + [Ni(H_2O)_6]Cl_2 \longrightarrow [Ni(NH_3)_6]Cl_2$ complex

Moles of $(NH_4)_2SO_4 = \frac{1584}{132} = 12$ mol

(molar mass = 2(14 + 4) + 32 + 4 × 16 = 132)

Moles of NH_3 produced = 24 mol

Moles of gypsum formed = 12 mol

Mass of gypsum formed = 12 × 172 = 2064 g

(Molar mass = 40 + 32 + 64 + 2 (18) = 172)

Moles of $NiCl_2.6H_2O = \frac{952}{238} = 4$ mol

(Molar mass = 59 + 2 (35.5) + 6 (18)= 238)

6 mol of NH_3 gives 1 mol of complex

24 mol of NH_3 give complex = $\frac{24}{6} = 4$ mol

Moles of complex formed = 4 mol

Mass of complex formed, $[Ni(NH_3)_6]Cl_2 = 4 \times 232 = 928$ g

(Molar mass = 59 + 6 (14+3) + 2 × 35.5 = 232

Total mass = 2064 + 928 = **2992.00 g**

NCERT Exemplar Problems : MCQs Type-I

1. (*b*) : Larger the value of log β, more is the stability of the complex.

2. (*c*) : Δ_o values follow the order : $[Co(H_2O)_6]^{3+} < [Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+} < [Co(CN)_6]^{3-}$ and therefore, absorption wavelength follows the order :

$[Co(H_2O)_6]^{3+} > [Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+} > [(Co(CN)_6)]^{3-}$.

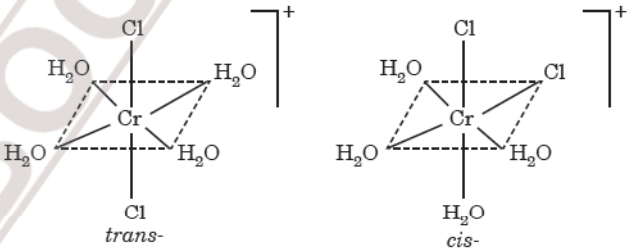
3. (*b*) : It gives two moles of Cl^- ions per mole of complex $[Co(NH_3)_5Cl]Cl_2$ and ionises as

$[Co(NH_3)_5Cl]Cl_2 \rightleftharpoons [Co(NH_3)_5Cl]^{2+} + 2Cl^-$

4. (*d*): $[Cr(H_2O)_6]Cl_3 \rightleftharpoons [Cr(H_2O)_6]^{3+} + 3Cl^- \xrightarrow{AgNO_3} 3AgCl$

6. (*c*) : $[Fe(C_2O_4)]^{3-}$ is a chelate.

7. (*a*) :It exists as *cis* and *trans*.



8. (*c*) : $\Delta_t = \frac{2}{5} \times \Delta_o = \frac{4}{9} \times 18000 = 8000\ cm^{-1}$.

9. (*a*) : Linkage isomerism.

11. (*a*) : Thiosulphate, $S_2O_3^{2-}$ is not a chelating agent.

12. (*b*) : NH_4^+ cannot act as ligand.

NCERT Exemplar Problems : MCQs Type-II

15. (*a*), (*c*) : $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$ and $[Fe(CN)_6]^{4-}$ are inner orbital diamagnetic complexes.

16. (*a*), (*c*) : $[MnCl_6]^{3-}$ and $[CoF_6]^{3-}$ have 4 unpaired electrons.

19. (*a*), (*c*) : $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$ and $[Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$ are homoleptic containing only one type of ligands.

20. (*b*), (*d*) : These are heteroleptic complexes containing two types of ligands.

21. (*a*), (*c*) : These are optically active compounds.

23. (*a*), (*c*) : $[Co(NH_3)_5(NO_2)]^{2+}$ and $[Co(NH_3)_5SCN]^{2+}$ show linkage isomerism because NO_2^- and SCN^- are ambident ligands.

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Unit Practice Test

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Time allowed : 2 Hrs. Maximum Marks : 35

1. Give one example of linkage isomer. (1)
2. Why does NH_3 readily form complexes but NH_4^+ does not? (1)
3. Give an evidence that $[Co(NH_3)_5Cl]SO_4$ and $[Co(NH_3)_5SO_4]$ Cl are ionisation isomers. (1)
4. Name the central metal atom present in haemoglobin and vitamin B_{12}. (1)
5. Name one example of a hexadentate ligand. (1)
6. Write the IUPAC names of the following :
   (*i*) $K_3[Fe(CN)_5NO]$ (*ii*) $[Cr(NCS)(NH_3)_5][ZnCl_4]$ (2)
7. Draw the structures of optical isomers of (2)
   (*i*) $[Cr(C_2O_4)_3]^{3-}$ (*ii*) $[Cr(NH_3)_2Cl_2en]^+$
8. The hexaaquamanganese(II) ion contains five unpaired electrons, while the hexacyanomanganese(II) ion contains only one unpaired electron. Explain this using crystal field theory. (2)
9. What is meant by stability of a coordination compound in solution? Explain. (2)
10. Explain non-ionic nature of $CoCl_3.3NH_3$ on the basis of Werner's coordination theory. (2)
11. On the basis of valence bond theory, explain the shape and magnetic behaviour of the following coordination compounds:
    (*i*) $[Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$ (*ii*) $[Ni(CO)_4]$ (*iii*) $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$ (3)
12. Explain the following (3)
    (*a*) $Co(NH_3)_5Cl_3$ gives three ions in solution.
    (*b*) Geometrical isomerism is not possible in tetrahedral complexes.
    (*c*) Most of the tetrahedral complexes are high spin complexes.
13. (*a*) Define chelate and chelating ligand. Give one example of each.
    (*b*) Explain briefly the role of coordination compounds in analytical chemistry and extraction of metals. (3)
14. What are metal carbonyls? Discuss bonding in metal carbonyls. (3)
15. (*a*) $[Fe(CN)_4]^{4-}$ and $[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$ are of different colours in dilute solutions. Why?
    (*b*) What is spectrochemical series? (3)
16. (*a*) What is crystal field splitting and crystal field splitting energy? Draw and explain the splitting of *d*-orbitals in an octahedral field of ligands.
    (*b*) What do you understand by weak field and strong field ligands? With the help of crystal field theory calculate the number of unpaired electrons in octahedral complexes of Fe^{3+} in the presence of
    (*i*) weak field ligand (*ii*) strong field ligand (5)

► To check your performance, see HINTS AND SOLUTIONS TO SOME QUESTIONS at the end of Part I of the book.

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HINTS & SOLUTIONS TO UNIT PRACTICE TESTS

UNIT 1 : SOLID STATES

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2. Diamond is a network solid with strong interatomic forces whereas sulphur is a molecular solid consisting of puckered eight membered rings (S_8) held together by weak van der Waals forces.
3. Because the ions of alkali metals cannot get into the interstitial sites due to their larger size.
4. Group 15 (e.g., P or As)
5. Quartz is a crystalline solid in which SiO_4 tetrahedral units are arranged in an orderly arrangement. Quartz glass is an amorphous solid in which SiO_4 tetrahedral units are not arranged in any regular order.
7. Let M^{2+} ions in the crystal be x so that M^{3+} ions in the crystal will be $0.96 - x$. Total charge on the compound must be zero, so that

$$+2 \times x + 3\,(0.96 - x) - 2 = 0$$
$$2x - 2.88 - 3x - 2 = 0$$
$$x = 0.88$$

$\therefore$ $$\%\text{ of } M^{2+} = \frac{0.88}{0.96} \times 100 = 91.67$$
$$\%\text{ of } M^{3+} = 100 - 91.67 = 8.33.$$

8. In Schottky defect, density is markedly lowered while Frenkel defect does not affect the density of the crystal.

11. Edge length of the unit cell $= 288\text{ pm} = 288 \times 10^{-10}\text{ cm}$

Volume of the unit cell $= (288 \times 10^{-10})^3\text{ cm}^3 = 2.39 \times 10^{-23}\text{ cm}^3$

Mass of element $= 208\text{ g}$

Density of element $= 7.2\text{ g cm}^{-3}$

$$\text{Volume of 208 g of the element} = \frac{\text{Mass}}{\text{Density}}$$

$$\text{Mass of an atom} = \frac{208\text{ g}}{7.2\text{ g cm}^{-3}} = 28.89\text{ cm}^3$$

$$\text{Number of unit cells in this volume} = \frac{\text{Volume of element}}{\text{Volume of unit cell}} = \frac{28.89\text{ cm}^3}{2.39 \times 10^{-23}\text{cm}^{-3}/\text{ unit cell}}$$
$$= 12.08 \times 10^{23}\text{ unit cells}$$

Since the structure is *bcc*, number of atoms present in a unit cell = 2

The number of atoms in 208 g of the element

$$= 2 \times 12.08 \times 10^{23} = 24.16 \times 10^{23}\text{ atoms}$$

or $$\mathbf{= 2.416 \times 10^{24}\text{ atoms}}$$

12. (*i*) This is because of some crystallisation in that region.

(*ii*) On heating, zinc oxide loses oxygen as : $ZnO \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} Zn^{2+} + \frac{1}{2}O_2 + 2e^-$

The zinc ions thus formed are entrapped into the interstitial sites while the electrons are entrapped in the neighbouring interstitial sites. The entrapped electrons enhance the electrical conductivity of ZnO.

(*iii*) $CdCl_2$ on adding to AgCl introduces impurity defect. The addition of one Cd^{2+} ion will replace two Ag^+ ions to maintain electrical neutrality. One of the position of Ag^+ ion will be occupied by Cd^{2+} ion and other will be left as a hole. Thus, a hole is created similar to Schottky defect.

14. Density $= 8.55\text{ g cm}^{-3}$

Let length of the edge $= a$ cm

Number of atoms per unit cell, Z = 2 (*bcc*)

Atomic mass, M = 93 g mol^{-1}

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$$\text{Density, } \rho = \frac{Z \times M}{a^3 \times N_0}$$

$$8.55 \text{ g cm}^{-3} = \frac{2 \times (93 \text{ g mol}^{-1})}{a^3 \times (6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1})}$$

$$a^3 = \frac{2 \times (93 \text{ g mol}^{-1})}{(8.55 \text{ g cm}^{-3}) \times (6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1})} = 36.12 \times 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^3$$

$$\text{Edge length, } a = (36.12 \times 10^{-24})^{1/3} = 3.306 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm}$$

$$= 3.306 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$$

Now, radius of atom in body centred cubic, $r = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} a = \frac{\sqrt{3} \times 3.306 \times 10^{-10}}{4}$

$$= 1.431 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m} = \mathbf{0.143 \text{ nm}}$$

15. For a body centred cubic lattice,

$$\text{Radius, } r = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} a$$

$$a = 287 \text{ pm}$$

$$\therefore \text{ Radius} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \times 287 = 124.27 \text{ pm}$$

$$\text{Mass of an atom of Cr} = \frac{51.996}{6.022 \times 10^{23}}$$

$$\text{No. of atoms of Cr in a unit cell} = 2$$

$$\text{Volume of unit cell} = (287 \times 10^{-10} \text{ cm})^3$$

$$\text{Density} = \frac{\text{Mass of unit cell}}{\text{Volume of unit cell}}$$

$$= \frac{2 \times 51.996}{6.022 \times 10^{23}} \times \frac{1}{(287 \times 10^{-10})^3} = 7.3 \text{ g/cm}^3.$$

UNIT 2 : SOLUTIONS

1. When pressure larger than osmotic pressure is applied on the solution.
2. Solution containing solute Y will show greater elevation in boiling point because $\Delta T_b \propto \frac{1}{M}$.
3. $\frac{p_1^\circ - p}{p_1^\circ} = x_2$ (mole fraction of solute)
4. 0.25
5. Molarity depends upon temperature while molality is independent of temperature.
6. The addition of cyclohexane will tend to break some of the hydrogen bonds present in ethyl alcohol molecules and therefore, the attractive forces will decrease. Thus, the molecules in the solution will have greater tendency to change into vapours or vapour pressure of the solution will be more than expected according to Raoult's law. Therefore, the solution will show positive deviations from Raoult's law.
7. The dissolution of gases in a liquid is exothermic process. Therefore, in accordance with Le-Chatelier principle, with increase in temperature, equilibrium shifts in the backward direction.

   Liquid + Gas $\rightleftharpoons$ Dissolved gas ; $\Delta H = -$ ve
8. $\Delta T_f = 0 - (-7.5) = 7.5$, $i = 2$ (for KCl)

$$\Delta T_f = \frac{i \times K_f \times w_B \times 1000}{M_B \times w_A}$$

$$7.5 = \frac{2 \times 1.86 \times w_B \times 1000}{74.5 \times 1500}$$

$$\therefore \quad w_B = 225.3 \text{ g}$$

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9. There is elevation in boiling point on the addition of a non-volatile solute and consequently boiling point of sodium chloride solution is more than that of water. On the otherhand, freezing point of a liquid depresses on the addition of a non-volatile solute and therefore, a solution of sodium chloride freezes at lower temperature than freezing point of water.

10. 0.1 KCl ionises as : $KCl \longrightarrow K^+ + Cl^-$. Therefore, it gives almost double the number of particles than 0.1 M sucrose, which does not ionise.

11. Let us first calculate observed molar mass, $M_B = \frac{w_B \times R \times T}{\pi \times V}$

$w_B = 0.8960$ g, V = 500 ml = 0.5 L

R = 0.082 L atm mol^{-1} K^{-1}, π = 0.690 atm, T = 300 K

$$M_B = \frac{0.896 \times 0.082 \times 300}{0.690 \times 0.5} = 63.9$$

$$\text{Normal molar mass} = 2 \times 39 + 32 + 4 \times 32 = 174$$

$$\text{Van't Hoff factor, } i = \frac{\text{Normal molar mass}}{\text{Observed molar mass}} = \frac{174}{63.9} = \mathbf{2.72.}$$

14. For urea, $M_B = \frac{K_f \times 7.5 \times 1000}{\Delta T \times 100} = 60$

For X, $M'_B = \frac{K_f \times 42.75 \times 1000}{\Delta T \times 100}$

Dividing $\frac{60}{M'_B} = \frac{7.5}{42.75}$

$\therefore$ $M'_B = \frac{60 \times 42.75}{7.5} = 342$

15. $$\text{Moles of benzene} = \frac{80}{78} = 1.026$$

$$\text{Moles of toluene} = \frac{100}{92} = 1.087$$

$$\text{Mole fraction of benzene, } x_b = \frac{1.026}{1.026 + 1.087} = 0.486$$

Mole fraction of toluene, $x_t = 1 - 0.486 = 0.514$

$$p_b = p_b^\circ x_b = 50.71 \times 0.0486 = 24.65 \text{ mm Hg}$$

$$p_t = p_t^\circ x_t = 32.06 \times 0.514 = 16.48 \text{ mm Hg}$$

$$\text{Total vapour pressure} = 24.65 + 16.48 = 41.13 \text{ mm Hg}$$

Mole fraction of benzene in vapour phase,

$$y_b = \frac{24.65}{41.13} = 0.60$$

16. Moles of NaCl =3.8/58.5 = 0.065

Moles of $MgCl_2$ = 0.12/95 = 0.00126

$NaCl \longrightarrow Na^+ + Cl^-$ (2 particles)

$MgCl_2 \longrightarrow Mg^{2+} + 2Cl^-$ (3 particles)

$$\text{Total moles of all species} = 2 \times 0.065 + 3 \times 0.00126$$

$$= 0.1338 \text{ mol}$$

$$\text{Mass of water in 100 g of sea water} = 100 - (3.8 + 0.12) = 96.08 \text{ g}$$

$$\text{Molality} = \frac{0.1338}{96.08} \times 1000 = 1.39 \text{ m}$$

$$\Delta T_f = 1.86 \times 1.39 = 2.59$$

$$\text{Freezing point} = -2.59^\circ \text{ C}$$

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UNIT 3 : ELECTROCHEMISTRY

1. $S\ cm^{-1}$, $S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}$
2. $Pb(s) + PbO_2(s) + 2H_2SO_4\ (aq) \longrightarrow 2\ PbSO_4\ (s) + 2H_2O\ (l)$
3. When same quantity of electricity is passed through different electrolytic solutions connected in series, the weights of the substances produced at the electrodes are directly proportional to their chemical equivalent weights.
4. $ZnCl_2$ combines with NH_3 produced to form the complex $[Zn(NH_3)_2Cl_2]$, otherwise the pressure developed due to NH_3 would crack the seal of the cell.

7. $Al^{3+} + 3e^- \longrightarrow Al$

$$\text{27 g of Al require electricity} = 3 \times 96500\ C$$

$$\text{50 g of Al will require electricity} = \frac{3 \times 96500}{27} \times 50$$

$$= 5.36 \times 10^5\ C$$

8. $$\Lambda_m = \frac{\kappa \times 1000}{M} = \frac{7.896 \times 10^{-5} S\ cm^{-1} \times 1000\ cm^3\ L^{-1}}{0.00241\ mol\ L^{-1}}$$

$$= 32.76\ S\ cm^2\ mol^{-1}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\Lambda_m^c}{\Lambda_m^\circ} = \frac{32.76}{390.5} = 8.39 \times 10^{-2}$$

$$K_a = \frac{C\alpha^2}{1-\alpha} = \frac{0.00241 \times (8.39 \times 10^{-2})^2}{(1 - 8.39 \times 10^{-2})}$$

$$= \mathbf{1.86 \times 10^{-5}}$$

11. The cell is :

$Sn(s) \mid Sn^{2+}(0.050M) \parallel H^+(0.020M) \mid H_2(1\ atm) \mid Pt$

The electrode reactions and cell reactions are :

$$Sn(s) \longrightarrow Sn^{2+}(aq) + 2e^- \quad \text{(At anode)}$$

$$2H^+(aq) + 2e^- \longrightarrow H_2(g) \quad \text{(At cathode)}$$

$$Sn(s) + 2H^+(aq) \longrightarrow Sn^{2+}(aq) + H_2(g) \quad \text{(Overall reaction)}$$

The reaction involves 2 moles of electrons, therefore, $n = 2$ and the Nernst equation is :

$$E = E^\ominus - \frac{0.059}{2} \log \frac{[Sn^{2+}]}{[H^+]^2}$$

$$E^\ominus_{cell} = E^\ominus(H^+ \mid H_2) - E^\ominus(Sn^{2+} \mid Sn)$$

$$E^\ominus(H^+ \mid H_2) = 0.0\ V,\ E^\ominus(Sn^{2+} \mid Sn) = -0.14\ V$$

$\therefore$ $$E^\ominus_{cell} = 0.00 - (-0.14) = 0.14\ V$$

$$[H^+] = 0.020\ M,\ [Sn^{2+}] = 0.050\ M$$

$\therefore$ $$E = 0.14 - \frac{0.059}{2} \log \frac{(0.050)}{(0.020)^2}$$

$$= 0.14 - 0.06 = \mathbf{0.08\ V.}$$

16. (*a*) $$E^\ominus_{cell} = 0.236\ V$$

$$\Delta G^\ominus = -nFE^\ominus$$

$$n = 2,\ F = 96500C$$

$$\Delta G^\ominus = 2 \times (96500\ C) \times (0.236\ V)$$

$$= -45548\ J \text{ or } = -45.55\ kJ$$

$$\Delta G^\ominus = -2.303\ RT \log K_c$$

or $$\log K_c = -\frac{\Delta G}{2.303\ RT} = -\frac{-45.55}{2.303 \times 8.314 \times 10^{-3} \times 298} = 7.983$$

$$K_c = \text{antilog}\ (7.983) = \mathbf{9.62 \times 10^7}$$

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UNIT 4 : CHEMICAL KINETICS

1. Activation energy is the minimum energy that the reactants must possess for the conversion into the products during their collision. It is equal to difference between the threshold energy needed for the reaction and the average kinetic energy of the reactant molecules.
2. 25 s
3. 1.5
4. Order can be fractional.
5. Zero order.
6. $$\text{Rate} = -\frac{1}{2}\frac{d[NH_3]}{dt} = \frac{d[N_2]}{dt} = \frac{1}{3}\frac{d[H_2]}{dt} = k = 2.5 \times 10^{-4}\ Ms^{-1}$$

   Rate of production of N_2, $\frac{d[N_2]}{dt} = 2.5 \times 10^{-4}\ Ms^{-1}$

   Now $\frac{1}{3}\frac{d[H_2]}{dt} = 2.5 \times 10^{-4}\ Ms^{-1}$

   $\therefore$ Rate of production of H_2, $\frac{d[H_2]}{dt} = 3 \times 2.5 \times 10^{-4} = 7.5 \times 10^{-4}\ Ms^{-1}$
8. Let $[A]_0 = a$, $[A] = a - \frac{15}{100}a = 0.85a$

   $$k = \frac{2.303}{20}\log\frac{a}{0.85a} = 8.12 \times 10^{-3}\ min^{-1}$$

   For 60% completion, $[A] = a - \frac{60}{100}a = 0.40a$

   $$t = \frac{2.303}{8.12\times10^{-3}}\log\frac{a}{0.40a} = 112.86\ min$$
10. When conc. of the reactant is reduced to half, the rate becomes $\frac{1}{4}$ times.
    Units of rate constant : L mol^{-1} s^{-1}.
11. $$\log\frac{k_2}{k_1} = \frac{E_a}{2.303R}\left[\frac{1}{T_1} - \frac{1}{T_2}\right]$$

    $\frac{k_2}{k_1} = 4$

    $R = 8.314\ JK^{-1}\ mol^{-1}$, $T_1 = 293\ K$, $T_2 = 313\ K$

    $$\log 4 = \frac{E_a}{2.303\times8.314}\left[\frac{1}{293} - \frac{1}{313}\right]$$

    $$0.6021 = \frac{E_a}{2.303\times8.314}\left[\frac{313-293}{293\times313}\right]$$

    $\therefore$ $$E_a = \frac{2.303\times8.314\times0.6021\times293\times313}{20}$$

    or $= 52863.3\ J\ mol^{-1} = 52.86\ kJ\ mol^{-1}$.
15. $$k = \frac{0.693}{t_{1/2}}$$

    $t_{1/2} = 28.1$ years

    $$k = \frac{0.693}{28.1} = 0.0247\ \text{years}^{-1}$$

    $$k = \frac{2.303}{t}\log\frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$$

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Initial concentration of ^{90}Sr = 1μg

Let concentration of ^{90}Sr after 10 years = x

$$0.0247 = \frac{2.303}{10 \text{ years}} \log \frac{1\mu g}{x\,\mu g}$$

$$\log \frac{1}{x} = \frac{0.0247 \times 10}{2.303} = 0.1072$$

$$\frac{1}{x} = 1.280 \quad \text{or} \quad x = 0.782\ \mu g$$

Concentration of ^{90}Sr after 10 years = 0.782

Let concentration of ^{90}Sr after 60 years = y

$$0.0247 = \frac{2.303}{60} \log \frac{1\mu g}{y\mu g}$$

$$\log \frac{1}{y} = \frac{0.0247 \times 60}{2.303} = 0.6435$$

$$\frac{1}{y} = 4.40 \quad \text{or} \quad y = 0.228\ \mu g$$

Concentration of ^{90}Sr after 60 years = **0.228 μg.**

16. (*c*) 16 times.

UNIT 5 & 6 : SURFACE CHEMISTRY AND GENERAL PRINCIPLES AND PROCESSES OF ISOLATION OF ELEMENTS

1. Pine oil increases the non-wettability of the mineral particles.
2. Carbon
3. The process of reduction of metal oxide to metal with the help of aluminium powder is called aluminothermy.
4. Higher the critical temperature of the gas, greater is the ease of liquefaction, i.e., greater are the van der Waals forces of attraction and hence larger adsorption will occur.
7. Enzyme catalysis reactions:

   (*i*) Conversion of glucose into ethanol by zymase:

   $$C_6H_{12}O_6(aq) \xrightarrow{\text{Zymase}} 2\,C_2H_5OH + 2CO_2$$

   (*ii*) Hydrolysis of urea by urease (enzyme)

   $$H_2N{-}\overset{\overset{O}{\|}}{C}{-}NH_2 + H_2O \xrightarrow{\text{Urease}} 2NH_3 + CO_2$$

10. During roasting, the copper pyrites are converted into a mixture of FeO and Cu_2O.

    $$\underset{\text{Copper pyrites}}{2CuFeS_2} + O_2 \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} Cu_2S + 2FeS + SO_2$$

    $$2Cu_2S + 3O_2 \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} 2Cu_2O + 2SO_2$$

    $$2FeS + 3O_2 \longrightarrow 2FeO + 2SO_2$$

    To remove FeO, the roasted ore is mixed with silica and heated. Silica acts as a flux and combines with ferrous oxide to form fusible slag of iron silicate.

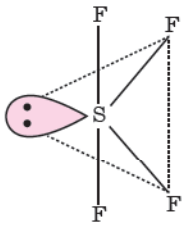
    $$FeO + \underset{\text{Flux}}{SiO_2} \longrightarrow \underset{\text{Slag}}{FeSiO_3}$$

    The slag being lighter floats and forms the upper layer and is removed. Thus, silica helps to remove FeO in the metallurgy of copper.

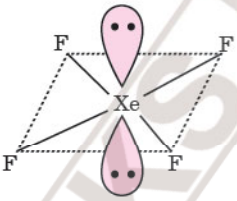
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UNIT 7 : *p*-BLOCK ELEMENTS

1. Iodine
2. $4I^-(aq) + O_2(g) + 4H^+(aq) \longrightarrow 2I_2(s) + 2H_2O(l)$
3. The high electrical conductivity of molten ICl_3 is because of its ionisation to ICl_2^+ and ICl_4^- ions as:
   $2ICl_3 \rightleftharpoons ICl_2^+ ICl_4^-$
4. F_2 and oxoacid : HOF (hydrofluorous acid)
5. $H_2Se > H_2S > H_2O$
6. The basic character of $SOCl_2$ is due to the presence of a lone pair of electrons on S atom. Like ammonia it has a pyramidal structure involving sp^3 hybridisation with a lone pair of electrons and therefore, behaves as a lewis base. In addition, $SOCl_2$ has also empty *d*-orbitals which can be used to accept electron pairs and hence it behaves as a Lewis acid.
8. (*i*)



(*ii*)



9. (*i*) SF_6 is chemically inert and therefore, does not get hydrolysed. Its inert nature is due to the presence of sterically protected sulphur atom which does not allow thermodynamically favourable hydrolysis reaction.
   (*ii*) In vapour state, sulphur (partly) exists as S_2 molecules and S_2 molecules have two unpaired electrons in antibonding (π^*) molecular orbitals. Therefore, it is paramagnetic.
10. Interhalogen compounds are more reactive than component halogens because covalent bond between dissimilar atoms in inter-halogen compounds (X—X′) is weaker than that between similar atoms (X – X or X′ – X′).
11. (*b*) Helium is used as a diluent for oxygen in diving apparatus because of its low solubility in blood.
15. (*i*) $XeF_6 + 3H_2O \longrightarrow XeO_3 + 6HF$
    (*ii*) $2F_2(g) + 2H_2O(l) \longrightarrow 4H^+(aq) + 4F^-(aq) + O_2(g)$
    (*iii*) $6NaOH + 3Cl_2 \longrightarrow 5NaCl + NaClO_3 + 3H_2O$
16. (*a*) When sulphur is boiled with an aqueous alkaline sodium sulphite solution, it forms sodium thiosulphate, which is soluble in water. Therefore, sulphur disappears.
    (*b*) $H_2S_2O_8$, two
    (*c*) Fluorine atom is smaller in size than iodine atom and therefore, bond dissociation enthaply of H—F is very high as compared to that of H—I bond. Consequently, H–I bond breaks more easily than H—F bond and hence HI is a stronger acid than HF.
    (*e*) $HClO_4$.

UNIT 8 : *d*- & *f*-BLOCK ELEMENTS

1. $Cu^+(aq)$ is not stable in aqueous solution because of its less negative enthalpy of hydration than that of Cu^{2+} ion.
2. Europium (II) has electronic configuration [Xe] $4f^7\ 5d^0$ while cerium (II) has electronic configuration [Xe] $4f^1 5d^1$. In Eu^{2+}, $4f$ subshell is half filled and $5d$-subshell is empty. Since half filled and completely filled electronic configurations are more stable, Eu^{2+} ion is more stable than Ce^{2+} in which neither $4f$ subshell nor $5d$ subshell is half filled or completely filled.
3. La^{3+}
4. $(n–2)\ f^{1-14}\ 5d^{0-1}\ 6s^2$
5. Mn(II) has the electronic configuration; $1s^2\ 2s^2\ 2p^6\ 3s^2\ 3p^6\ 3d^5$. There are five unpaired electrons and *d*-subshell can have maximum of 5 unpaired electrons. Thus, Mn(II) has maximum paramagnetic character.
8. The disproportionation reactions are those in which the same substance gets oxidised as well as reduced. For example,
   (*i*) $3Cr^{V}O_4^{3-} + 8H^+ \longrightarrow 2Cr^{VI}O_4^{2-} + {}^{III}Cr^{3+} + 4H_2O$
   (*ii*) $Mn^{VI}O_4^{2-} + 4H^+ \longrightarrow Mn^{VII}O_4^- + Mn^{IV}O_2 + 2H_2O$
10. In the third transition series, the size of the atoms is larger than those of the corresponding elements of first and second transition series. As a result, the valence electrons are less tightly held and hence can form metal-metal bonds more frequently.
12. (*i*) $2\ MnO_4^- + 10\ Fe^{2+} + 16\ H^+ \longrightarrow 2Mn^{2+} + 10Fe^{3+} + 8\ H_2O$
    (*ii*) $2\ MnO_4^- + I^- + H_2O \longrightarrow 2MnO_2 + IO_3^- + 2\ OH^-$
    (*iii*) $3\ S_2O_3^{2-} + Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 8H^+ \longrightarrow 2Cr^{3+} + 3SO_4^{2-} + 3S + 4H_2O$

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UNIT 9 : COORDINATION COMPOUNDS

1. $[Co(NH_3)_5(NO_2)]Cl_2$ and $[Co(NH_3)_5(ONO)]Cl_2$
2. NH_3 contains a lone pair of electrons which can coordinate with metal ion to form the complex compound. However, in NH_4^+, the lone pair is bound to H^+ and, therefore, is not available for bonding to metal ion. Hence, NH_4^+ does not form complexes readily.
3. $[Co(NH_3)_5Cl]SO_4$ give SO_4^{2-} ions in aqueous solution which give white ppt. with $BaCl_2$ solution.

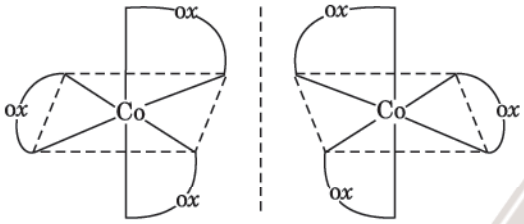
$$[Co(NH_3)_5Cl]SO_4 \rightleftharpoons [Co(NH_3)_5Cl]^{2+} + SO_4^{2-} \xrightarrow{BaCl_2} \underset{\text{White ppt.}}{BaSO_4}$$

$[Co(NH_3)_5SO_4]Cl$ gives Cl^- ions in aqueous solution which give white ppt with $AgNO_3$ solution.

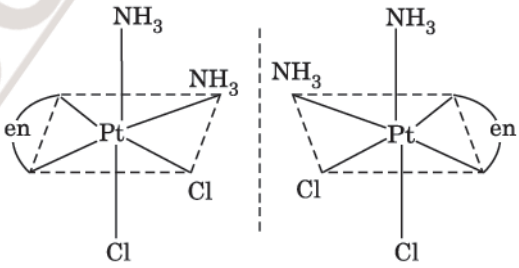
$$[Co(NH_3)_5SO_4]Cl \rightleftharpoons [Co(NH_3)_5SO_4]^+ + Cl^- \xrightarrow{AgNO_3} \underset{\text{White ppt.}}{AgCl}$$

Since the two compounds have same molecular formula but give different ions in solution, they are ionisation isomers.

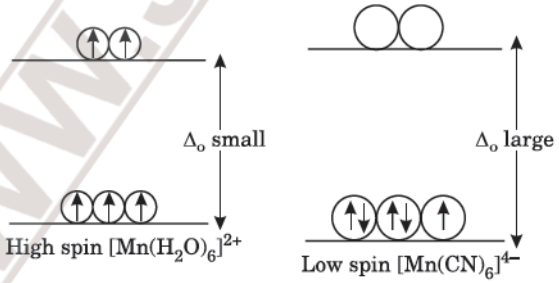
4. iron, cobalt
5. Ethylenediamminetetraacetate ion (EDTA)
6. (*i*) Potassium pentacyanidonitrosylferrate (II)
   (*ii*) Pentaammine thiocyanato-N-chromium (III) tetrachloridozincate (II)
7. (*i*)



(*ii*)



8. Mn(II) has $3d^5$ electronic configuration. Water is a weak field ligand and therefore Δ_0 is small. Thus, the hexaaqua complex will be high spin complex containing 5 unpaired electrons. On the other hand, CN^- is a strong field ligand and therefore, Δ_o is large. Thus, in its cyano complex, the electrons pair up and have only one unpaired electron.



12. (*a*) $Co(NH_3)_5Cl_3$ exists as $[Co(NH_3)_5Cl]Cl_2$ and ionises in solution as :

$$[Co(NH_3)_5Cl]Cl_2 \rightleftharpoons [Co(NH_3)_5Cl]^{2+} + 2Cl^-$$

Therefore, it gives 3 ions in solution.

(*b*) Tetrahedral complexes donot show geometrical isomerism because the relative positions of all ligands attached to the central atom are same with respect to each other.

(*c*) The tetrahedral crystal field splitting Δ_t is about 4/9 Δ_o for octahedral complexes. This is always less than repulsion due to pairing of electrons. Therefore, most of the complexes in tetrahedral field are high spin complexes.

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LOGARITHMS

$\text{Log}_{10}N$

N	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	0000	0043	0086	0128	0170	0212	0253	0294	0334	0374
11	0414	0453	0492	0531	0569	0607	0645	0682	0719	0755
12	0792	0828	0864	0899	0934	0969	1004	1038	1072	1106
13	1139	1173	1206	1239	1271	1303	1335	1367	1399	1430
14	1461	1492	1523	1553	1584	1614	1644	1673	1703	1732
15	1761	1790	1818	1847	1875	1903	1931	1959	1987	2014
16	2041	2068	2095	2122	2148	2175	2201	2227	2253	2279
17	2304	2330	2355	2380	2405	2430	2455	2480	2504	2529
18	2553	2577	2601	2625	2648	2672	2695	2618	2742	2765
19	2788	2810	2833	2856	2878	2900	2923	2945	2967	2989
20	3010	3032	3054	3075	3096	3118	3139	3160	3181	3201
21	3222	3243	3263	3284	3304	3324	3345	3365	3385	3404
22	3424	3444	3464	3483	3502	3522	3541	3560	3579	3598
23	3617	3636	3655	3674	3692	3711	3729	3747	3766	3784
24	3802	3820	3838	3856	3874	3892	3909	3927	3945	3962
25	3979	3997	4014	4031	4048	4065	4082	4099	4116	4133
26	4150	4166	4183	4200	4216	4232	4249	4265	4281	4298
27	4314	4330	4346	4362	4378	4393	4409	4425	4440	4456
28	4472	4487	4502	4518	4533	4548	4564	4579	4594	4609
29	4624	4639	4654	4669	4683	4698	4713	4728	4742	4757
30	4771	4786	4800	4814	4829	4843	4857	4871	4886	4900
31	4914	4928	4942	4955	4969	4983	4997	5011	5024	5038
32	5051	5065	5079	5092	5105	5119	5132	5145	5159	5172
33	5185	5198	5211	5224	5237	5250	5263	5276	5289	5302
34	5315	5328	5340	5353	5366	5378	5391	5403	5416	5428
35	5441	5453	5465	5478	5490	5502	5514	5527	5539	5551
36	5563	5575	5587	5599	5611	5623	5635	5647	5658	5670
37	5682	5694	5705	5717	5729	5740	5752	5763	5775	5786
38	5798	5809	5821	5832	5843	5855	5866	5877	5888	5899
39	5911	5922	5933	5944	5955	5966	5977	5988	5999	6010
40	6021	6031	6042	6053	6064	6075	6085	6096	6107	6117
41	6128	6138	6149	6160	6170	6180	6191	6201	6212	6222
42	6232	6243	6253	6263	6274	6284	6294	6304	6314	6325
43	6335	6345	6355	6365	6375	6385	6395	6405	6415	6425
44	6435	6444	6454	6464	6474	6484	6493	6503	6513	6522
45	6532	6542	6551	6561	6571	6580	6590	6599	6609	6618
46	6628	6637	6646	6656	6665	6675	6684	6693	6702	6712
47	6721	6730	6739	6749	6758	6767	6776	6785	6794	6803
48	6812	6821	6830	6839	6848	6857	6866	6875	6884	6893
49	6902	6911	6920	6928	6937	6946	6955	6964	6972	6981
N	**0**	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**	**8**	**9**

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MEAN DIFFERENCES								
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MEAN DIFFERENCES								

Example : *Log 473.7 = 2.6749 (for 473)*
+ 6 (mean diff. for 7)
2.6755
Mantissa
Characteristic

Log 0.004516 = $\bar{3}$.6542 (for 451)
+ 6 (mean diff. for 6)
$\bar{3}$.6548

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LOGARITHMS

Log_{10}N

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54	7324	7332	7340	7348	7356	7364	7372	7380	7388	7396
55	7404	7412	7419	7427	7435	7443	7451	7459	7466	7474
56	7482	7490	7497	7505	7513	7520	7528	7536	7543	7551
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MEAN DIFFERENCES								

Some Rules

$\log (a) \times (b) = \log a + \log b$ $\qquad$ $\log (a)^n = n \log (a)$

$\log (a) / (b) = \log a - \log b$ $\qquad$ $\ln x = 2.303 \log x$

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ANTI-LOGARITHMS

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.07	1175	1178	1180	1183	1186	1189	1191	1194	1197	1199
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MEAN DIFFERENCES								

Example : *Antilog 1.3377 = 21.73 (for .337)*
+ 3 (mean diff. for 7)
21.76 (decimal after 2 s.f.)
Indicates that the decimal point must be placed after the first 2 figures.

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MEAN DIFFERENCES								

Example : *Antilog 2.6459 = 0.04416 (for .645)*
+ 9 (mean diff. for)
0.004425

A simple rule :

(*i*) If the characteristic is positive, then put the decimal after (n + 1) digits from the left
(*ii*) If the characteristic is negative, then put (n – 1) zeros before the first significant digit

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